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Second Sunday after Epiphany



EPIPHANY

Jesus

Appears



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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Mighty Father, help us never fail to be in awe at the power and glory of your presence. As we pray in your house today, hear us for Jesus' sake and accept our praises brought to you in faith. Amen.

OUR WORSHIP SERIES: For most of Jesus' adult life, he lived quietly in Galilee, likely practicing the carpentry he had learned from his adoptive father, Joseph. Jesus had no followers. He was not famous. But at the exact time God the Father had appointed, Jesus left that obscurity behind. The word epiphany means "appearance." In the Season of Epiphany, we watch Jesus begin his public ministry. Jesus makes his first appearances. And in those appearances, it quickly becomes clear that this is more than a random carpenter's son. As Jesus appears, we see exactly who he is and what he came to do.

THEME OF THE DAY: For centuries the priests of Israel offered sacrifices to God for sin. Over and over blood flowed, testifying that the penalty of sin was death. But over and over a substitute stood in the place of the sinner. Generations of faithful believers brought lamb after lamb to the temple. This week we see the Lamb that God himself was bringing to the temple. The perfect Lamb that God would sacrifice to remove our condemnation and atone for our sins. Jesus, the anointed one, was the substitute for sinful mankind, the fulfillment of the entire sacrificial system. Every sacrificed lamb only pointed to God's Lamb who takes away our sin.

SERVING GOD, SERVING US:

Worship Leader: Pastor Ryan Wolfe

Piano: Madison Boerner

Order of Worship

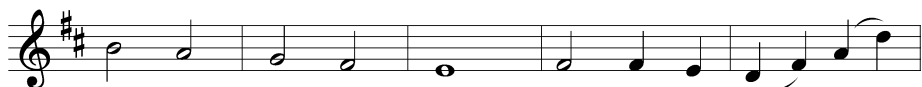


HYMN: *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

CW 380 sts. 1-4



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made and end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris-'ners



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loosed their chains, the wea - ry find e -



shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.

Please stand.

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS

M: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

I now ask you in the presence of God, who searches the heart: Do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserve his wrath and punishment?

C: I do confess my many sins and admit that I deserve God's punishment.

M: Do you willingly repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed?
And do you promise by the power of the Holy Spirit to amend your sinful life?

C: **I do repent of my sins and promise to amend my sinful ways.**

M: Do you sincerely believe that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, forgives you all your sins?

C: **I do believe, for God has promised that whoever believes in Jesus will not perish but have eternal life.**

M: Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, and as a called servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

Be seated.

Hymn: *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

CW 380 st. 5

5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring wor - ship and
hon - or to our King; an - gels de - scend with
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

THE WORD OF GOD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-6

The Servant of the Lord would suffer, but in that suffering God would display his splendor to the entire world.

¹Listen to me, you islands;

hear this, you distant nations:

Before I was born the LORD called me;

from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.

²He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me into a polished arrow

and concealed me in his quiver.

³He said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."

⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain;

I have spent my strength for nothing at all.

Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand,

and my reward is with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says—

he who formed me in the womb to be his servant

to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself,

for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD

and my God has been my strength—

⁶he says:

"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant

to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept.

I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,

that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Colossians 2:6-15

The Lamb of God needed to be flesh and blood so that he could be sacrificed. And because that Lamb was the Son of God it is a sacrifice valuable enough to forgive us all our sins.

⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel

John 1:29-41

As the last and greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist summarizes God's plan of salvation by pointing to Jesus and calling him "the Lamb of God."

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

³²Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

³⁵The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

³⁷When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

³⁹"Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ).

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated.

Children's Devotion

Hymn of the Day: Arise and Shine in Splendor

CW 375



1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; let night to
2 See earth in dark - ness ly - ing, the hea - then
3 Lift up your eyes in won - der— see, na - tions
4 Your heart will leap for glad - ness when from the



day sur - ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near.
na - tions dy - ing in hope - less gloom and night.
gath - er yon - der from sin to be set free.
realms of sad - ness they come from near and far.



A - bove, the day is beam - ing, in match - less beau - ty
 To you the Lord of heav - en— your life, your hope— has
 The world has heard your sto - ry; her sons come to your
 Your eyes will wake from slum - ber as peo - ple with - out



gleam - ing; the glo - ry of the Lord is here.
 giv - en great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.
 glo - ry, her daugh - ters haste your light to see.
 num - ber re - joice to see the Morn - ing Star.

Sermon

Based on John 1:29-41

“Look, the Lamb of God!”

- 1) See who he is
- 2) Share who he is

Please stand after the sermon.

THANKSGIVING

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the
 Father Almighty.**

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated.

Offering



Connect Card

Our members give offerings to support God's work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.

We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.



Give Online

Please stand.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Hymn: May the Peace of God

CW 929

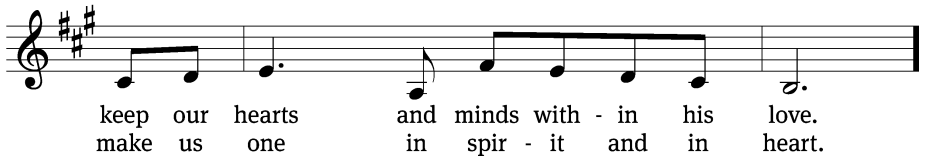


1 May the peace of God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther,
2 May this peace which pass - es un - der - stand - ing,



and the grace of Christ the ris - en Son,
and this grace which makes us what we are,

and the fel - low - ship of God the Spir - it
and this fel - low - ship of his com - mun - ion

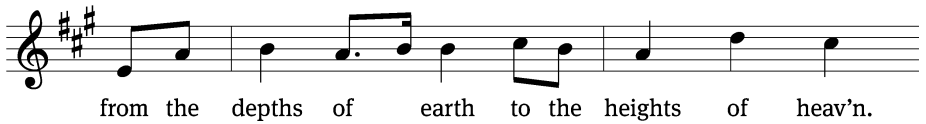


keep our hearts and minds with - in his love.
make us one in spir - it and in heart.

Refrain



And to him be praise for his glo - rious reign



from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.



We de - clare the name of the Lamb once slain—



Christ e - ter - nal, the King of kings.

Silent Prayer and Announcements

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Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

Sunday morning, all are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the entry between services. Sunday JAM for children ages 3yrs to 6th grade starts at 9:10am in the sanctuary. Adult Bible study begins at 9:15 in the fellowship hall downstairs

For Worship Next Week

Worship theme: Jesus appears...as the light in the darkness

Bible Readings: Isaiah 8:9-9:4; 1 John 2:3-11; Matthew 4:12-23

Hymns: 381, 515, 528

Welcome to worship!

FOR OUR GUESTS

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help. Please take note of a few helpful things:

- † **Restrooms** are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance. Both men's and women's restrooms are equipped with **diaper changing tables** for your convenience.
- † Our sanctuary is equipped with an amplified "loop" system for **hearing assistance**. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position.
- † You will find a **connection card** in your pew. We ask members and guests to share their names and contact info, and invite you to share requests for contact or prayers.
- † Salem members give an **offering** to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to make a donation you can place it in a basket as it's passed during the service or give online.

FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing and pray and grow with us in our services. Please note these special worship aids and helps for families:

- † Children's bulletins & "*quiet bags*" for your child's use in worship are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- † If your child needs to be nursed or quieted for a few moments you can use our "*cry room*" down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is shown live on a TV in the room.
- † Sunday mornings, before the hymn of the day and sermon, children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for a short devotion on God's Word. Parents may accompany their children as they wish.

Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.

