



GOOD NEWS
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Brought to **Light**

Everything looks different in proximity to Jesus

Service Focus:

Otherwise Hidden Value

Good News Lutheran Church | Mount Horeb, Wisconsin
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Welcome!

We are grateful to have you with us for our service today. You have joined us for the most important time we spend together. Each time we gather as a family of faith, we make the gospel (or good news) of Jesus our central focus. We do so relying on Jesus' promise that, wherever two or three come together in his name, he is present among them to deliver his gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

For Your Convenience

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- » **Restrooms** are located in the hallway to the north of the atrium.
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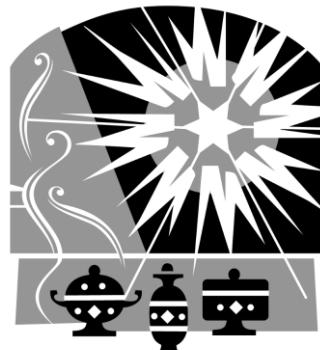
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Time of Year: Epiphany

The word “Epiphany” comes from a Greek word meaning “to appear.” During the season of Epiphany, the mystery of Jesus’ person and mission is made apparent through the works and words of the Father, the anointing and empowering of the Spirit, and the preaching and miracles of Christ.



Epiphany Series: Brought to Light

A light isn’t just something you see. It’s something by which you see everything else. In the same way, the Bible calls Jesus the Light of the World. God wants us to see the truth about Jesus. He also wants us to see what is true about everything because of Jesus. Everything looks different (and better) in proximity to him.

January 11	Epiphany 1	Otherwise Hidden Identity
January 18	Epiphany 2	Otherwise Hidden Salvation
January 25	Epiphany 3	Otherwise Hidden Freedom
February 1	Epiphany 4	Otherwise Hidden Value
February 8	Epiphany 5	Otherwise Hidden Community
February 15	Transfiguration	Otherwise Hidden Source

Service Focus

This week our otherwise-hidden value is revealed. In his preaching, Jesus called valuable what the world considers worthless. He called worthless what the world considers valuable. If left simply to trust or dismiss Jesus’ words, we would no doubt struggle to define value as he does. Thankfully, he put his words into practice in his own life. His cross stands as proof that what he preached can be trusted.

Prayer before the Service

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Morning Prayer is one of the services of the Daily Office, a set of brief patterns for worship and prayer appointed for various times throughout the day.

Morning Prayer



Hymn

735 Before You I Kneel

Stand

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

Has - ten to save me, O God;
O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

The glory of Christ is re - vealed:
praise and thanks to God!

Come, Let Us Praise the Lord *Venite*



1 Come, let us praise the LORD, with joy our God ac -
2 Our God of match-less worth, our King be - yond com -
3 In wor - ship bow the knee, our glo - rious God con -
4 Come, hear his voice to - day, re - ceive what love im -

claim, his great - ness tell a - broad and bless his
pare, the deep - est bounds of earth, the hills, are
fess; the great Cre - a - tor, he, the LORD our
parts; his ho - ly will o - bey and hard - en

sav - ing name. Lift high your songs be -
in his care. He all de - crees, who
Right - eous - ness. He reigns un - seen: his
not your hearts. His ways are best and

fore his throne to whom a - lone all praise be - longs.
by his hand pre - pared the land and formed the seas.
flock he feeds and gent - ly leads in pas - tures green.
lead at last, all trou - bles past, to per - fect rest.

"*Venite*," which means "Come!", is the title of the canticle used at the beginning of Morning Prayer. Its words are based on Psalm 95:1-7

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

Children's Devotion

Be seated

*On the day of the
Lord's judgment,
the meek and
humble will find
protection in his
strength.*

First Reading

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:11–13

³Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land,
 you who do what he commands.

Seek righteousness, seek humility;
 perhaps you will be sheltered
 on the day of the LORD's anger.

¹¹On that day you, Jerusalem, will not be put to shame
 for all the wrongs you have done to me,
because I will remove from you
 your arrogant boasters.

Never again will you be haughty
 on my holy hill.

¹²But I will leave within you
 the meek and humble.

The remnant of Israel
 will trust in the name of the LORD.

¹³They will do no wrong;
 they will tell no lies.

A deceitful tongue
 will not be found in their mouths.
They will eat and lie down
 and no one will make them afraid.”

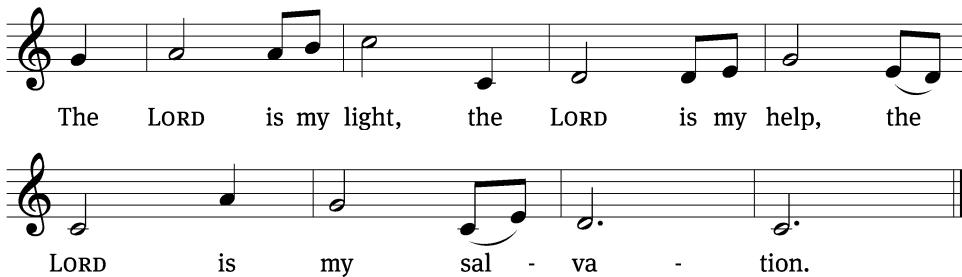
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 1

Refrain



The LORD is my light, the LORD is my help, the
LORD is my sal-va-tion.

Blessed is the one who does not walk
in step with the wicked

or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,

but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law day and night.

That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season

and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.

Not so the wicked!
They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

**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. Refrain**

Psalms have been used by God's people in worship since the Old Testament.

The Church sings Psalm 1 in services that emphasize the benefits of meditation on the law of the Lord.

Stand

*Jesus' words turn
the world upside
down by blessing
people the world
never would.*

Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

¹Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them.

He said:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

753 My Worth Is Not in What I Own

Sermon

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

²⁶Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Song of Praise

515 Christ Is the World's Light



1 Christ is the world's light, Christ and none oth - er;
2 Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none oth - er;
3 Christ is the world's life, Christ and none oth - er;
4 Give God the glo - ry, God and none oth - er;



born in our dark - ness, he be - came our broth - er.
no one can serve him and de - spise an - oth - er.
sold once for sil - ver, mur - dered here, our broth - er.
give God the glo - ry, Spir - it, Son, and Fa - ther;



If we have seen him, we have seen the
Who else u - nites us, one with God the
He who re - deemed us reigns with God the
give God the glo - ry, God with us, our



Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!
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Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!
broth - er: Glo - ry to God on high!

Be seated

Offering

Thank you for joining us! You can ask a question, request information, or submit a prayer request at GoodNewsLC.org/connect (or scan the QR code on the back of the service folder). To support our ministry with an offering, visit GoodNewsLC.org/give.

Stand

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

In the morning, O Lord, I call to you;
be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

When sin had claimed us and we were lost to you, you sent your own Son to share our flesh and redeem us by his blood. Bless us, Father, with hearts to hear your Word and believe in him whom you have sent, that we may be brothers and sisters of Christ by faith. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

When sin stained your creation and threatened the goodness of all you had made, you made us clean by the blood of Christ and restored goodness and holiness to all things. Bless us, Father, that we may keep holy and pure the good things you have made, fulfill our vocation as stewards of creation, and do the good works for which we were created. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

When chaos and violence would have destroyed us, you established order and the rule of government and law. Bless us, Father, with good government, good and faithful leaders, wise and honest judges, and dedicated public servants who will pursue right, maintain order, seek justice, and show mercy on behalf of all people.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

When sickness, sorrow and struggle afflict your people, you bring healing, strength and peace. Bless us, Father, and all who seek your aid in illness, your comfort in loss and your peace in the hour of death [*especially...*]. And give us a grateful heart, that we may not forget your mercy or give into the temptation to despair. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of faith of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.**

Let us praise the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Blessing

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

Be seated

Hymn

690 Blest Are They sts. 1, 2, 4

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About Us

Our Mission

Good News Lutheran Church was established in 2013 as a mission effort of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Verona. Our mission is to help people find relief from life's distressing noise by preaching, teaching, and sharing the Bible's good news.

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