

# THE SERVANT OF THE LORD IS CALLED

Series for the Epiphany Season



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**1) TO BRING SALVATION TO ALL**

*First Sunday after the Epiphany  
9:00 & 11:15am January 10, 2021*



# ROCK OF AGES

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reaching Out in Rim Country with Rock-Solid Hope in Jesus

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### Welcome!

- May the message you hear today will fill your heart with the peace and joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.
- **Our mission** is to share the rock-solid hope of Jesus with today's world through timeless truths found in the Holy Scriptures.
- **Large print** service folders and **hearing assistance** devices are available.
- **Restrooms** are located at the far ends of the entry area.
- Thank you for respecting your fellow worshippers by practicing **social distancing**. Volunteers are sanitizing the shared touch points between services.
- **Children's** activity bags, quiet toys, and a changing table are available from the nursery in entry area.
- We are part of a world-wide Christian body and support the gospel ministry of the WELS. We'd love to share more with you. Contact our pastor today. You can also visit [wels.net](http://wels.net)





# Divine Service II

WITH HOLY COMMUNION

*Divine Service II is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church.*

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## Hymn

The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

*Christian Worship 91 (5<sup>th</sup> century hymn)  
(sung to the same tune as CW 586)*

♪ **The star proclaims the King is here;  
But, Herod, why this senseless fear?  
For he who came from heaven's throne  
Does not desire an earthly crown.**

**2. The wiser Magi saw from far  
And followed on his guiding star,  
And, led by light, to Light they pressed  
And by their gifts their God confessed.**

**3. Within the Jordan River stood The pure and holy Lamb of God;  
The Father's voice, the Spirit-dove, Confirmed the Savior from above.**

**4 At Cana -- miracle divine -- When water reddened into wine,  
The faithful saw his glory shown And put their trust in him alone.**

**5. All glory unto Jesus be And praise for his epiphany,  
Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Spirit evermore.**

## Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Confession

Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,  
For sins of habit and sins of choice,  
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,  
You should cast me away from your presence forever.  
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

## **Absolution**

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Lord, Have Mercy** *Kyrie*

*Mark 10:47*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**Christ, have mercy.**

For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**Amen.**

## **Hymn of Praise**

**Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun**

*Christian Worship 84*

♪ **Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does its successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore**

**Till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**2. To him shall endless prayer be made  
And endless praises crown his head;  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.**

*-Women only*

**3. People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
Praise his great love with sweetest song,  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on his name.**

*-Men only*

**4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
The pris'ner leaps, unloosed his chains,  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all who suffer want are blest.**

*-All*

**5. Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
Worship and honor to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud amen.**

## **THE WORD**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# First Lesson

Isaiah 49:1-6

*Jesus' work may at times be rejected by some, but it reaches world-wide.*

Listen to me, you coastlands.

Pay attention, you faraway peoples!

The LORD called me from the womb.

When I was inside my mother, he mentioned my name.

<sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharpened sword.

He hid me in the shadow of his hand.

He made me a polished arrow.

He concealed me in his quiver.

<sup>3</sup>He said to me, "You are my servant Israel, in whom I will display my glory."

<sup>4</sup>But I said to myself, "I have labored in vain.

I spent my strength and came up empty, with nothing.

Yet a just verdict for me rests with the LORD, and my reward is with my God."

<sup>5</sup>But now the LORD, who formed me from the womb to be his servant,

to turn Jacob back to him,

so that Israel might be gathered to him,

so that I will be honored in the eyes of the LORD,

because my God has been my strength—

<sup>6</sup>the LORD said:

It is too small a thing that you should just be my servant

to raise up only the tribes of Jacob

and to restore the ones I have preserved in Israel,

so I will appoint you to be a light for the nations,

so that my salvation will be known to the end of the earth.

# Psalm of the Day

Psalm 2

*Christian Worship Hymnal Page 65*



Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-



lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.



Why do the nations conspire  
and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against  
the LORD  
and against his Anointed One.     **Refrain**

The One enthroned in heaven laughs;  
the Lord scoffs at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,  
“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:  
He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.”

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.     **Refrain****

## Second Lesson

Acts 16:25-34

*The gospel spreads to all in Word and Sacrament*

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. Instantly all the doors were opened, and everyone’s chains came loose. <sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke up and saw that the prison doors were opened, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, because he thought that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted with a loud voice, “Don’t harm yourself, because we are all here!”

<sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, rushed in, and fell down trembling in front of Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

<sup>31</sup>They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup>They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to everyone in his home. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night, he took them and washed their wounds. Without delay, he and all his family were baptized. <sup>34</sup>Then he brought Paul and Silas into his house and set food before them. He rejoiced, because he and his whole household had come to believe in God.

## Children's Message

*All children 5th grade and under are invited to come to the front area.  
Helpers and parents are welcome to join them.*

## Verse of the Day

(Mark 1:11b)

Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia.

The Gospel according to Mark chapter 1.

**Glory be to you, O Lord!**

## Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

*The Father declared Jesus his Son and the Spirit anointed him as Messiah.*

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him. They were baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins. <sup>6</sup>John was clothed in camel's hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He preached, "One more powerful than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals! <sup>8</sup>I baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>Just as Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with you."

*After the Gospel:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

# Hymn of the Day

I Hear the Savior Calling  
*Christian Worship 560*

♪ I hear the Savior calling!  
The gospel comes to me.  
My eyes once closed in blindness  
Are opened now to see  
That I myself was helpless  
To live eternally,  
But, dying, Christ did save me,  
And now he calls for me!

2. I hear the Savior calling! He leads a soul to me,  
A soul in bitter anguish, One needing to be free.  
The gift I have to offer Is Christ, my Lord's decree  
That all have been forgiven -- My Savior calls for me!

3. I hear the Savior calling!  
He gives this charge to me:  
To serve the best I'm able,  
Whate'er the call may be.  
Thus hand in hand with others  
Who share the gospel key  
We spread the gospel tidings --  
My Savior calls for me!

4. I hear the Savior calling! He changes hearts for me.  
From door to door I witness To bring my Savior's plea;  
Yet nothing can be added, No word on bended knee,  
Beyond the simple gospel -- My Savior calls for me!

5. I hear the Savior calling! His call has urgency!  
Each moment souls are dying; Soon comes eternity.  
And so, my precious Savior, This is my humble plea:  
Prepare me for my mission For you are calling me!

## The Servant of the Lord is Called

Jan. 10 ...**to Bring Salvation**      (*Isaiah 49:1-6*)

Jan. 17 ...to Hold to Scripture      (*2 Thess.2:13-17*)

Jan. 24 ...to Restore Peace      (*2 Cor. 5:14-21*)

Jan. 31 ...to Confess Christ      (*Heb 3:1-6*)

Feb. 07...to Endure Hardships      (*1 Peter 5:6-11*)

Feb. 14...To Shine in Darkness      (*2 Cor 4:3-6*)



## Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. 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, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian\* 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 original word here in Greek from the church council in Nicea in 325 is often translated "Catholic." It refers to the universal church, not just the Roman Catholic church. We join with all believers everywhere of all time in confessing these truths.*

## **Offering**

*Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Our offerings go to support the gospel ministry of our congregation and our national church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Today's offering can be placed on the entry table as you enter or exit.*

## **Prayer of the Church**

*(St. Ambrose 340-397)*

O Splendor of God's glory bright, You daily bring forth light from light.  
**O Light from Light, light's fountain-spring, O Day, our days enlightening:**

Come, very Sun of truth and love, Come in your radiance from above,  
**And shed the Holy Spirit's ray On all we think or do today.**

Teach us to work with all our pow'r To conquer in temptation's hour.  
**Let faith her eager fires renew And hate the false and love the true.**

Oh, joyful be the livelong day, Our thoughts as pure as morning ray,  
**Our faith like noonday's glowing height, Our souls undimmed by shades of night.**

*-Special prayers may follow*

# THE SACRAMENT

*Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he comes.*

## **Preface**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is good and right so to do.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came as the Light of the world so that the world may have light and life through him. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**Holy, Holy, Holy** *Sanctus*

*(Tune: CW 372; AURELIA)*

♪ **O holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might,  
Your glory, earth and heaven In countless ways recite.  
Hosanna! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high,  
And in your grace and mercy Receive our fervent cry.**

**Hosanna in the highest! How truly blest is he  
Who in God's name is coming To set his people free!  
He comes to bring salvation And with his blood outpoured,  
Deliver us from bondage— Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

# Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us. By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will. By his innocent death, he overcame hell. By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**Amen.**

## 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.**

## Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

♪ **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.  
Amen.**

## Distribution

*Welcome guests! We follow the biblical practice of member communion. We kindly ask that before joining in the Lord's Supper you express full agreement with us in the faith through membership here or in a sister congregation of the WELS, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. We'd love to share more with you about our ministry. Talk to our pastor today. Thank you for respecting our beliefs!*

*After the distribution please stand to sing*

## Hymn *Nunc Dimittis*

*Sung to the tune of CW 336*

♪ **O Lord, now let your servant Depart in peace, assured:  
For I have seen your promised incarnate, saving Word—  
A Light that will enlighten All gloom where Gentiles dwell;  
The brilliant, crowning glory Of those in Israel!**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

*Numbers 6:24-26*

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**Amen.**

# Hymn

From Greenland's Icy Mountains

*Christian Worship 571*

♪ From Greenland's icy mountains, From India's coral strand,  
Where Africa's bright fountains Roll down their golden sand,  
From many an ancient river, From many a palmy plain,  
They call us to deliver Their land from error's chain.

2. What though the fragrant breezes Blow soft o'er distant isles,  
Though ev'ry vista pleases, Yet sin the land defiles.  
In vain with lavish kindness The gifts of God are strown;  
The heathen in their blindness Bow down to wood and stone.

3. Can we whose souls are lighted With wisdom from on high,  
Can we to those benighted The lamp of life deny?  
Salvation! Oh, salvation! The joyful sound proclaim  
Till each remotest nation Has learned Messiah's name.

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## **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Remember with Prayer**

- Mary Strong; thanks to God for a safe and successful heart repair surgery on Monday; that he gives her good recovery.
- Marlene Nielsen's son, that God helps the doctors help him deal with a blood clot and a cyst; that he gives him the healing found in knowing what Jesus has done to save us.
- Josh, a friend of the congregation, as he faces some difficult months ahead; that God strengthen him and comfort his family.
- All those who remain isolated and shut in during this time; that they find encouragement and perseverance through the gospel.
- Wanda Sitz as she waits to find out when her heart surgery will take place; that God keeps her strong and provides her with peace.
- Thanks to God for bringing Carl Fox to faith and keeping him in the faith; Carl Fox was called home to be with Christ in paradise and now rests from all his labor in the Lord's kingdom.
- All who grieve the loss of Carl Fox; that the sure hope of the resurrection brings lasting comfort until we meet again in glory.
- Tom Krigbaum, who fractured his elbow on Monday and will need surgery; that God provides quick healing.

### **Attendance**

1/01 Midweek Bible Class: 12  
01/01 New Year's Day: 28  
01/03 Sunday Worship: 57  
01/03 Confirmation Class: 2  
01/03 Sunday Bible Class: 17  
01/05 Confirmation Class: 2

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### **Serving This Week**

Flowers, Communion Setup: Joan Williams,  
Marsha Wentz

Music: Keyboard, Jeni Strickland; 4 For Christ  
Presiding Minister: Tom Barthel

Ushers: Creig Solomon, Jerry Zuvich

## **CALENDAR**

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### **Sunday, January 10** *The Baptism of Our Lord*

9:00am Service with Lord's Supper

10:05am Bible Study

11:15am Service with Lord's Supper

12:30pm Youth Confirmation Class

### **Wednesday, January 13**

6:00pm Midweek Bible Class

### **Thursday, January 14**

9:00am Midweek Bible Class

10:00am Starting Point Class

### **Sunday, January 17** *Epiphany 2*

9:00am Service

10:05am Bible Study

11:15am Service

12:30pm Youth Confirmation Class

### **Monday, January 18**

6:00pm Council Meeting

**Voters** will meet at 10:05am January 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Jackets**

Mary Martha society will be collecting "Jackets in January" for the Payson Homeless Initiative. You can drop off jackets, warm gloves, hats, socks etc. in the church entryway.



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