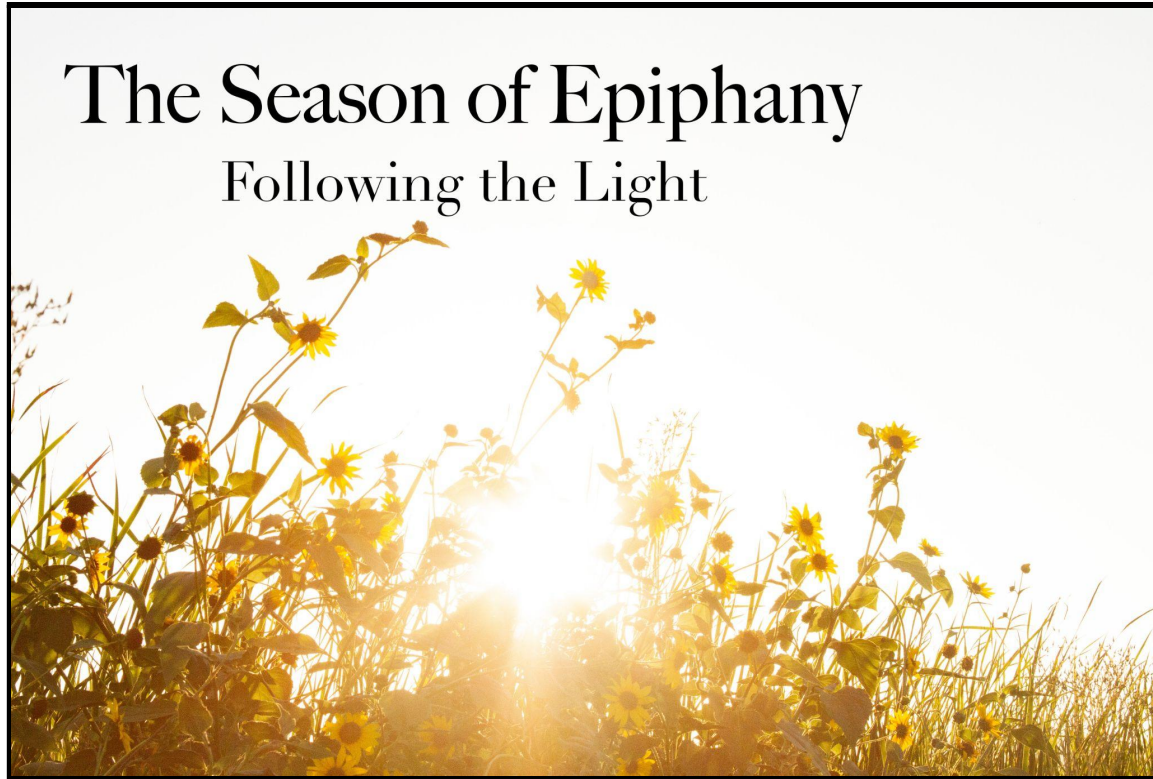




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The Season of Epiphany Following the Light

7TH SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY

February 20, 2022
(8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm)

WELCOME to worship! Today's readings invite us to reflect on forgiveness: God's forgiveness for us and our forgiveness of one another. Who do we find it most difficult to forgive? Is anyone beyond forgiveness? May this time of worship open our hearts to the abundance of God's grace.

GUESTS - We're glad you have joined us! Please sign-in at the Welcome Table to receive a gift. There is also a nursery for young children, although we love kids in worship. Sign-in and grab a pager. Sunday school is offered during the 10am service.

PRELUDE: *Grace* by Carolyn Hamlin

Fred Johnson, Pianist/Organist (8:30/10am)

Micaela Lum, Pianist/Organist (5pm)

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

#865 vv. 1-2, 4

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; joyfully your tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praises everlasting ring!

God be praised, for grace and favor to our forebears in distress.

God be praised, the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious is God's faithfulness!

Angels sing in adoration, in God's presence, face to face.

Sun and moon and all creation, all who dwell in time and space.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

THE INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

(People read/sing **bold** words.)

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another. Gracious God,

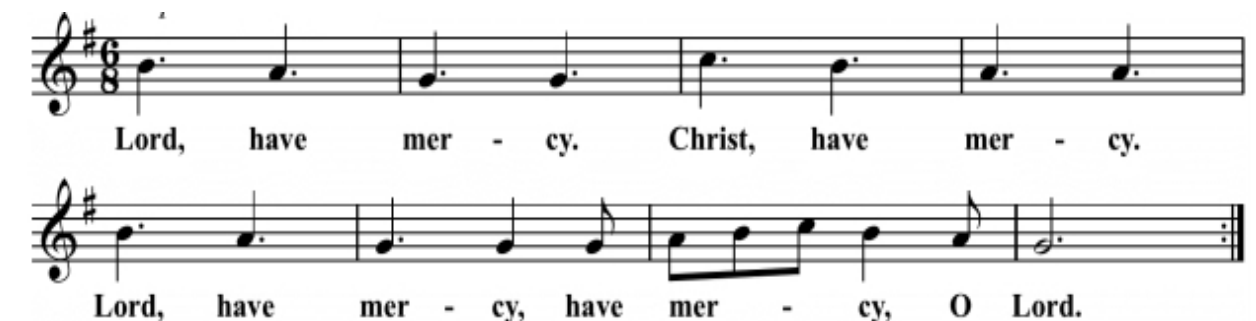
Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Silence for reflection and confession. Pastor proclaims the forgiveness.)

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ... be with you all. **And also with you.**

THE KYRIE (People sing refrain below. Cantor sings verses.)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

ANTHEM (8:30am): *Oh, Love, How Deep*

Sanctuary Choir, Music Director Kathy Person

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.
(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.
(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)



Leader: Speak, O Lord, Your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.
(People sing **Alleluia** again.)

READING OF THE GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-36
The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the sixth chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**
Jesus said, "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE APOSTLES' CREED
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. 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 again 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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SONG OF THE DAY: *Change My Heart, O God* (Sing 2x)

Refrain: **Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.**
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

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You are the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray. (Refrain.)

THE MESSAGE: “*Mercy on a Mission*” Intern Pastor Veronica Gould

OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Who Am I?* by Mark Hall Michelle Lum & Christian Try

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: **Doxology**
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.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (After each petition - Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All who believe Christ is present in this Sacrament are welcome! Non-communing children and others who wish to receive only a blessing may also come forward. For those who prefer, white juice is located in the center of each tray. If a gluten free wafer is desired, let a pastor know beforehand.)

HOLY COMMUNION MUSIC:
Lamb of God #195
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 peace, grant us peace.

My Song Is Love Unknown #343 vv. 1-2, 6
My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow;
the world that was his own would not its Savior know.
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!

Here might I stay and sing – no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days would gladly spend!

Blest Be the Tie That Binds #656 vv. 1-4

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.

Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

THE BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: **How Firm a Foundation** #796 v. 1-2
How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE: *Fanfare on “Duke Street”* Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist (8:30/10am)
Micaela Lum, Pianist/Organist (5pm)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Ren & Shelly Higgins in celebration of the marriage of Justine Higgins & Keith Sadvari.

NEW MASK GUIDELINES: If you are fully vaccinated, no mask is required inside. Of course, you are welcome to continue to wear a mask, even if fully vaccinated.

- This is an honor system.
- If you're coughing, feeling sick, please stay home and watch the service online. This was, is, and will be about protecting our most vulnerable people.
- We continue to place bulletins at your place to sit and spread out a bit.
- We're fortunate to have a space that is uniquely open with plenty of fresh air.
- Additional masks at the Welcome Table.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Age 4 - 5th grade) during the 10am service - children will leave the church service after the children's message for Sunday school and rejoin their families for Holy Communion.

NURSERY is available at the 8:30am & 10am services. Services for babies - pre-K. The attendants are vaccinated and they will be wearing masks. They will be inside preschool room closest to the church.

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP - RIOT (Reading Is Our Thing) - 3rd Monday/month, 2pm, Knudson Hall. Next meeting - Feb. 21. Reading *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. If interested, please contact the office.

FAITH ON TAP - "Young adult" group meets at 5:30pm on February 22, the last Tuesday of the month, to have discussions tapping into their faith. Locations tbd.

MEN'S BOOK GROUP - Meets the last Tuesday/month, 7pm. Meeting in person at member's homes. Reading *The Lincoln Highway* & will meet on February 22. For information, contact the church office.

CONCORDIA COLLEGE CONCERT (Morehead, MN) - One of the great a capella choirs in the world in concert - Gloria Dei, March 2, 7pm. Tickets on sale at www.eventbrite.com/e/239306320647 or purchase tickets at the Welcome Table. Invite a friend to this extraordinary event!

LENTEN HYMN MADNESS - Fill out a bracket, vote for a hymn, and see if your favorite advances. Sundays and Wednesdays (soup supper/worship) will focus on the music/scripture preparing us for Easter. Lent begins March 2 with Ash Wednesday and the Imposition of Ashes.

ASH WEDNESDAY begins March 2. There are three opportunities to receive the imposition of ashes: 1) 8am-9am: Drive by in the upper circle for prayer; 2) Noon worship service (Offering for World Hunger); or 3) 6:30pm-7:00pm: Meet outside by the Baptismal Fountain before concert.

MEN'S SPRING RETREAT - (Tempe): Annual event takes place March 4-6, 2022. Baseball will not be happening, but golf, hiking, enjoying an NBA game, along with great fellowship. Questions, speak with Pastor David.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS begin on Wednesday, March 9, 6pm. Worship at 6:30pm. The Women's Board has graciously offered to bring soup that evening. Sign-up to bring soup at Welcome Table.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES for children (age 10 or younger) will take place on three Wednesdays beginning March 9, 5pm, meet in the Sanctuary. Sign-up at the Welcome Table.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - Each week, 10am, Sanctuary. All women are invited!

HEART-LIFTERS - Studying "*Royalty and Loyalty; Women Who Loved the Lord*" by Daneen Pysz. \$10/book. Meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesdays/month, 6:30pm. Details at the Welcome Table.

SANCTUARY CHOIR (Teens/Adults) - Practice Thursdays at 7:30pm for one hour in the Sanctuary. Choral masks are provided by the church. For details - Kathy Person: music@mygloriadei.org.

OFFERING - Please place check/money in boxes, or **ELECTRONIC GIVING** - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-Dana Point. Alternatively, you can give via credit card or debit card through our secure site: mygloriadei.org/donate. Thank you for supporting the ministry of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church!

UPCOMING: Soup Suppers begin (March 9, 6pm); Spring Family & Furry Friends Photo Shoot (March 19, 12pm); Women's One Day Retreat (April 9); Palm Sunday and Holy Week begins (April 10); Good Shepherd Sunday/Petting Zoo (May 8); Women's Tea (May 14).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEBRUARY 20 - 26, 2022

Today: Worship (8:30am, 10am, 5pm); Nursery (8:30am & 10am); Sunday School (10am only); Confirmation Class (11:15am); NA Meeting(6:30pm)

Monday: RIOT Book Club (2pm); Alanon (5:30pm)

Tuesday: AA Men (7am); Church Staff Meeting (1pm); Brass Practice (5pm); Faith on Tap (5:30pm); DHHS Baja Planning Meeting (6pm); AL Anon (7pm); Men's Book Club (7pm)

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); South Coast Literacy Group (10am); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

Saturday: AA Men's (7am); ACA (2pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

8:30am: Coffee: David Ross; Communion: Bill Jonas & Diane Kelly; Lector: Liane Schuller; Usher: Judy Ross & Gail Rightmire; Welcome Table: Gail Rightmire

10am: Coffee: Scott Lund; Communion: Carter Neiderhiser & Daeman Riggelman; Lector: Jerry Combe; Usher: Donna & Jerry Combe; Welcome Table: Jerry & Sharon Grady

5pm: Communion & Lector: Erika Mills