SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
Order of Worship — 9:00 AM
Divine Service, Setting Three (LSB)

AS WE GATHER – The full identity of Jesus, which is revealed during the Epiphany season, demonstrates beyond a doubt that He is both human and divine. In the nativity accounts, the Gospel writers focus on the humanity of Jesus—that He is born a human baby and grows up with full humanity. In Epiphany, His divinity is revealed as well through His miraculous acts. As Paul wrote to the followers of Christ in Colossae of Jesus: “In Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in Him, who is the head of all rule and authority” (Colossians 2:9–10). We rejoice in coming to know more fully the Christ who fills us with His Spirit and His love.

PRESERVICE MUSIC “Blessed Jesus, We Are Here” by R. Ahle

WELCOME
[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

OPENING HYMN Hail to the Lord’s Anointed LSB 398

1 Hail to the Lord’s anointed, Great David’s greater Son!
2 He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong,
3 He shall come down like showerers Up on the fruitful earth;
4 Kings shall fall down before Him And gold and incense bring;

Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong;
Love, joy, and hope, like showers, Spring in His path to birth.
All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing.

(continued)
He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free,
To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light,
Before Him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go;
To Him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend;

To take away transgression And rule in equity.
Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in His sight.
And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow.
His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.

5. O'er ev'ry foe victorious,
He on His throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
All blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever—
That name to us is Love.

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES
P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
P O Lord, I call upon You; hasten to me!
C Give ear to my voice when I call to You!
P Let my prayer be counted as incense before You,
C and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!
P Blessed be the Lord, my rock,
C blessed are the people whose God is the Lord!

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS
P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

[Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.]

P O Almighty God, Merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the
Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 19:1–4a, b; antiphon v. 14

P Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, o lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Women: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.

Men: Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

Women: There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

Men: Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In them He has set a tent for the sun.

All: 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.

P Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, o lord, my rock and my redeemer.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
on us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa- ther Al-mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho- ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir-it.

P Let us pray.

All: Almighty and Everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

(Is lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.
EPISTLE LESSON
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

alleluia. alleluia. alleluia. alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

YOOUTH MESSAGE

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY Christ, the Word of God Incarnate LSB 540

1 Christ, the Word of God incarnate, Lord and Son of
2 Christ, the living bread from heaven, Food for body,
3 Christ, the shoot that springs triumphant From the stump of
4 Christ, our good and faithful shepherd, Watching all Your

Abraham; Christ, the radiance of the Father,
food for soul; Christ, the manna daily given,
Jesse's tree; Christ, true vine, You nurture branches
lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheepfold,

Perfect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You
Nourish, strengthen, make us whole. Feed us with the
To bear fruit abundantly. Graft us into
Never-failing vigil keep. When we stray, Good

shine unvanquished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our
food of heaven, Foretaste of the feast to be; Quench our
You, O Savior; Prune our hearts so we remain fruitful
Shepherd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of
5. Christ, the way that leads unfailing
To the Father's home on high,
Christ, the truth that frees the captive,
Christ, the life that cannot die.
Mediator to the Father,
Sacrifice and great High Priest:
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,
There to share Your wedding feast.

6. Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
Christ, the life and resurrection,
Christ, the Church's glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration
And unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit
And to You eternally. Amen.

SACRED MUSIC

Sermon
THE BLAME GAME
John 1:29-42a

I. We often play the blame game, looking for a scapegoat for our problems.
II. Jesus is our scapegoat. He takes all the blame for our sins upon Himself.

NICENE CREED

I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made Man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING/CHORAL & HANDBELL SELECTION
There Is a Balm in Gilead

Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re-
new a right spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us. God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [names] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.
PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

P We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P It is meet and right so to do.

P It is our duty and our delight at all times and in all places to give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Now do we praise You that You did send to us Your only-begotten Son, and that in Him, being found in human form, You did manifest the fullness of Your glory; through whom with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You for Your great majesty.

P Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho-san-na,

ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He,

bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, O lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share this peace with one another.

(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

[Remain standing]

Lamb of God

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Reminder: gluten free wafer (by holding up an index finger to the elder), and non-alcoholic wine (the white grape juice in the center) are also available.
**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*Your Only Son, No Sin to Hide*

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have
to become the Lamb of God.

2 Your Gift of love they crucified, They laughed and
sacrificed the Lamb of God.

3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and
rod.

*Refrain*

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!

O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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*Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor*

1 Lord, enthroned in heav’n-ly splen-dor, First-begot-ten
from the dead, You alone, our strong defender,
Lifting up Your people’s head. Alleluia,

2 Though the lowliest form now veil You As of old in
Bethlehem, Here as there Your angels hail You,
Branch and flow’r of Jesus’s stem. Alleluia,

3 Paschal Lamb, Your of’ring, finished Once for all when
You were slain, In its fullness undiminished
Shall forever more remain, Alleluia,

4 Life imparting heav’n-ly manna, Stricken rock with
streaming side, Heav’n and earth with loud hosanna
Worship You, the Lamb who died, Alleluia,
The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

1. The gifts Christ freely gives He gives to you and me
2. The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
3. The gifts of grace and peace From absolution flow;
4. The gifts are there each day The holy Word is read;

To be His Church, His bride, His chosen, saved and free!
New life He gives that makes Us His and His alone.
The pastor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.
God's children listen, hear, Receive, and they are fed.

Saints blest with these rich gifts Are children who proclaim
Here He forgives our sins With water and His Word;
Forgiveness that we need Is granted to us there;
Christ fills them with Himself, Bless words that give them life,

That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
The triune God Himself Gives power to call Him Lord.
The Lord of mercy sends Us forth in His blest care.
Restoring and refreshing Them for this world's strife.

5. The gifts are in the feast,
Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine
Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood
Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in
His peace, renewed again.

6. All glory to the One
Who lavishes such love;
The Triune God in love
Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us
Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His
Great love by which we live!

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NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

And His mercy endureth forever.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. Grant that the incense of our prayers and our expressions of praise come before You and please You. By Your Holy Spirit, help us that we continue in faith and fellowship and do the good works You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom with You and the same Spirit be all honor and glory, forever and ever.

Amen.
SALUTATION & BENEDICAMUS
P The Lord be with you.
G And with thy spirit.
P Bless we the Lord.
G Thanks be to God.

Benediction
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.
G Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN
O God, My Faithful God

1 O God, my faithful God, True fountain ever flowing,
With-out whom nothing is, All perfect gifts bestowing:
Give me a health-y frame, And may I have with-in
A con-science free from blame, A soul unstained by sin.

2 Grant me the strength to do With read-y heart and will-ing;
What-ev-er You com-mand, My call-ing here ful-fill-ing;
That I do what I should While trust-ing You to bless
The out-come for my good, For You must give suc-cess.

3 Keep me from say-ing words That lat-er need re-call-ing;
Guard me lest i-ble speech May from my lips be fall-ing;
But when with-in my place I must and ought to speak,
Then to my words give grace Lest I of-fend the weak.

4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind-ly words and ac-tions,
And let me find good friends For coun-sel and cor-rection.
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small
And by Your Spir-it’s might To live in peace with all.

(continued)
5. Let me depart this life
   Confiding in my Savior;
   By grace receive my soul
   That it may live forever;
   And let my body have
   A quiet resting place
   Within a Christian grave;
   And let it sleep in peace.

6. And on that final day
   When all the dead are waking,
   Stretch out Your mighty hand,
   My deathly slumber breaking.
   Then let me hear Your voice,
   Redeem this earthly frame,
   And bid me to rejoice
   With those who love Your name.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

“Morning Postlude” by Lynda Parker Loucks

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE
KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 am

January 26: “Call it a Comeback”; Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler; Speaker
   New Series – “In Christ, God is writing a comeback story for you. But we don’t call it a
comeback if it’s the same old you that’s been here for years. You call it a comeback because
life in Jesus means the death of the old you, and through faith in Jesus the real you can truly
live.” (Genesis 41)