

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

God Is Glorified in His Servants

January 18 & 19, 2020

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### AS WE GATHER

"Epiphany" means a "showing forth" or "revelation" of a divine being. It can also mean having a meaningful insight about something related to an individual's life. In the season of Epiphany, we rediscover that, like Jesus, we have a calling to bring glory to God. In words of counsel to first-century Christians, Peter wrote: "Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that . . . they may see your good deeds and glorify God" (1 Peter 2:12). Not only is Jesus, the great Servant, shown forth in this season, we as His servants are on display as well. May we show forth servanthood in ways that glorify God!

**5:00 BELL ANTHEM**    *"When in Our Music, God is Glorified"*

### WELCOME

**MINISTRY MOMENT** - Rachel Meyer

**Amanda Buch (Sunday only)**

"Great, indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:  
He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels,  
proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, and taken up in glory."  
(1 Timothy 3:16, ESV)

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

**HYMN #398**

**"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"**

Hail to the Lord's anointed, Great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression And rule in equity.

He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong,  
To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, Spring in His path to birth.  
Before Him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go;  
And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before Him And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing.  
To Him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever – That name to us is Love.

(Rise)

### INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: O LORD, I call upon you; hasten to me!

**People: Give ear to my voice when I call to you!**

Pastor: Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,

**People: and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!**

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD, my rock,

**People: blessed are the people whose God is the LORD!**

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought and in word and in deed.

**People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: We confess that we have not always brought glory to you through our words and our deeds.

**People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

Pastor: We confess that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

**People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

Pastor: We confess that we have not always been defenders of the weak and the needy as advocates of those not yet born and defenders of those in the final stages of life.

**People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

Pastor: We confess that we have not used every opportunity given us to witness to the faith that is ours and have let the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh set the agendas for our lives and actions.

**People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

Pastor: We repent of all that is sinful in our lives, both that which we know and of those things unknown to us that are against your righteous Law.

**People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: May the God of peace sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.

**People: Amen.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE #818 "In Thee Is Gladness"**

In Thee is gladness Amid all sadness, Jesus sunshine of my heart.  
By Thee are given The gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art.  
Our souls Thou wakest, Our bonds Thou breakest;  
Who trust Thee surely Has built securely; He stands forever: Alleluia!  
Our hearts are pining To see Thy shining, Dying or living To Thee are cleaving;  
Naught can us sever: Alleluia!

Since He is ours, We fear no powers, Not of earth nor sin nor death.  
He sees and blesses In worst distresses; He can change them with a breath.  
Wherefore the story Tell of His glory With hearts and voices;  
All heav'n rejoices In Him forever: Alleluia!  
We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness,  
Love Him and praise Him And still shall raise Him Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

### **SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, Lamb of God and divine Servant, you have a gracious plan for our lives. By the working of the Holy Spirit, direct us in paths of service to you and to others for you. Keep us in true faith and in the fellowship of your redeemed people, that we rejoice in bringing glory to your name until we are gathered into your eternal kingdom, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

### **✠ WORD ✠**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 49:1-7* (The Light for the Gentiles has come.)  
Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God." And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** 1 *Corinthians 1:1–9* (Paul writes of the Lord’s faithfulness to His people.) Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 1:29–42a* (Jesus is proclaimed to be the Lamb of God.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Be seated)

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

#### SERMON HYMN #698 “May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill”

May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfill And do on earth our Father’s will  
As angels do above; Still walk in Christ, the living way,  
With all Thy children and obey The law of Christian love.

So may we join Thy name to bless, Thy grace adore, Thy pow’r confess,  
From sin and strife to flee. One is our calling, one our name,  
The end of all our hopes the same, A crown of life with Thee.

Spirit of life, of love and peace, Unite our hearts, our joy increase,  
Thy gracious help supply. To each of us the blessing give  
In Christian fellowship to live, In joyful hope to die.

#### SERMON

#### “Behold, The Lamb of God”

John 1:29-42a

(Rise) *The First Article*

Pastor: In the First Article of the Creed, our confession is focused on God our Creator, from whom our divine Savior Jesus Christ has proceeded. It is the blessed work of God the Father to grant us life and to place us into vocations through which we can serve Him and our neighbors. We speak the words of this article of the Apostles’ Creed, followed by the explanation from the Small Catechism of Dr. Martin Luther.

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

Pastor: What does this mean?

**People: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.**

(Be seated)

**OFFERING** As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

**5:00 BELLS** "God's Time is Always Best"

(Rise)

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray together in the Lord's name and for the mercy He has promised to all in need.

*Brief silence*

**Pastor:** For the Church, the Body of Christ whom He has called into faith and fellowship through His Son, and for this congregation now gathered to hear God's Word, receive Christ's supper, and worship in Spirit and in Truth, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For the missionaries in the field, especially our Together in Mission partners, Rachel Meyer and Pastor Chuck Ferry and family; for newly planted congregations; and for each of us in our calling to worship, witness, prayer and service, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For husbands and wives, for all women with child, for children and families, for the Spirit to renew our appreciation for the sacred gift of life and our responsibility to protect life from conception to its natural end, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For an end to the destruction of life in the womb, for the agencies and ministries that support pregnant women and their children, for our service to the poor and those in need, and for God's blessing upon our works of mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For the nation and our president; for the governor of this state; for all judges and magistrates; and for those who serve us as soldiers, firefighters, police, disaster workers and medical personnel, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For the sick and those who care for them, for the dying and those who mourn, and for those who struggle with mental illness, especially Barb, Carol, Sydney, Diane, Dorothy, June, John, Arlene, Jerry, Judi, Nancy, Robert, Jonathan, Russ, Steve, Sharon, Bette, Nathan, Shirley, Cindy, Bill, Katie, Sarah, Gladys, Shirley and Sarah, that God may heal them according to His will and grant them comfort and peace in their trials, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For an end to aimless violence, for the virtues of compassion and kindness, for grace to forgive those who hurt us, and for us to seek forgiveness from those whom we have hurt, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For grace to strengthen our faith in Christ; for boldness to confess Him before the world; and for a thankful heart to acknowledge all His goodness toward us, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For thankfulness for all God's blessings, especially for Bob and Terri as they celebrate the birth of their granddaughter and Vern who celebrates his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday, that we may acknowledge our God as the source of every good and perfect gift, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For a steadfast heart in times of duress, for strength amid temptation, and for the grace of humility and deliverance from pride and arrogance, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For faith as we approach the Lamb of God to eat His body and drink His blood in this Sacrament, for grace to renew our lives, and for the Spirit to keep us in this faith until Christ comes in His glory, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For generous hearts, that we may humbly remember the Giver of every good gift and joyfully return to the Lord our tithes and offerings, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Gracious Lord, receive the prayers of your people according to your promise, and grant us all things needful but keep from us all things harmful, that we may be kept safe and secure in the arms of our Savior until He comes to bring all things to perfect fulfillment; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: **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.**

### ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

### AGNUS DEI #550

### "Lamb of God"

Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God.

### *Refrain*

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

Your Gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died:  
The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God. *Refrain*

I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God. *Refrain*  
(Be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION** Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

### HYMN #399 "The Star Proclaims the King is Here"

The star proclaims the King is here; But, Herod, why this senseless fear?  
For He who offers heav'nly birth Seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.

The eastern sages, saw from far And followed on His guiding star;  
And, led by light, to light they trod And by their gifts confessed their God.

Within the Jordan's sacred flood The heav'nly Lamb in meekness stood  
That He, of whom no sin was known, Might cleanse His people from their own.

And oh, what miracle divine, When water reddened into wine!  
He spoke the word, and forth it flowed In streams that nature ne'er bestowed.

For this Thy glad epiphany All glory, Jesus, be to Thee,  
Whom with the Father we adore, And Holy Spirit evermore.

### HYMN #400 "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on His cradle the dew-drops are shining;  
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;  
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion,  
Fragrance of Edom and off'rings divine,  
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
Vainly with gifts would His favor secure.  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration;  
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

**HYMN #533 "Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure"**

Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal,  
Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End;  
God-head, humanity, union supernal,  
O great Redeemer, You come as our friend!  
Heaven and earth, now proclaim this great wonder:  
Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!

Jesus has come! Now see bonds rent asunder!  
Fetters of death now dissolve, disappear.  
See Him burst through with a voice as of thunder!  
He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,  
Lifts us from shame to the place of His honor.  
Jesus has come! Hear the roll of God's thunder!

Jesus has come as the mighty Redeemer.  
See now the threatening strong one disarmed!  
Jesus breaks down all the walls of death's fortress,  
Brings forth the pris'ners triumphant, unharmed.  
Satan, you wicked one, own now your master!  
Jesus has come! He, the mighty Redeemer!

Jesus has come as the King of all glory!  
Heaven and earth, O declare His great pow'r,  
Capturing hearts with the heavenly story;  
Welcome Him now in this fast fleeting hour!  
Ponder His love! Take the crown He has for you!  
Jesus has come! He, the King of all glory!

**COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. Grant that the incense of our prayers and our expressions of praise come before you and please you. By Your Holy Spirit, help us that we continue in faith and fellowship and do the good works you desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, to whom with you and the same Spirit be all honor and glory, forever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICAMUS**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold to what is good, return no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty God—the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN #924 "Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"**

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us; O refresh us, Trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration For Your Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful To Your truth may we be found.

Savior, when Your love shall call us From our struggling pilgrim way.  
Let not fear of death appall us, Glad Your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever Reign with You in endless day.

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