



Celebration Lutheran Church
January 7, 2018
10:30am

The season of Epiphany, beginning with the showing of the star and the arrival of the magi which is celebrated on January 6, is a season of showing forth the light of Christ. During this season we will be focusing on the word "called." The dictionary defines this as the past tense of calling out words or to summon someone. We are both the called and the callers: we are called by name, called to something, called out, called in daily life and called to newness.

GATHERING

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

- PRELUDE **Brightest and Best are the Stars of the Morning** R. Hobby
- WELCOME
- GATHERING SONG **Brightest and Best are the Stars of the Morning** (ELW#303)
- GREETING *We greet one another in the name of God.*
- KYRIE (p. 98)
- HYMN OF PRAISE (p. 101)
- PRAYER OF THE DAY *We gather and center our hearts through prayer.*

THE WORD

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, PREACHING AND SONG.

- FIRST READING Genesis 1:1-5
After the reading:
 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
- SECOND READING Psalm 29
 Refrain: **Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**
After the reading:
 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
- GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 102)
- GOSPEL READING Mark 1:4-11
 The gospel according to... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *After the reading:*
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

OUR RESPONSE
WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN ACTION, PRAYER, AND PEACE.

WORD SONG ***Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*** (ELW#304)

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (p.234)

PRAYER UPDATES

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.
You are invited to share a word and/or gesture of Christ's peace with your worshiping neighbor. "Peace be with you," "God's peace," and other words are appropriate. Handshakes, hugs, and the kiss of peace is also appropriate.

As you share the peace, please circle around the altar. Bring your tithes, offerings and financial covenants forward.

OFFERING & CHOIR *We receive your tithes and offerings for the church's mission as a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all of God's gifts.*

OFFERTORY **Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER *The Table is set with God's gifts of bread and wine and we give thanks for all that has been gathered.*

THE MEAL
GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

GREAT THANKSGIVING (p. 107)
Holy, Holy
Eucharistic Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

INVITATION TO THE TABLE *All who are seeking Jesus as their Savior and are in need of God's grace and forgiveness are welcome to the Table.*

DISTRIBUTION *We commune by intinction: receive the bread (or gluten free wafer); proceed to the cup, dip your bread into the cup.*

COMMUNION SONG ***Lamb of God*** (p. 112)

BLESSING *After all have communed, the congregation receives a blessing.*

PRAYER *We give thanks for God's presence and ask for God to send us as witnesses into the world.*

SENDING
GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Opportunities for deepening discipleship are shared.*

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG ***As with Gladness Men of Old*** (ELW#302)

Stow *We "stow" the gospel in our heart for the week.*
And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Mark 1:5

DISMISSAL Go in Peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE ***As with Gladness Men of Old*** *J. Linker*

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