

As We Gather

The word *Epiphany* means "a showing forth or revealing." In this season of the Church Year, we reflect on the ways in which Jesus revealed, or showed forth, to His earthly family, His disciples, and to the world that He was God in the flesh. In John's Gospel, we have an account of Jesus at a wedding at Cana in Galilee. Here He performed the first of His signs revealing His glory in the presence of His family and neighbors. John concludes the account, saying, "And His disciples believed in Him." So can we!

Holy Communion

Holy Communion is being celebrated today. It is the belief of the Lutheran Church, based on Jesus' own words, that in this Sacrament His body and blood are really present and that forgiveness of sins and the assurance of salvation are offered to all who come confessing their sins and believing in Him. Communion is therefore offered to those who share this confession of faith. Children who are not yet confirmed are invited to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. Guests who may have questions about Communion at Mt. Calvary are encouraged to talk to Pastor Brighton.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

OPENING HYMN:

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

Hymn #394

THE INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our gracious heavenly Father.

(please kneel)

Eternal God,

We confess that by nature we are sinful people. We have sinful thoughts, sinful words, and we commit sinful deeds. We have transgressed Your law in many ways by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not always been good to our friends, faithful to our neighbors, or caring to our family members. We deserve Your punishment now and for eternity. O God, in Your mercy, forgive our sins and restore us to a full and joyful relationship with You through the merits of Jesus, our Lord. Direct us by Your Holy Spirit that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your Commandments as Your redeemed people. Amen.

As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of grace and peace sanctify you completely and keep you blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Be at peace.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: *“The Lord, My God, Be Praised”*

**The Lord, my God, Be praised,
My light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me
Has soul and body given;
My Father, who will shield
And keep me day by day
And make each moment yield
New blessings on my way.**

**The Lord, My God, be praised,
My God, the everliving,
To whom the heav’nly host
Their laud and praise are giving.
The Lord, my God, be praised,
In whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son, and
God the Holy Ghost.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Please be seated.)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 62:1–5 *(Salvation is coming to Zion.)*

¹ For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.

² The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1–11 *(Paul teaches regarding spiritual gifts.)*

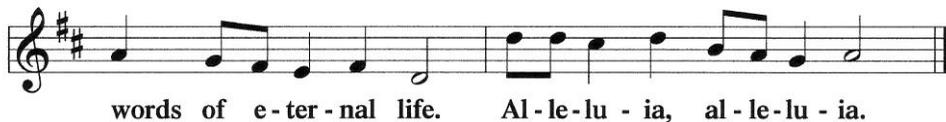
¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

This is the Word of the Lord.

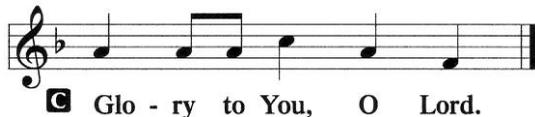
Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA VERSE:



THE HOLY GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the second chapter.

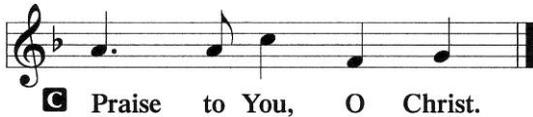


THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 2:1–11 (*Jesus performs the first of His miracles at Cana in Galilee.*)

¹ On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Tim Jacobsmeyer
Director of Music

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Come, Join in Cana's Feast"
(hymn tune: "We Give Thee but Thine Own")

Hymn #408

THE MESSAGE:

"From Not Enough, to More than Sufficient"

Pastor Brighton

THE NICENE CREED:

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 worshipped 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.

THE PRAYERS: After each petition, the Worship Leader will say, "*Lord in Your mercy,*" and the congregation will respond, "***Hear our prayer.***"

THE GATHERING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

++ The Stewardship Thought ++

The word "epiphany" means to "reveal or make known."

"I will make You as a light for the nations, that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
(Isaiah 49:6b)

OFFERTORY HYMN:

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

**Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages From Thee**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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. You call us to be Your people who see in Christ and His signs the blessed Messiah and the hope of the world. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

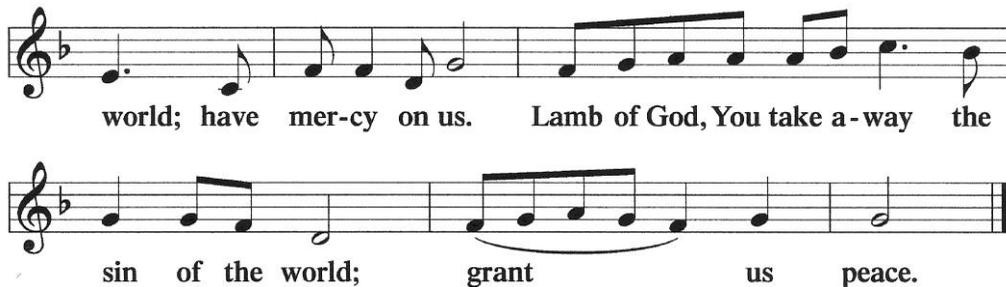
THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



THE DISTRIBUTION *(The center cup in each tray is white grape juice for pregnant moms or those allergic to alcohol.)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *"What Is This Bread"* Hymn #629
"The Star Proclaims the King Is Here" Hymn #399
"Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared (vv. 1-4)" Hymn #622

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Blessed are You, almighty God, who has fed and nourished us with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. We continue to celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord and rejoice in seeing the fullness of Your divine presence. Grant us Your abiding peace each day of our lives as we await Your eternal kingdom. Give us hope and comfort, we pray, in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

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.

Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"* Hymn #411

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

February Newsletter Deadline: Please have all items in to the office by January 24th.

Voters Meeting Coming Up! On Sunday, January 31st, the Voters Assembly will meet at 12:15pm in the Michael Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will precede the meeting. Major topics include: Year-end reports from our boards, staff reports and Pastor Brighton's "State of the Church" report, election of new officers and board members, report from the Rebecca's Garden @ Mt. Calvary task force, and the 2016 budget. All members of Mt. Calvary who are 18 years of age or older are eligible to be voters.

Last Tuesday, Council approved a recommendation to change our Bylaws (Article IV.A.5) to increase the term of the Treasurer from 2 years to 3 years. This is a term of service similar to some other positions that are also sometimes difficult to fill. Please prayerfully consider coming forward to fill this important office. [Side Note: We are also in need of a Recorder (Council Secretary) for the next 2-year term.] This notification fulfills the requirement to notify the congregation about proposed changes to the Bylaws via the bulletin prior to the Voters Meeting on January 31. Thank you! - Dave Radcliff, Council President

A new prayer group will meet for the first time on Thursday, January 21, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Cry Room at Mt. Calvary. The purpose of this prayer group will be to rely upon the Holy Spirit to help us pray for each other and our concerns. We will also pray for our church and our community. We intend to start with a song or hymn, have a short meditation on a selected Bible passage, and to spend the rest of the time in prayer. The group will be facilitated by Jerry Bisping and will be open to anyone who wants to spend time before our Lord in prayer.

The Gideons will be giving a short updated report on their worldwide evangelism efforts at the Saturday, 1/23/16 and Sunday, 1/24/16 services. Mt Calvary has three men from our congregation who are members of the Gideons and we have generously supported the Gideons in the past. Please prayerfully consider supporting this international organization with your prayers and financial support.

Telephone Prayer Chain: For those of you who don't have a computer, or who don't care to use our online prayer chain, we are considering having a telephone prayer chain. If you would be interested in this, please call Barbara Mabee (922-2278).

Sweethearts Dinner - Sunday, February 14th, 6-8 pm in the Michael Fellowship Hall. We look forward to a delicious lasagna meal and the traditional chocolate dessert contest where you, the guests, provide your favorite chocolate indulgence. The Board of Fellowship asks folks to bring in a wedding photo to display during the event. Babysitting will be provided. If you have any questions, please see your BOF members, Keith Dierking, Deb Fingles, Michelle Crawford, and Doug Branham. Cost is \$5 a person and will start selling tickets on 23/24 January. What a deal!

Belated Poinsettia Dedications: Somehow I missed these dedications when I typed up the list of dedications. - Jack

*Caroline Martin, in loving memory of her husband, Kenneth C. Martin.
John & Marie White, in loving memory of their beloved son, Christopher James,
and their parents.*

Senior Fellowship - Come join us for Senior Fellowship **Thursday, January 21st, 11:00 am**, in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a brief Bible study, a game or two, recognition of birthdays and anniversaries, a great time, and a delicious pot luck lunch. If, for some reason you cannot make a dish, bring yourself, there is always plenty of really delicious food.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Skylar Bohm, born on Jan 9th, daughter of David & Miandra Bohm.

Elijah Maruska, born on January 13th, son of Joe & Anna Maruska.

Chet Branscom, who is home following surgery.

Keep In Your Prayers

Dwight Miller, Marrison Halsell, Jeannie Hawkins, Gerald Eschke, Fred Crawford, Betsy Luppino, Josie Kong (Evy Keyes' mom), Sonya Popken, Karen Harmon, Regina Ragan, Jan Clark, Chet Branscom, Deloris Denzine and Karen Johnson.

(NOTE: Those listed under "Keep in your prayers" are removed from the list after eight weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another eight weeks, please contact the church office.)

Those Battling Cancer

Those battling cancer: Ken Reilly, Anne Harter (daughter of Dick & Susan Kesler), Margaret Frazier, Mary Jahnke (Joe's sister), Barry Rice (Becky McVay's brother), Norma Young (Melinda Hopf's aunt), Paula Babcock, Kathy Grube, Mary Schwope (Michele Durbin's aunt), Jeannette Poniske (Fred Tamer's mom), Bruce Oswalt (Krystal Ferguson's father), Gary Jennings (Margaret Jennings' son) and Elaine Mead (Jeannie Hawkins' aunt).

Those Serving our Country in Dangerous Areas

Rodney Hood, Matthew Forehand, Jake Huffman, Chris Walker, Darrin Landis, Denver Yarbrough, Michael Welch, Jonathan Fetchik and Christian Corbitt, for safety and good health as they serve our country in dangerous areas.

SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Pastor David Brighton/Vicar Tim Staffeld. **ELDERS:** Bob Yeager (Sun 8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Sara Van Lannen (8 am) and Carlee Toler (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Don Parrott, Ralph Wenrick, Dale Hawkins & Roger Foss. Late – Paul Ferguson, Sam Culpepper, Dale Channell, Champ Aldredge & Mark Burnette. **ALTAR GUILD:** Debbie Fingles, Kathy Grube, Jeannie Hawkins, Susan Julson & Linna Nielsen. **LAY READERS:** Brian Harper (8 am) and Carolyn Burnam (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Christi Bacon. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Lyle Wurdeman (8 am) and Kyle Webb (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Tony McVay (Sat 6 pm), Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and D. J. Nelson (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Taitum Gossman (Sat 6 pm), Nathan LeBorious (Sun 8 am) and Tyler Longbine (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Marcia Brighton, Valerie Counselman, Denise Forehand & Nancy Hoar. **LAY READERS:** Pruett Burge (Sat 6 pm), Linna Nielsen (Sun 8 am) and Pat Aldredge (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Alyce Quillin & Margaret McLaughlin (Sun 8 am) and John & Marie White (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 and 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 43 Early – 99 Late – 196 Total – 338

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	12:00 pm	RG@MC Training Luncheon
	6:30 pm	TAG Night
Monday	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Wednesday	9:30 am	Craft & Chat
	5:30 pm	Dinner
	6:00 pm	Adult Bible Classes
	6:15 pm	Children/Youth Classes
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
	11:00 am	Senior Fellowship
	6:30 pm	Sunday School Staff Meeting
Friday	5:00 pm	High School Winter Retreat (thru Sat 7 pm)
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
Next Sunday	5 – 7 pm	Lutheran Night