

# **LIVING HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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### **Contemporary Service**

### **Epiphany 2**

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**WELCOME:** We welcome all who worship with us today! May you be spiritually refreshed and strengthened by the message of God's Word. If you have no church home, one of the pastors will be happy to speak with you about membership in the congregation.

**FRIENDSHIP REGISTER:** We ask everyone – members and guests – to sign our Friendship Register during the service. Visitors, if you are worshipping with us for the first time, we would especially appreciate it if you would list your address and telephone number so that we can acknowledge your visit. Thank you.

**PARENTS:** If your children become restless, that's okay . . . We're glad they're here and Jesus is pleased when they are brought to hear His Word! Perhaps a moment or two with mom or dad is all that is necessary. Our "Mother's Room" is speaker equipped with a view of the sanctuary.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** Our church practices closed communion. We ask that only members or members of other WELS or ELS churches partake of the Sacrament. Families and couples are welcome to stand together as they commune. Members who require a non-alcoholic juice option should point to the center of the tray. Prepare to receive the Lord's Supper using p.295-6 in the Blue Hymnal.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** The Bible emphasizes the need for us to stay close to God through his word. We offer several opportunities for young and old – various Bible classes and organizations for teens and adults, Sunday School, confirmation classes, Vacation Bible School, Lamb of God elementary school (3-year-old preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade), and Lutheran Pioneers for boys and girls. Members and visitors are encouraged to attend.

### **WE BELIEVE AND TEACH . . .**

- There is only one true God. He reveals himself as three distinct persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- The Bible is the inspired and error-free Word of God.
- All people have disobeyed God's will and deserve God's just punishment.
- God so loved the world that he sent his one and only son, Jesus Christ, to be our perfect substitute and be punished for our sins.
- Only by faith in the work of Jesus Christ do we become heirs of the glories of heaven. This is a gift of God's undeserved love and not a result of our own efforts.
- Faith in Jesus Christ motivates us to devote our lives in service to God and our fellow human beings.

† *Our Worship Focus today: The Lamb of God needed to be flesh and blood, so that he could be sacrificed. And because that Lamb was the Son of God, it is a sacrifice valuable enough to forgive us all our sins.*



## **Welcome**

### **Prophecy**

**Isaiah 49:1-6**

Listen to me, you coastlands. Pay attention, you far away 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 myself said, "I have labored in vain. I spent my strength and got nothing at all. Yet my verdict is 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, and my God has become my strength—

<sup>6</sup>the Lord said, "It is too small a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the ones I have kept in Israel, so I will appoint you to be a light for the nations so that my salvation may be known to the end of the earth."

### **Song (All)**

**Shine, Jesus, Shine**

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness, shining.  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me.**

### **Refrain**

**Shine, Jesus, shine! Fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze! Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow! Flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into your radiance.  
By the blood I may enter your brightness;  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me.**

### **Refrain**

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display your likeness.  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me.**

**Refrain**

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<b>Confession of Sins / Announcement of Forgiveness</b>
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**Pastor:** People of God: God in his Word exposes our guilt and shows us how often we have failed to live according to his will. Let us confess our sins to our Almighty God.

**Congregation:** Lord, without the light of your Word, we are lost in darkness. By nature we are sinful and deserve your punishment. We have so often disobeyed you in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have failed to do the good things you would have us do. Be merciful to us, dear Lord, for the sake of your Son, the Light of the World, Jesus, our Messiah.

**P:** Your God has been merciful to you and all people. God made the one who knew no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we would become the righteousness of God. You have been redeemed by the holy, precious blood of Jesus Christ your Savior. Your sins are forgiven. Amen.

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day...

**All:** Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## The Word

### Lesson

### John 1:29-41

<sup>29</sup>The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'The one coming after me outranks me because he existed before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know who he was, but I came baptizing with water so that he would be revealed to Israel."

<sup>32</sup>John also testified, "I saw the Spirit descend like a dove from heaven and remain on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>I saw this myself and have testified that this is the Son of God."

<sup>35</sup>The next day, John was standing there again with two of his disciples.

<sup>36</sup>When John saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look! The Lamb of God!"

<sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

<sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned around and saw them following him, he asked, "What are you looking for?"

They said to him, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

<sup>39</sup>He told them, "Come, and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying. They stayed with him that day. It was about the tenth hour.

<sup>40</sup>Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup>The first thing Andrew did was to find his own brother Simon and say to him, "We have found the Messiah!" (which is translated "the Christ").

### Psalm 40 (selected verses)

P: I waited patiently for the Lord;

**C: he turned to me and heard my cry.**

P: Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done,

**C: were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.**

P: Sacrifice and offering you did not desire

**C: burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.**

P: Then I said, "Here I am, I have come—it is written about me in the scroll.

**C: I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart."**

P: Do not withhold your mercy from me, Lord;

**C: may your love and faithfulness always protect me.**

P: You are my help and my deliverer;

**C: you are my God, do not delay.**

**Song: (All)**

**Spread, Oh, Spread the Mighty Word**

**Spread, oh, spread the mighty Word;  
Spread the kingdom of the Lord  
Ev'rywhere his breath has giv'n  
Life to beings meant for heav'n.**

**Tell them how the Father's will  
Made the world and keeps it still,  
How his only Son he gave  
All from sin and death to save.**

**Tell of our Redeemer's love,  
Who forever does remove  
By his holy sacrifice  
All the guilt that on us lies.**

**Tell them of the Spirit giv'n  
Now to guide us on to heav'n,  
Strong and holy, just and true,  
Working both to will and do.**

**Up! The rip'ning fields you see.  
Mighty shall the harvest be,  
But the reapers still are few;  
Great the work they have to do.**

**Lord of harvest, grant anew,  
Joy and strength to work for you,  
Till the gath'ring nations all  
See your light and heed your call.**

**Sermon**

**Colossians 2:6-15**

<sup>6</sup> Therefore, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, <sup>7</sup> by being rooted and built up in him, and strengthened in the faith just as you were taught, while you overflow in faith with thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, which are in accord with human tradition, namely, the basic principles of the world, but not in accord with Christ. <sup>9</sup> For all the fullness of God's being dwells bodily in Christ. <sup>10</sup> And you have been brought to fullness in him. Christ is the head over every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup> You were also circumcised in him, with a circumcision not done by human hands, in the putting off of the body of flesh, in the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup> when you were buried with Christ in baptism. And in baptism you were also raised with him through the faith worked by the God who raised Christ from the dead.

<sup>13</sup>Even when you were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ by forgiving us all our trespasses. <sup>14</sup>God erased the record of our debt brought against us by his legal demands. This record stood against us, but he took it away by nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>After disarming the rulers and authorities, he made a public display of them by triumphing over them in Christ.

## **Theme: When You Know Christ, You Have All You Need**

### **The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

<b>Thanksgiving</b>
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**WELS Connection**

**Presentation of our Offerings**

**Prayer of the Church**

### **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.**

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

**C: Amen.**

**Song**

**We Are Singing**

(Psalm 27D, *Christian Worship Psalter*, 136)



**SERVING US TODAY**

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