



February 8, 2026 | 8 & 10:45 AM

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Season of EPIPHANY



YOUR LIGHT HAS COME!



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Cards are in the pew racks in front of you. These methods include a space to share prayer requests with our pastors.

We look forward to praying for and connecting personally with YOU!

Serving Today...

Message:

Pastor Brad Stoltzenow

Liturgist:

8:00 Pastor Ben Oesch

Worship Assistant:
10:45 John Hoener

Organist:

Susan Shoaf



✖ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✖

RINGING OF THE BELL ~ CALL TO WORSHIP

Please quiet voices and prepare to worship.

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

Divine Service, Setting 4 ~ LSB p. 203; Matthew 28:19b

Pastor (P): We call on the name of the Triune God—the name into which we have been baptized: In the name of the Father, and of the ✖ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen!

CONFESION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

Psalm 124:8; 130:3-4; Luke 18:13; John 20:19-23

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✖ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

KYRIE ~ LORD [HAVE MERCY]

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE TO GOD: GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

A Collect (Latin for "gathered together") is a prayer in which the needs of the whole congregation are "collected" and presented to God. The Collect of the Day varies with the festivals and seasons of the Church Year. Most of the Collects in our services have been in continuous use in the Church for more than 1500 years; they are the universal prayers of the Holy Christian Church, in which we join our requests with the great body of believers, the communion of saints.

Old Testament: God's people believe they are doing what the Lord asked—so why isn't God acknowledging it? But like other abuses mentioned, the people are going through the motions while feeling annoyed that the Lord is "butting in" on their lives. When God's people claim to love Him but disregard their neighbor, they have broken both tables of the Law:
+Love God above all
+Love your neighbor as yourself

Epistle: "natural person" means a person without God's Spirit—a person not yet in a faith relationship with God

SALUTATION (GREETING) AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

P: We pray: O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen!

Please be seated.

GUESTS AND MEMBERS CONNECT

Please fill out the Connect Card, either by hand or with the QR code.

You may also add prayer requests to your information. Thank you!



CHILDREN'S CHAT *Pastor Stoltenow*

Children's Bulletins are available on the Usher Stands as you enter the Sanctuary.

OFFERING AND PRAYER *For giving options: ShepherdHillsChurch.org/Give*

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 58:3-9a*

[The people say:] "Why have we fasted, and You see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and You take no knowledge of it?" Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and He will say "Here I am."

RESPONSE

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING *1 Corinthians 2:1-16*

[Paul writes:] And I, when I came to you, brothers and sisters, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

RESPONSE

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Please stand for the Acclamation and reading of the Gospel.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 20:31



ACCLAMATION

A: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:13-20

[Jesus taught:] "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

RESPONSE

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY # 578 "Thy Strong Word"

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; at Thy speaking it was done.

For created light we thank Thee, while Thine ordered seasons run.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation, breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, and our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

From the cross Thy wisdom shining breaketh forth in conq'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth all Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Give us lips to sing Thy glory, tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, alleluias without end! *Please stand. ————— >>>*

The Lord is faithful.
He will establish you
and guard you
against the evil one.
~2 Thessalonians 3:13



In Christ the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in Him, who is the head of all rule and authority. [You] have been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

~Colossians 2:9-10, 12

△ The delta symbol indicates a stanza that praises the Triune God: Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

△ God the Father light-creator, to Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the holy Trinity!

MESSAGE "Faith Built on God's Power" text: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

"For nothing will be impossible with God."
- Luke 1:37



Please stand.

STATEMENT OF FAITH ~ THE NICENE CREED

ALL: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered, and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✕ of the world to come. Amen!

You may be seated for the prayers.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

In our February prayers, we Pray with an Open Heart for our government.



PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

One should examine himself before he eats the bread and drinks the cup; one who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 1Corinthians 11:2-29

Since those who take Christ's body and blood without understanding His true presence do so to their harm, and since the sacrament of Holy Communion is a faith statement confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or hold a confession differing from that of this church and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and wish to receive the sacrament are asked first to speak with Pastor.



Please stand.

HOLY COMMUNION ~ PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

P: The Lord be with you!
C: And also with you!
P: Lift up your hearts!
C: We lift them to the Lord!
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

Splendor and honor, majesty and power are
Yours, O Lord God, fount of every blessing.
Praise to the true Lamb, slain for our redemption, by whose self-offering
we are made
God's people...
called to God's service.
To the Almighty, throned in
heavenly splendor, and to the Savior, Christ our Lamb and Shepherd, be adoration, praise, and glory given, now and forever!
~C.P. Daw, Jr., LSB # 950

PROPER PREFACE FOR EPIPHANY

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS ~ HOLY [IS THE LORD]

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Revelation 4:8

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

ALL: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen!

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19,20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI ~ PEACE OF THE LORD

John 20:19

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: And also with you!

AGNUS DEI ~ LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29

P: O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world.

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world.

ALL: O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy upon us, and give us Your peace. Amen.

Please be seated.

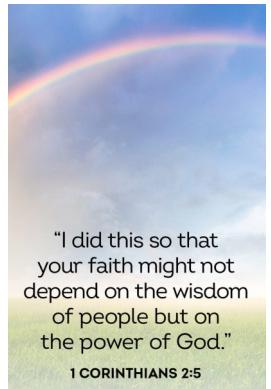


DISTRIBUTION

- ◆ You will be ushered forward for Communion.
- ◆ When receiving the bread, please extend your hand palm up.
- ◆ If you are not communing but wish to come up and receive a blessing, you may keep your hands folded.
- ◆ Wine without alcohol is in the center of each tray; you may also request a gluten-free wafer.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- # 702 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
- # 694:1-4 "Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower"



Sanctus is Latin and means "holy is." The Sanctus is a hymn of praise to the Trinity; very often we see words repeated three times to emphasize this. The Sanctus is one of the highest points and has some of the grandest music in the Divine Service, because we are joining our voices not only with our own church family but with all Christians all over the world, with the saints in heaven—the great cloud of witnesses who have died in Jesus and are now in heaven, and with all the angel hosts.

Agnus Dei means "Lamb of God." Ancient believers ate the sacrificial lamb at the Passover. We partake of Christ, who was sacrificed for us to make full atonement for all our sins. Christ is our Good Shepherd, the Lamb of God, and the Priest who offers the sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins. Truly, Jesus is Our All!

In this Divine Service,
by faith the Holy Spirit
has opened our hearts
and minds to receive
His graces. We now
leave this house of
worship to share the
love of Jesus and
History!

Hymn # 922: Note how many ways the author describes the gifts we receive through God's power in our lives—both God's gentle power and His miraculous power: constant presence, belonging by Baptism, forgiveness, a Father, a Brother, glimpses of His glory, His Word, the Lord's Supper, the Holy Spirit, blessing, peace, comfort, opportunity to grow both in love and in service in His name



Lord,
lay some soul
upon my heart
and love that soul
through me;
and may I gladly
do my part
to win that soul
for Thee.
Amen!

Please stand for the prayer and blessing.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen!

BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 103:1

BENEDICTION ~ GOD'S GOOD-CREATING WORD OF BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace.

C: Amen!

HYMN # 922 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

Go, My children, with My blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.

In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.

Go, My children, with My blessing—you are My own.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard My dear Son's story; here you touched Him, saw His glory.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, My children, fed and nourished, closer to Me;

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here My Spirit's power filled you; here His tender comfort stilled you.

Go, My children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;

I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace:

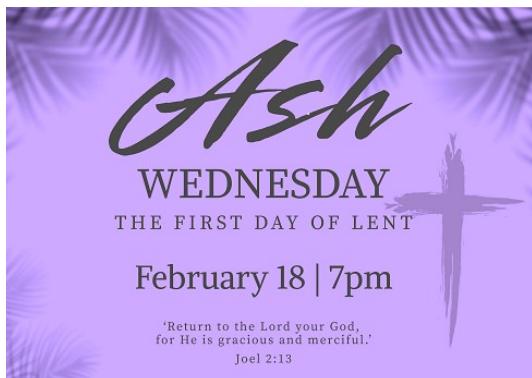
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.

Go, My children; I will keep you and give you peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

✖ TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY! ✖



Lent Wednesday Schedule

- ◆ Soup Supper | 5:15pm
- ◆ Worship | 6:30pm, with Children's Chat

This year at Shepherd of the Hills, connecting with our theme of *Praying with an Open Heart*, we will spend Lent evening services studying God's gift of the best prayer outline, *The Lord's Prayer*. Each week will focus on a petition of the prayer, concluding with Easter Sunday.

May this time of study and rededication be a blessing to all of us as we make the Lenten journey and reach its destination: the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ!

