

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Revealed in Joy
January 14 & 15, 2017

AS WE GATHER

The light of Christ expands throughout the Epiphany season as more and more people see in Christ the holy Lamb of God. The *Phos Hilaron*, the Hymn of Light, dates back to the earliest centuries of the Christian Church and describes Jesus as the “joyous light of glory.” The people redeemed by Jesus have a sense of joy not found elsewhere in the world. It illuminates even the darkest of days and ultimately guides the way to eternal light. As we gather for worship, we are children of the light in every way.

WELCOME

"Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: Jesus appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory." (1 Timothy 3:16)

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN #411 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father. In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus.

I’m looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus.
In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

(Rise)

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?

People: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us go to our heavenly Father rejoicing, confident of His forgiveness for Jesus’ sake. Heavenly Father,

People: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have failed to exhibit joy, the fruit of your Holy Spirit, in our thinking, speaking, and acting. We have let the sorrows of this world mask the joy inside. We have not always told “the glad news of deliverance.” We have not loved you completely or our neighbors as ourselves. Our Lord Jesus revealed His person and ministry through His words and actions. In your great mercy, forgive, renew, and lead us so that we may be revealed as His faith-filled followers to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price.” Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THEME CELEBRATION

“Joy” *John 15:11; 1 Thessalonians 1:6*

Pastor: The message that Jesus shared with His disciples had a special benefit. It brought them joy. As He conversed with His disciples, our Lord said, “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that

your joy may be full.” Included in Paul’s list of the fruit of the Spirit is joy. In writing to the Thessalonian Christians, Paul recalls that they “received the word . . . with the joy of the Holy Spirit.” Let us sing with joy of the glory of our God!

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ♪ “Glory to God in the Highest”

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Pastor: Glory be to God on high:

People:

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’nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

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

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY ♪

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ **And with thy Spirit.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

(Be seated)

10:30 BAPTISM of Maia Grace Sleik

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✠ **WORD** ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 49:1–7* (God’s servant is to bring light to the nations.) Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name. He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. He said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."But I said, "I have labored to no purpose; I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God." And now the LORD says-- he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength--he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."This is what the LORD says-- the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel-- to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: "Kings will see you and rise up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 1:1–9* (We are not lacking in any spiritual gift.)

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ-- their Lord and ours: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way-- in all your speaking and in all your knowledge--because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

5:00 CHOIR ANTHEM “Annunciation Carol” Arr. by Richard Proulx

A message came to a maiden young; The Angel stood beside her In shining robes and golden tongue, he told what should betide her: The maid was lost in wonder, her world was torn asunder Ah! How could she Christ’s mother be, by God’s most high decree. No greater news could a messenger bring; for ’twas from that young mother He came who walked on the earth as a king, and yet to all a brother His truth has spread like leaven: ’Twill marry earth to heaven Till all agree in charity, to dwell from sea to sea He came God’s word to the world here below; and round him there did gather A band who found that this teacher to know, was e’en to know the Father. He healed the sick who sought him, beside the sea of Galilee He set the nations free. And sometimes trumpets from Zion ring out. And tramping comes and drumming: “Thy kingdom come,” so we cry; and they shout, “It comes!” and still is coming. Far, far ahead to win us; Till all shall see that King is He. The Love from Galilee.

10:00 BELL ANTHEM *“Sunday School Ring Along”*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

People: 🎵 **Glory be the Thee, O Lord.**

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *John 1:29–42a* (God’s Lamb takes away the world’s sin.)

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel." Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God." The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: 🎵 **Praise to Thee, O Christ.**

5:00 & 8:00 APOSTLES’ CREED

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(Be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #804 **“O Worship the King”**

O worship the King, all glorious above. O gratefully sing His pow’r and His love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

This earth, with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, thy pow’r hath founded of old,
Established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

O measureless Might, ineffable Love, Wile angels delight to hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

SERMON **“The Joy of Finding and Being Found By Jesus”** **John 1:29-42a**

(Rise)

OFFERTORY 🎵

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.
(Be seated)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

10:00 BELL ANTHEM

“Reverberations”

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us lift our prayers to the throne of God’s grace who has promised to hear and answer us for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ.

After each petition:

Pastor: . . . let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

At the conclusion of the prayers:

Pastor: . . . one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

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5:00 & 8:00 THE LORD’S PRAYER 🎵 Page 196

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD & PAX DOMINI 🎵 Page 197

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying: “Drink of it all, of you; this cup is the new testament in My +blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: 🎵 Amen.

AGNUS DEI 🎵 Page 198

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 takest 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.

7 (Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN #404 “Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered”

Jesus, once with sinners numbered, Had no blemish of His own:
In the waters of the Jordan His true worth and work were shown:
Heaven opened and the Spirit There descended like a dove,
As the Father’s voice resounded, “Hear My Son, the One I love.”

John confessed Him as the Savior – “Look, the sinless Lamb of God!”
Yet he dared not loose the sandals Of the One God’s love had shod.
Oh, how fair the feet of Jesus, Bringing news of peace to us,
Christ, the herald of salvation, Preaching mercy from the cross:

This the baptism that our Savior Greatly longed to under-go;
This the crimson cleansing needed So the world God’s love might know;
This the mission of Messiah As He stepped from Jordan’s stream,
He, the chosen and anointed Son of God, sent to redeem.

Jesus, once with sinners numbered, Full obedience was Your path;
You, by death, have consecrated Water in this saving bath:
Dying to the sin of Adam, Rising to a life of grace;
We are counted with righteous, Over us the cross You trace.

HYMN #606 “I Lay My Sins on Jesus”

I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.

I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in Him;
He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.

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I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

HYMN #802 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest to both great and small
In all life Thou livest, the true Life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish but naught changes Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight
All laud we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light that hides Thee.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

NUNC DIMITIS 🎵

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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.

THANKSGIVING 🎵

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Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good,
People: 🎵 **and His mercy endureth forever.**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have
refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your
mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you
and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

People: 🎵 **Amen.**

SALUTATION & BENEDICAMUS 🎵

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: 🎵 **And with thy Spirit.**

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

People: 🎵 **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION 🎵

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Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you
and +give you peace.

People: 🎵 **Amen, amen, amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #577 "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"

Almighty God, your Word is cast Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav'n descend And righteous fruits abound.

Let not the sly satanic foe This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.

Let not the world's deceitful cares The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold The fruits of peace and joy.

So when the precious seed is sown, Life-giving grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive Its saving pow'r may know.

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