

# Epiphany



**Welcome to St. Luke's Church  
Sunday, January 26, 2025**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

**Our Vision:  
To Know God and To Make Him Known**

*Visitors are not expected to participate in the offering.  
We hope you enjoy visiting with us today. Please come again soon.*

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## Processional Hymn

### “To God Be The Glory”

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Chorus: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory  
Great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Chorus)

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Chorus)

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## Welcome and Call to Worship

Celebrant: I will make you as a light for the nations,

**All: That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.**

## Collect for Purity

**All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our  
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may  
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Summary of the Law

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 22:37-40)

## The Kyrie

**Sung:            Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy  
                      Lord have mercy on us.  
                      Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy  
                      Lord have mercy on us.**

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## Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

## Catechesis [Cat-eh-Key-sis] Corner

### Praise and Worship

#### “Glory”

Great is the Lord God Almighty  
Great is the Lord on high  
The train of His robe fills the temple  
And we cry out highest praise

Pre-Chorus: Glory to the risen King  
                  Glory to the Son, glorious Son

Chorus: Lift up your heads, open the doors  
Let the King of glory come in  
And forever be our God

Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
Holy is the Lord on high  
Let all the earth bow before You  
And crown You Lord of all

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### **“Let Your Glory Fall”**

Lord let Your glory fall as on that ancient day  
Songs of enduring love and then Your glory came  
And as a sign to You that we would love the same  
Our hearts will sing that song, God let Your glory come

Chorus:

You are good. You are good and Your love endures  
You are good. You are good and Your love endures  
You are good. You are good and Your love endures today

Voices in unison, giving You thanks and praise  
Joined by the instruments and then Your glory came  
Your presence like a cloud upon that ancient day  
The priests were overwhelmed because Your glory came

A sacrifice was made and then Your fire came  
They knelt upon the ground and with one voice they praised  
A sacrifice was made and then Your fire came  
They knelt upon the ground and with one voice they praised

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### **“Way Maker”**

You are here moving in our midst  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here working in this place  
I worship You I worship You

Chorus: (You are) Way Maker, Miracle Worker  
Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness  
My God that is who You are

You are here touching every heart  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here healing every heart  
I worship You I worship You

You are here turning lives around  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here mending every heart  
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

Tag: That is who You are, that is who You are  
That is who You are, that is who You are

Bridge: Even when I don't see it You're working  
Even when I don't feel it You're working  
You never stop You never stop working  
You never stop You never stop working

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## **Children Released for Sunday School / Announcements**

### **The Lessons**

Nehemiah 8:1-12

Psalm 113

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

*At the end of each reading the lector says:*

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel**

**Sung: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.**

Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 4:14-21.

**All: Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

*At the end of the reading:*

Deacon: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sung: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.**

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## **The Message**

### **The Nicene Creed**

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

Deacon: O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

**All: And grant us your salvation.**

Deacon: O Lord, guide those who govern us;

**All: And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**

Deacon: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**All: And let your people sing with joy.**

Deacon: O Lord, save your people;

**All: And bless your inheritance.**

Deacon: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

**All: And defend us by your mighty power.**

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**All: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Deacon: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**All: And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## **The Confession and Absolution of Sin**

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to the Lord.

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Comfortable Words**

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15)

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:1-2)

### **The Peace**

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Exchange with one another the Lord's Peace.

### **The Offertory** (*Tithes and offerings are collected at this time*)

Celebrant: Our offertory sentences are from scripture. Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

### **"I Surrender"**

Here I am down on my knees again  
Surrendering all, surrendering all  
Find me here, Lord as You draw me near  
Desperate for You, desperate for You  
I surrender



Drench my soul as mercy and grace unfold  
I hunger and thirst, I hunger and thirst  
With arms stretched wide I know You hear my cry  
Speak to me now, speak to me now

Chorus: I surrender, I surrender  
I want to know You more  
I want to know You more

Bridge: Like a rushing wind, Jesus breathe within  
Lord have Your way, Lord have Your way in me  
Like a mighty storm stir within my soul  
Lord have Your way, Lord have Your way in me

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## Doxology

**Sung: Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord.

**All: And of Your own have we given You.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*[We invite all baptized Christians to join us at the Lord's table. We offer communion in the form of bread, wafer, or gluten-free wafer. Once received, step left to drink from the communal cup, or step to the right to intinct (dip) the wafer.]*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **The Sanctus**

**Sung: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest!**

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Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved.

By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory; that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

### **Mystery of Faith**

Deacon: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. And bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord:

**All: Face to Face.**

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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, the power  
And the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**All: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## The Prayer of Humble Access

**Sung: We do not presume to come to Your table  
Trusting in our own righteousness  
For we are not worthy so much as to gather  
The crumbs from under Your table  
But trusting O Lord in Your great and manifold mercies  
For You are the same Lord  
Whose nature is always to have mercy  
So cleanse us and feed us  
With the body and blood of Your Son  
That we may live in Him that He may live in us  
For ever and ever. Amen.**

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## The Agnus Dei

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world  
**All: Have mercy on us.**

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world  
**All: Have mercy on us.**

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world  
**All: Grant us your peace.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God, for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## Music During Communion

### "A Shield About Me"

Thou, O Lord are a shield about me.  
You're my glory, You're the lifter of my head.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.  
You're the lifter of my head.

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## **“Breathe”**

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe  
Your Holy Presence living in me

This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread  
Your very Word spoken to me

And I, I’m desperate for You  
And I, I’m lost without You

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## **“Let Our Praise to You Be As Incense”**

Let our praise to You be as incense.  
Let our praise to You be as pillars of Your throne.  
Let our praise to You be as incense.  
As we come before You and worship You alone.

As we see You in Your splendor,  
As we gaze upon Your majesty.  
As we join the hosts of angels,  
And proclaim together Your holiness.

Chorus: Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.  
Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

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## **Post Communion Prayer**

**All: Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: All our problems  
**All: We send to the cross of Christ**

Celebrant: All our difficulties  
**All: We send to the cross of Christ**

Celebrant: All the devil's works  
**All: We send to the cross of Christ**

Celebrant: All of hopes  
**All: We set on the risen Christ**

## **The Blessing**

## **The Recessional**

### **"We Will Dance"**

Sing a song of celebration  
Lift up a shout of praise  
For the Bridegroom will come, the glorious One  
And oh, we will look on his face  
We'll go to a much better place

Dance with all your might  
Lift up your hands and clap for joy  
The time's drawing near, when he will appear  
And oh, we will stand by his side  
A strong, pure, spotless bride

Chorus: We will dance on the streets that are golden  
The glorious bride and the great Son of man  
From every tongue and tribe and nation  
Will join in the song of the Lamb

Sing aloud for the time of rejoicing is near  
The risen King, our groom, is soon to appear  
The wedding feast to come is now near at hand  
Lift up your voice, proclaim the coming Lamb

## **The Dismissal**

Deacon: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **This Week at St. Luke's Church, January 27<sup>th</sup> – February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### **Monday**

### **Tuesday**

Worship With the Word, 6:00-8:00 PM (Sanctuary)

Stage 4 Ministry, 6:30-8:30 PM (Lower Conference Room)

Women's Group, 7:00-8:30 PM (Common Room)

### **Wednesday**

### **Thursday**

Stage 4 Ministry, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM (Lower Conference Room)

Morning Intercessions, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM (see Diana Pallotta)

### **Friday**

### **Saturday**

Men's Group, 9:00-10:30 AM (Lower Kitchenette)

### **Sunday**

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)

Youth Group, 6:30-8:30 PM (The Harbor)

### **Upcoming:**

February 7<sup>th</sup> – "Meeting w/ God" Service, 7:00 PM (Sanctuary)

February 9<sup>th</sup> – Souper Bowl Party & Chili Cook-Off, 5:30 PM

February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Men's Breakfast, 8:30-11:00 AM (The Harbor)

**Readings for February 2: Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:11-20  
1 Corinthians 14:12-25, Luke 4:21-32**