

All Are

Advent at Epiphany

Welcome

We hope you feel welcomed by our community, inspired by the message of Jesus today and excited to live that out in the coming week

Welcome To Worship



WORSHIP

Worship is a big deal to us. Something happens in us and through us when we gather. Jesus said it this way: “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” When we gather together for worship we can experience the presence of God in a way that we can’t on our own. It isn’t just about learning and it certainly isn’t about getting on God’s good side. Worship is a corporate way to personally experience (be in relationship with) God and others. Welcome!

GIVE

Want an easy way to give digitally? Scan the QR code below and head to the give page of our website for all the info!



CONNECT

The best way to stay connected to Epiphany is to sign up to receive our twice per week emails we call “Connect”. On Tuesday and Friday we send out the latest information about our ministries, worship, events and more.

You can see our most recent emails by scanning this QR Code and following the link. If you wish, you can even sign up to receive Connect for yourself! The sign up form is on the same page. Open your phone's camera and scan the code below to stay connected!



NEW

If you are new to Epiphany we want to tell you a little about our us. We hope to be a church that focuses on the love of Jesus, invites you to follow Jesus in the way you live and seeks to spread that invitation to all people, including those in the LGBTQIA+ community, all family types, ethnicities, ages and social classes. We want to follow Jesus and passionately proclaim that his love is for all. If you wish to know more about our welcome and inclusion statement, visit us here.



We would love to hear a little bit about you. Scan the QR code below for an easy way to let us know what you think or ask us a question.



Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025 ~ 9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand

PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR ADVENT

P O God, you search us out and know us
and all that we are is open to you.

We confess that we have sinned:

C **In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

P When we scoff at those who await your coming
and live as though you were never here:

C **In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

P When we long for you to come and change the world
and yet we are unwilling to change our own hearts:

C **In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

P When we do not make straight paths for justice
nor offer a welcome when you come as a stranger:

C **In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

P When we dismiss prophets and angels
and refuse to nourish the faith that is within us:

C **In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

P When we reduce our preparation for your coming
to reckless expenses and trivialities:

C **In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

P We turn to you,
God of infinite mercy.
We wait patiently
For the one who forgives all;
Jesus our Lord.

C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

ELW #242

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

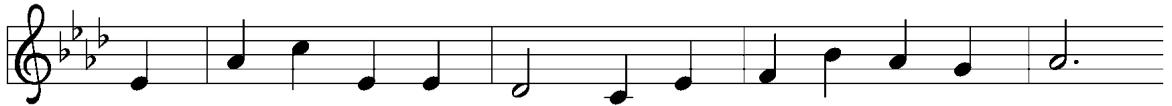
GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE**ELW #244 vs. 4***Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907

Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE**Lighting of the candle of hope and love**

R1 God shows mercy and love to all people, from one generation to the next.

R2 We come to the Lord for comfort and healing. We rest in God when we are troubled.

R1 God is our refuge and strength, a help always near in times of trouble.

R2 We stand in the presence of the Lord, full of awe and wonder.

R1 God has come to the aid of his servants, remembering his mercy, just as he promised to our ancestors.

R2 We glorify the Lord with all our hearts. In our very depths we rejoice in God our Savior.

We light the candles of hope and love.

(The candles are lit.)

R1 God shows us mercy and deep compassion. The dawn of heaven breaks upon us, giving light to those sitting in darkness. On this second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of love. Because of God's great love, he sends a messenger to teach us salvation and forgiveness. God rescues us that we might serve God in love and without fear. We seek to be a people prepared for the Lord.

Please sit

READING Micah 6:8

A A reading from Micah.

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip- tures.



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

GOSPEL READINGS Matthew 25:35-40 and Luke 2:1-7

P The Gospel according to Matthew and Luke.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit
SERMON

Pastor Brad Gee

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #253
He Came Down

- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
 he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
 he came down that we may have peace;
 he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

ADVENT AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Please join me in the Advent Affirmation of Faith

C **We believe in God,
creator and lover of all of creation.**

**We believe in Jesus,
God coming to us in the fragile promise
of a baby yet unborn who will emerge as our herald of hope.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who implants seeds of faith, brings us to birth
as the body of Christ, and empowers us with the gift of God's love.**

**We believe in the coming reign of God,
that draws near to us in Jesus, and will be consummated
when God's desire for all of creation is fulfilled.**

**For the coming of that day
we pray: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!**

PRAYERS

A In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting
your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

A Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting
in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please sit

SPECIAL MUSIC

We Wait for Thee -Johnson

Adult Choir

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**LORD'S PRAYER**

C **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.**

*Please sit***JESUS, LAMB OF GOD**

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*. Franz Schubert, 1797–1828; adapt. Richard Proulx, b. 1937
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COMMUNION

All are welcome to share in communion this morning! Gluten-free wafers are available if needed. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray. If you would like to have communion brought to you in the pew, please don't hesitate to raise your hand to catch the traveling server's attention and also let the usher know. If you have questions about communion, contact Pastor Brad at: pastorbrad@epiphany-lutheran.com.

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW #257 vs. 1-4

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Text: *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite
 Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.
 Text sts. 2, 6, 7 © 1997 Augsburg Fortress.

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of the bread and wine
that we have shared, strengthen us and unite us in bonds of love and peace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A God our host,
at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.
Send us forth, eager to share the feast,
welcome the stranger,
and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

C **Amen**

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE WEEK

CLOSING HYMN

ELW #259
Fling Wide the Door

1 Fling wide the door, un - bar the gate; the King of glo - ry
 2 He is the rock of our be - lief, the heart of mer - cy's
 3 Oh, hap - py towns and bless - ed lands that live by their true
 4 Come, Lord, our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ; our hearts are o - pen



comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the
 gen - tle self. His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness; his
 king's com - mands. And bless - ed be the hearts he rules, the
 wide in trust. Oh, show us now your love - ly grace, up -



Sav - ior of the world who brings his great sal - va - tion
 scep - ter is his love - li - ness; he brings our sor - rows
 hum - ble plac - es where he dwells. He is the right - ful
 on our sor - rows shine your face, and let your Ho - ly



to the earth. So raise a shout of ho - ly mirth and
 to an end. Now glad - ly praise our king and friend, and
 Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, cre -
 Spir - it guide our jour - ney in your grace so wide. We



praise our God and Lord, Cre - a - tor, Spir - it, Word.
 wor - ship him with song for sav - ing us from wrong.
 a - tor of the world, our on - ly strength for good.
 praise your ho - ly name, from age to age the same!

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
 C Thanks be to God.

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