

Welcome to worship at Augustana Lutheran Church

January 7, 2018, 8:30 & 9:45 am

Liturgical Season: Time After Epiphany

What does this mean?

An epiphany is a revelation, a sudden revealing, or an illumination. The church celebrates Christ's epiphany to the world as experienced when the wise men visited him after his birth. The festival of Epiphany, on January 6, uses the color green to remind us of our own continuing growth in understanding Jesus and our life of faith.



We're glad you're worshipping with us today! As you enter worship please honor the holiness and prayerfulness of the Sanctuary.

We love having children in worship! If your child needs a break, our nursery is staffed during the 9:45 am service.

Large print bulletins and listening assistance devices are available from the ushers.

Today's Theme: Calling

Just as Jesus called his first disciples, so too does Jesus call you. God claimed you in baptism, and God continues to use you and guide you to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

WHY DO PASTORS PROCESS?

When pastors process in at the beginning of worship, it serves two purposes. It reminds us all that we enter worship with reverence, approaching Christ with prayer and penitence. But it also simply gives us a visual cue that worship is about to begin!

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in E Minor

J.S. Bach

Announcements

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as His people

Thanksgiving For Baptism

After each petition of thanksgiving:

We pray with thanksgiving; **Blessed be God, who calls us by name, who claims us in the waters of baptism.**

Opening Hymn

Remember and Rejoice

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st. 1, 2, 4, 5

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie

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The hymn of praise returns to our liturgy for the Christmas and Epiphany seasons. It is also called the "Gloria in Excelsis," which comes from the song of the Angels at the incarnation of Jesus in Luke 2:14 ("Glory to God in the highest"). The singing of this canticle designates a shift in the mood of the service, as it moves from recognition of our sin and the need for forgiveness, to the glorification of God because of God's deliverance.

The Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **Holy God, by your gracious providence your servant John the Baptist made your Son known to your people. Grant your people the wisdom to see your purpose and the openness to hear your will, that the light of Christ may increase in us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us through scripture, preaching, and song

Anthem

The Glory of the Father

Egil Hovland

Senior Choir

Lesson

John 1:35-51

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter). The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Come and See

Pastor Megan Torgerson

Sermon Questions for Reflection

Where have you seen Jesus showing you his power and asking you to follow him in your life?

How can you challenge yourself to live as a baptized and claimed child of God every single day?

What will you do this week to help others come and see what Jesus is about?

Apostles' Creed**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.****I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

 RESPONSE

A time to respond to God with our gifts and prayers

The Prayers*After each portion of the prayers:*

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Offering*Variations on "Remember and Rejoice"*

Raymond Haan

Offertory Response*Let the Vineyards*

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 MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Great Thanksgiving

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Holy, Holy, Holy

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Words of Institution**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.

Lamb of God

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Distribution of Holy Communion**Communion Hymn***Will You Come and Follow Me*

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APOSTLES' CREED

Following the Sermon and the Hymn of the Day, we respond to the proclamation of God's Word by expressing, as a community of worshipers, our commitment to God and biblical teaching. The word "creed" means "I believe." We confess the faith of the whole Christian church, and at the same time declare our personal adherence to that faith and our own dedication for the furtherance of God's plan in all the world. We stand as we speak it as a sign of our resolution and readiness to profess and defend our faith.

THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

The season of Epiphany reminds us how Jesus is manifested or revealed to the nations of the world. The wise men follow the star and when they find the infant Jesus, they understand that God has come into the world in human form. As you leave worship, how might you manifest, or reveal the presence of Christ in your life to a world in need of God's light and hope? By what you do and the things you say, your life might be an epiphany of God's grace and love to another person. Do not underestimate how God can use you when you leave worship on a Sunday morning.

Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O God, that you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let us go forth in peace as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

The Holy Spirit sends us into the world

Benediction

May Christ, who calls to you and sends you out, grant you grace and truth in the name of Almighty God, Father, + Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God

Closing Hymn

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

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Postlude

Menuet Gothique

Léon Boëllmann

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Mark Aune

Pastor Megan Torgerson

Intern Kiara Jorgenson

Dr. Kristina Langlois, Organist

Kathy Andrews, Choir Director

Lay Readers: 8:30 Jeffrey Thompson

Dave Mooney

9:45 Angela Rud

Chad Schmitt

Acolytes: 9:45 Thomas Krech

Cameron Key

ASL Interpreter: 9:45 Lisa Pederson

The White Roses on the altar are placed there to celebrate the lives of Rita Anderson, who died on December 24, and Walter Aeilts, who died on January 2.

Following worship we invite you to stop at the Information Center. It is staffed with individuals eager to answer your questions.

You are welcome to pick up our monthly newsletter, Augustana Life, at the Information Kiosk in the Narthex. It is also available online at augustana.com, click on RESOURCES.

Augustana uses the Narrative Lectionary as a basis for our weekly Bible readings. Next week we will read John 2: 1-11.

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