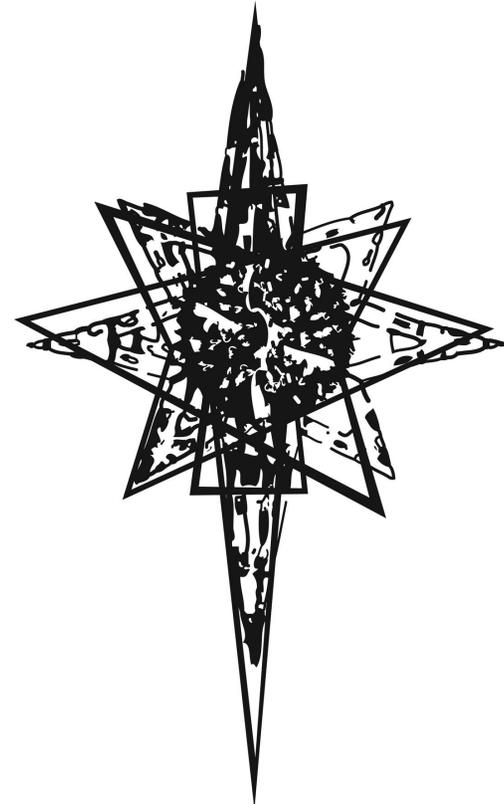

Epiphany

January 14, 2018



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Epiphany

“We know the word: a moment of piercing awareness, the sudden jolt of understanding. Imagine, then, that moment stretched out over a period of time. This is the season of Epiphany, a season celebrating the revelation of the Savior, the light of the word.” (Philip F. Reinders, *Seeking God’s Face*). Epiphany begins for the church today as we celebrate the visit of the Magi to the Christ child and continues up to the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. From now until Lent, worshipers grow in an awareness of the significance of the entire life of Jesus and prepare for the call to discipleship that will happen in Lent. (adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook*)

God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

*Call to Worship

All who thirst, come to the water.

Come, all who are weary; come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us,

and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.

Drink deeply of these living waters.

Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

*Song of Praise: "Gather Us In"

LUYH 529:1-3

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Songs of Praise: "Lord Most High"

LUYH 593

"Jesus Loves Me"

LUYH 709

We Celebrate God's Covenant Promises

The Promises of Baptism

The Baptismal Vows

Brothers and sisters, do you, the people of the Lord,

promise to receive Rue in love, pray for her, help instruct her in the faith,

and encourage and sustain her in the fellowship of believers?

Brothers and sisters, what is your answer?

We do, God helping us.

Prayer of Consecration and Thanksgiving

The Baptism of Rue Collins Mellema

Presentation of Quilt

Prayer of Blessing

*Song: "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

LUYH 804:1,3,4

Psalm 103

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, my soul; and forget not all his benefits--

who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit

and crowns you with love and compassion.

We Offer our Gifts

Our gifts to Covenant's Compassion Fund provide monetary support to our members who have financial needs.

Offertory Song: "Take Us As We Are, O God"

LUYH 862

We are Sent with God's Blessing

*Sending Prayer

God of grace, you have baptized us in Christ

and refreshed us at your table with the bread of life.

Reminded of your great love for us,

may we go out as your hands and feet to serve others.

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Sing! A New Creation"

LUYH 797:1,3

We bring bread; **you give your body.**
 We bring wine; **you give your blood.**
 We bring our offerings; **yours is the sacrifice.**
 Let us bring our gifts to be prepared for the communion feast of our Lord.

*Hymn of Praise: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" LUYH 965

Trinitarian Invocation

Is the Father with us? **The Father is with us!**
 Is Christ among us? **Christ is among us!**
 Is the Spirit here? **The Spirit is here!**
 This is our God: **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**
 We are God's people. **We are redeemed.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right for us to give thanks and praise.
 ...Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels
 and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name:
(we sing) **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,** LUYH 810
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

The Institution

...Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:
(we sing) **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Prayer of Consecration

...As Jesus taught us, we pray together:
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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.
(we sing) **All glory, power, and praise are yours. Alleluia! Amen.**

Distribution of the Elements: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" LUYH 821

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "I Am the Light of the World"

***I am the light of the world, I am the light of the world.
 Whoever follows me will never walk in the dark,
 will never walk in the dark, but have the light of life.***

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Children ages 3 years old through Kindergarten are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive a prayer of blessing before going downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture: Matthew 7:13-29

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Sermon: "What Kind of Life-Builder Are You?"

Rev. Dave Heilman

We Respond with Thanksgiving

*Song of Response: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

LUYH 863

vs.1&2—all, vs.3—women & children, vs4—men, vs.5&6—all

Offertory Prayer and Offering of our Gifts

Each week at Covenant we receive a monetary offering to support the mission and ministry of the church. This morning's offering will support the Christian Education Fund which provides funds for the education of our children at one of our local Christian schools to help keep tuition down to a level that is affordable for most of our families.

We Celebrate Communion

Here at Covenant we believe that this is not the table of Covenant Christian Reformed Church; it is not the table of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, it is the table of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We therefore invite all who believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior to come to the table to be fed and nourished. We also believe that this is a family meal. If your children have shown an interest in taking communion, please contact your elder who would be happy to talk through that with them. This morning we will pass the elements. Please wait until all have received them; we will partake of them together.

Preparing the Table

All things come from you, O Lord.

And of our own, we have given you.

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