STAFF

Pastors: Chad Anderson (Senior), David Salyer (Associate)
Elders: Michael Freitag, David Holl, Tory Hooton, Jordan Hughett, David Lano
Deacons: Josh Goodbrake (Offering and Service), Josiah Holl (Mercy), Micah
Holl (Facilities), Doug Sykes (Chair)
WIC: Kacia Hughett (President), Servant Support (Julie LeFeber), Vacant
(Nursery), Sarah Salyer (Secretary, Christian Growth), Jen Zimmerman
(Missions/Outreach), Megan Holl (Kitchen), Kristin Holl (Women's Events),
Karen Salyer (Church Fellowship)
Youth Group: Eric Wood
Custodian: Charlotte Hajda

WORSHIP SPOTLIGHT

What is Epiphany?

The English word "Epiphany" is derived from the Greek *epiphainein*, which means "to appear" or "to manifest." The Epiphany season has to do with the Lord's manifestation, or appearance, to the nations. Epiphany (January 6) and the season called by the same name (from January 6 through February 7) celebrate the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, beginning with the visit of the Magi in Matthew 2.

Of course, the manifestation of the person and mission of Jesus was only gradually unveiled, so the season focuses on the progressive unveiling of our Lord's mission to the world in his teaching. The four main events commemorated during Epiphany are the adoration of the Magi, the story of Christ's visit to the temple as a twelve-year-old boy, our Lord's baptism in the Jordan, and the miracle of turning water into wine for the marriage feast at Cana in Galilee. All four events served progressively to unveil the Lord Jesus Christ to humanity in significant ways at the beginning of his life and the inauguration of his earthly ministry.

The Lord has manifested himself to the Gentiles (representatively to the Magi), he is still manifesting himself to them (in the mission work of the church), and will finally manifest himself fully to all nations on the last day as Lord and King. Epiphany therefore is a time to reflect upon all of these ways in which the Lord manifests himself, a time to reflect upon and pray for the evangelistic mission of the Church.



February 23rd, 2025 The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

Announcements

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship †Congregational Singing

†Responsive Scriptures

1 Chronicles 16:28-30 "Come, People of the Risen King"

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Christ has appeared to us.

O come, let us worship Him.

†Collect

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+Congregational Singing

"The Power of the Cross"

1 John 1:8-9

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, that we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

†Assurance of Forgiveness

+Congregational Singing

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading Epistle Reading †Gospel Reading †Profession of Faith

Sermon

ding ading 1 of Faith Leviticus 20:22-26 Acts 10:9-16 Mark 7:1-5, 14-23 The Apostle's Creed Pastor Chad Anderson

"Our Great God"

#625 (*a cappella*)

"From the Inside Out"

Sermon Series: The Gospel According to Mark

Offertory

†Doxology

†Prayer of the Church

...let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

...through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†The Lord's Prayer

Taught by Our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray: **Our Father who art in Heaven...**

GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord's Supper. Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders.

If you do not trust in Jesus, please allow the bread and cup to pass you by. If you desire to follow Jesus and share in His Feast, please speak with one of our pastors after the service.

The outer ring contains wine. All other cups contain grape juice. Take your portion, pass the rest to your neighbor, then eat and drink as soon as you desire.

During the passing of the cup, we encourage you to offer words of blessing to your neighbors such as: "May the Peace of Christ be with you" (Jn. 14:27), and the response: "And also with you."

Declaration of God's Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

+Congregational Singing

"Jesus, Thank You"

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

+Commission and Benediction +Congregational Response Postlude

#628 IV "Threefold Amen"

Worship Leader: Pastor Chad Anderson Nursery Volunteers: Kay Johnson, Sarah Salyer

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, February 23rd - *The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany* 9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School 10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service After service . . . Fellowship Meal - Serving Team #3 3:00 p.m. . . . Youth Group Monday, February 24th 6:00 p.m. . . . WIC Meeting Wednesday, February 26th 7:00 p.m. . . . Women's Bible Study

- There will be a fellowship meal today (February 23rd). Please bring a main dish and either a salad or dessert to share. Serving Team #3 will be serving: Hooton, J. Holl, LeFeber, C. Larsen, D. Holl, J. Hajda, L. Salyer, Brock, L. Williams, Reiter, Gibbons, Parish. Note Being on the list in no way obligates you to attend or serve at Fellowship Meals, but is a way to include everyone in the invitation and give opportunities to serve for those willing and able to do so.
- ♦ We will begin the season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service March 5th at 7:00 p.m. Lent is a season of giving thanks for Our Suffering Servant. It is a season for lamenting and confessing our sin which necessitated his atoning sacrifice. We will follow Jesus through the disciplines of repentance, prayer, and works of mercy—living not by bread alone "but by every Word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4).
- ♦ Women, join us at the church on March 8th at 10:30 a.m. for coffee, fellowship, and a fun painting session with Beth Cole. No experience needed—just come and create together!
- Financial Report: Budgeted need each week: \$4,392.91. Budgeted need year-todate: \$30,750.37. Received 2/16: \$3,084.62. Received year-to-date: \$22,580.64.
- ◆ February Birthdays: (22) Owen Johnson 2009, (24) Roger Schillinger
- March Birthdays: (1) Caleb Wood, (2) Erin Freitag 2012, (4) David Holl, (9) Clara Williams, (10) Abraham LeFeber 2010, (12) Dick Reiter, (17) Michael Freitag, (18) Sandy McKean, (20) Jedediah Lanka 2016, (26) Linda Brock, (29) Jeanne Cutler, (30) Andrea Wood (31) Lily Lano 2013

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ◆ That God would keep us from legalism, making His Grace the source for all we do.
- ◆ Presbytery: Zion Church in Lincoln Interim Pastor Tim Kirk, Assistant Pastor David Chambers, and Youth Director Kyle Lindgren.
- ◆ Missions: Matthew and Cathy Groves Cru at Missouri State University
- ◆ For our expecting mothers and their children: Megan Holl, Bethany Remm.