



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Ministers: All The People of The Congregation

Called by God to: Grow; Serve; Love; Care and Worship

Epiphany 2..... Contemporary Worship
January 19, 2014..... A CELEBRATION OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST..... 9:00 a.m.

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Violin and Flute Prelude “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Song:** PW 142 “Shine, Jesus Shine”

***Call to Worship**

L: Rise and shine, people of God! In this season of Epiphany, we celebrate our light in Christ, as we recall God’s glory made manifest for all the world to see.

C: “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined.”

L: We gather today as God’s people, called by the Gospel to follow Jesus Christ...to bring light and hope to all the world.

ALL: AS WE WORSHIP, THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST DISPELS ALL DARKNESS. WE ARE DRAWN TO THE LIGHT AND SURROUNDED WITH THE BRIGHTNESS OF HIS GLORY.

***Song:** “Here I Am to Worship”. printed on pg 6

***Prayer of the Day**

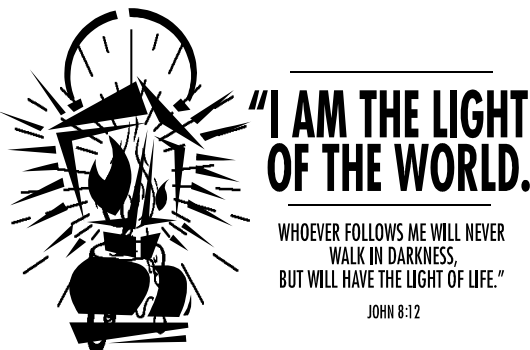
C: Lord God, the radiance of your Word pierces the darkness that covers the earth. Make radiant the lives of your people with the same brightness. May we follow your call to bring the good news of Christ to those who sit in darkness, so that all nations may walk as one in the light of your kingdom. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God forever and ever. Amen.

Confession: (sit or kneel)

C: Lord we confess that we often choose to walk in places far from your light rather than follow you. We have neglected opportunities to bring the good news to those in darkness. At times we hide the light that is your gift to us. Forgive us, and guide us on our way, that we may shine before others and give you the glory. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

P: Arise, shine, your light has come! God forgives you all your sins through the light of the cross, and through the Holy Spirit you are given the power to answer the calling of the Lord in bringing this light to others. People of God, live no longer in darkness but in the light of Christ!



HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD

Lesson Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Psalm 27 (read responsively)

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

C: **The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

L: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

C: **He will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.**

L: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of Joy;

C: **I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

L: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,

C: **Be gracious to me and answer me!**

L: “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”

C: **Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

***Gospel Acclamation Song:** “Christ, Be Our Light” vs 1. printed on pg 7

Announcement of Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 4th chapter.

C: **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

***Gospel** Matthew 4:12-23

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles--¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea--for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Song: “Christ, be our Light” vs 2

Children's Message

Sermon

***Song:** WOV 784 “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

***Statement of Faith:**

C: We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Light of the world, the Son of the living God, who takes away the sin of the world. By his name and grace we live our lives of mission and witness for the world. We confess that God is the creator of all people on earth and created us to live in a covenant of love established through the community of believers throughout the world. We rejoice with those who rejoice and stand together with those who are sad. In the body and blood of Jesus we find the real presence of Christ and forgiveness for our sin. Within the church of God we accept our place as missionaries, prophets, teachers, helpers and friends, in order that we might serve with great purpose the church that presently exists and the church that is to come. Praise, blessing, honor and glory be to God the Creator, Son and Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

***Sharing the Peace**

Offering: “Shine Down” (worship team)

Prayers of the Church

Words of Institution/The Lord’s Prayer

Holy Communion

Congregational songs during distribution

WOV 752 “Here I Am, Lord”

PW 231 “Jehovah to Me”

Communion Blessing

Benediction

***Closing Song:** WOV 650 “We Are Marching in the Light of God”

(Marching, Dancing, Praying, Singing)

***Dismissal:**

L: Go in peace. Christ is your light!

C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

Birthdays - Jan. 19-25 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

20-Ruth Heggen 22-Kathryn Weyhrauch 23-Lizzy Leland 25-Chayce Lutteke

21-Hunter Malwitz 23-Kathleen Ehlert 24-Jim Degner

Annual Congregation Meeting - January 26, 2014 following the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Church Social Hall. Elections, Recommendation from the Church Council to change the by law on a quorum at meetings from 80 to 65, Reports, 2014 Budget.

Wednesday Worship, 6:00-6:45 p.m. A service of Prayer, Praise, and Peace. Enjoy a home cooked meal on Wednesdays, serving from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Suggested meal donation: \$4.00/person, \$15.00 max./family. Reservations are NOT necessary but it is appreciated if you can call 553-3513 or text 507-200-0246 the number who will eat.

Family Ski Outing - Sun., Feb. 23rd, at Mount Kato. Leaving Wells at 1:00 p.m. and returning by 7:00 p.m. Cost to Good Shepherd members is \$20.00/person. Sign up with your deposit of \$5.00 by Wed., Feb. 19th. Scholarships available upon request. See the poster on the bulletin board for more details.