

Epiphany 4

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“Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.” Ephesians 2:19-20

WELCOME, VISITORS! As you hear about Jesus revealed as the world's Savior, may your faith in him be strengthened; may you grow in your love of the forgiveness he has won for you; and may your zeal to worship him grow! Please sign a guest card (in the entry to our worship) so that we have a record of your visit. You are always welcome here, please worship with us again soon!

MEMBERSHIP If you are interested in membership here at Our Savior or would like more information about our church and school, or have questions about what we believe, contact Pastor Wagner at 262-377-6363. He offers a series of classes that give an introduction to the Bible and an explanation of our teachings based on that Word of God. As a spiritual advisor, Pastor Wagner also offers free, confidential counseling and is willing to serve you as best he can.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Our Savior offers a wide variety of educational opportunities for the entire family. Each Sunday adults and children study the Scriptures in our Adult Bible Studies, Teen Bible Study, and Sunday School at 9:15 am. We have a Christian Elementary School that provides an excellent education from Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade. Contact our Principal, Jon Hahm or school secretary, Jill Klug for more information (262-377-7780).

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Lord God, by the leading of a star you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith, to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name I pray. Amen.

Guests: Welcome to all who are visiting with us today!

WORSHIP NOTES Welcome into God’s house of worship where both our SIN and our SAVIOR come to light. The word epiphany means “manifestation” or “visible display” and refers to the “revealing” of Jesus as Savior, not only of the Jews but of all the peoples of the world. The readings during the Epiphany season present us with a real conundrum. The conundrum is that Jesus hides the manifestations of his deity, so that his glory remains a secret and a mystery, even while he is revealing it. The theme present in all of the Epiphany readings is: He shows his hidden glory to those he calls. In Epiphany our attention is on getting to know Jesus, who he is and how he works. This means that there is not so much emphasis on our response beyond the response of faith, which watches what he does as he faithfully re-builds God’s house. From him we gain courage.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PASTOR'S WELCOME

WE OPEN WITH SONG

"Rejoice and Be Merry" (p.8)

LAPP, p. 254

WE ASK THE LORD TO LEAD US

- P: In the name of the Father, who is the "Father of the heavenly lights," and of the Son, who is the "Light of the world," and of the Holy Spirit, who reveals that light to us through the gospel.
- C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)
- P: Arise! Shine! Your light has come and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.
- C: **The darkness of sin surrounds the earth. Nations upon nations are turning away from the Lord.**
- P: But you are honored to live in the Light of the Lord.
- C: **His glory and grace are shining on us.**
- P: The Lord is present.
- C: **Look! We are standing on holy ground!**
- P: Let us reflect the light of God's love...
- C: **so that others may live in his light!**

WE ASK FOR AND RECEIVE FORGIVENESS OF SINS

- P: Whenever anyone steps into the presence of God, which is what we do in worship, that person should be keenly aware of two facts: God is holy and we are sinful. It is both important and good for us to honestly confess our sins to God, and to hear from him much needed words of forgiveness. God wants us to approach him humbly with repentant hearts, that is, with hearts that are truly sorry for our sins and trust that there is forgiveness for all who put their faith in Jesus.
- C: **Dear heavenly Father, you want us to love you, the Lord our God, with all of our heart, soul, strength and mind. You also want us to love our neighbor as ourselves. You know full well we haven't loved perfectly as you require. Our sinful nature has caused us to sometimes be rebellious, selfish and indifferent to you and the needs of others. Our thoughts, words and actions are far too often filled with sin. We come to you with empty hands and open hearts and ask you to have mercy on us, Lord. Forgive all our sins for Jesus sake.**

- P:** Having heard your confession, I share with you the blessing of God’s mercy through Jesus. As his called servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Forgiven, the Lord sends you and me into the world with his Word, the Light of Truth, to be his representatives.
- C:** **We thank you Lord for forgiving us and adopting us as your children. We now open our hearts to hear your Word. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may hear, believe and put into practice what we learn from your Word. Savior, empower us; Spirit, enlighten us to represent you well!**

Come, Let Us Worship The King!

WE JOIN IN SONG

“Arise and Shine in Splendor” (p. 9)

CW, 81:1-2

OUR KING REVEALS HIMSELF AS THE PROPHET TO THE WORLD DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

God is so serious about truth that he promised a prophet to succeed Moses; and that promise was ultimately fulfilled in Jesus. God is so serious about truth that he commanded his Old Testament people to put a false prophet to death.

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, “Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die. ”The LORD said to me: “What they say is good. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded him to say, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, must be put to death.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 14 (*responsive*)

(p. 10)

OUR KING REVEALS HIMSELF AS THE FAITHFUL SON OF GOD HEBREWS 3:1-6

Jesus has shown his glory in us and to us by calling us to be God’s holy house in a perishing world. That’s what we are as Jesus drives out the rule of the devil from our hearts and makes of us his holy habitation. He who is worthy of greater honor than Moses has given us in the gospel greater honor than we sinners could have from the law. He has given us the holiness required for God’s dwelling place by taking away the sin that polluted us and fouled the temple that God desired. Jesus was faithful to God in all that he did and thus was a fit dwelling for God; he was faithful therefore in his work of becoming our Savior and our salvation, i.e., of driving the devil out and destroying his dwelling place in us. May it then be our goal to hold fast to Jesus and to the holiness which he has won for us.

Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor

than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house, testifying to what would be said in the future. But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.

WE SING “Arise and Shine in Splendor” (p.9) CW, 81:3-4

OUR KING PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR US TO RESPOND TO HIS CALL **MARK 1:21-28**

In his adopted home town of Capernaum, Jesus demonstrates with his teaching and his healing that he is the Messiah, God in human flesh, whose love invites faith.

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him.” News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

WE SING “As with Gladness Men of Old” (p.11) CW, 83:1-3

SERMON **HEBREWS 3:1-6** “This is the House that the Son Rebuilt”

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

Online or in the entry to the gym. Guests please do not feel any obligation to participate in the offering (though you are always welcome to do so). Find and fill out a Guest Card as you leave, and drop it in with the offerings so we can connect with you – thanks!

WE PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH -- **EPIPHANY SEASON**

- P:** Jesus Christ, Lord of glory, You delight in making yourself known to us and all mankind. Help us to recognize Your majesty and rejoice in Your ministry, knowing that in love You chose to exercise Your strength to serve our needs.
- C:** **Draw us and all mankind by the brightness of Your glory, which You reveal through humble deeds of love.**
- P:** You once called ordinary men as Your disciples and apostles. Today You also call us to follow You confidently, to learn from You diligently, and to imitate You lovingly. Equip us by Your Word to serve You and our neighbor.

C: Empower us by Your Spirit to be faithful witnesses and to help people throughout the world to see the brightness of Your gospel.

P: You once revealed Your glory through mighty signs and wonders. Assure us that You still rule all things in the universe and use them to serve our eternal good. Exercise Your power to help and heal all people with physical and emotional needs according to Your compassionate will.

C: Give us the courage to help the hurting in their distress, the compassion to pray for all according to their needs, and the contentment cheerfully to accept the hardships You ask us to endure.

Special prayers and intercessions

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring You our private petitions.

Silent prayer

P: Lord Jesus, preserve Your truth among us and preserve us by that truth until Your last epiphany, when You appear in splendor to bring us home to glory. Let our anticipation of heavenly glory enable our thinking, enrich our conduct, and increase our joy in all aspects of our earthly life.

C: Hear us, Light of the Gentiles and Glory of Israel. Amen.

WE PRAY SPECIAL PRAYERS AND THE 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

WE LEAVE GOD'S HOUSE WITH HIS BLESSING

P: Return now to your homes, your jobs and your weekly activities renewed, refreshed and forgiven. May everything you do this week be done for the glory of God and reflect your sincere love for him. The Lord be with you and watch over you and those you love. Return to God's house next week with glad and eager hearts, anxious to worship him again with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God the Father and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Sermon Outline
Hebrews 3:1-6

Intro: The main premise in Hebrews is that Jesus is our perfect high priest, who came to rebuild what was once the best on the parade of homes.

This is the House that the Son Rebuilt

1. Jesus Builds a Better Place because He Himself is Perfect.

- 1.1 Moses and Jesus were sent on different missions.
- 1.2 Jesus held more of a “position” than Moses.
- 1.3 Jesus “performed” his role in heaven the perfect house of God.
- 1.4 Jesus by birth was not a servant, but a son.

App: As the Son, Jesus not only had the authority to manage or use all of God’s resources, he was the one responsible for them. Faithfully he completed the temple (start of the Holy Christian Church).

2. Jesus Maintains his House with the Means of Grace.

- 2.1 People often in hard times go back to the “familiar forts.”
- 2.2 God in his wisdom has invested his power in cleansing and nurturing.

App: The core issue, behind a believer leaving the Christian faith is this: He (she) took his (her) eyes off Jesus and started focusing on the problems.

Conclusion: How often does a father get to say, “This is the house that my son built?” In God’s eternal plan we also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Rejoice and Be Merry

1. Re - joyce and be mer - ry in songs and in
 2. A heav - en - ly vi - sion ap - peared in the
 3. Like - wise a bright star in the sky did ap -
 4. And when they were come, they their treas - ures un -

mirth! Oh, praise our Re - deem - er, all mor - tals on
 sky; Vast num - bers of an - gels the shep - herds did
 pear, Which led the wise men from the East to draw
 fold, And un - to him of - fered myrrh, in - cense, and

earth! For this is the birth - day of Je - sus our
 spy, Pro - claim - ing the birth - day of Je - sus our
 near; They found the Mes - si - ah, sweet Je - sus our
 gold. So bless - ed for - ev - er be Je - sus our

King, Who brought us sal - va - tion—his prais - es we'll sing!
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Arise and Shine in Splendor

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1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; Let night to day sur -
 2 See earth in dark - ness ly - ing, The hea - then na - tions
 3 Lift up your eyes in won - der — See, na - tions gath - er
 4 Your heart will leap for glad - ness When from the realms of

ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near. A - bove,
 dy - ing In hope - less gloom and night. To you
 yon - der From sin to be set free. The world
 sad - ness They come from near and far. Your eyes

the day is beam - ing, In match - less beau - ty
 the Lord of heav - en — Your life, your hope — has
 has heard your sto - ry; Your sons come to your
 will wake from slum - ber As peo - ple with - out

gleam - ing; The glo - ry of the Lord is here.
 giv - en Great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.
 glo - ry, And daugh - ters haste your light to see.
 num - ber Re - joice to see the Morn - ing Star.

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Psalm 14

Refrain

Come, Lord Je - sus, come. Come, Lord Je - sus,
come. Re - store your peo-ple and bless them.

Psalm Tone

The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”
They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men
to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.

All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt;
there is no one who does good, not even one.

Refrain

Will evildoers never learn—
those who devour my people and do not call on the LORD?

You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor,
but the LORD is their refuge.

Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!
When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
let Israel rejoice and be glad!

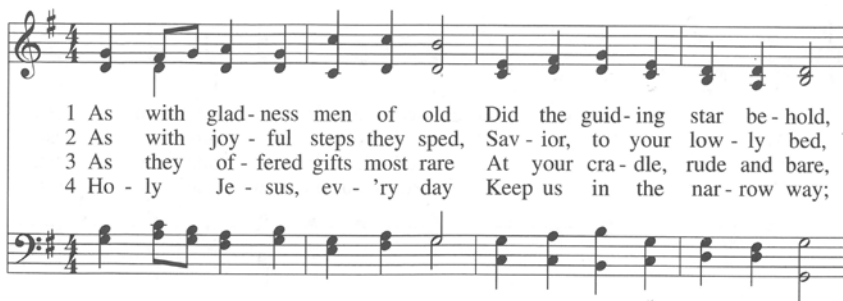
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

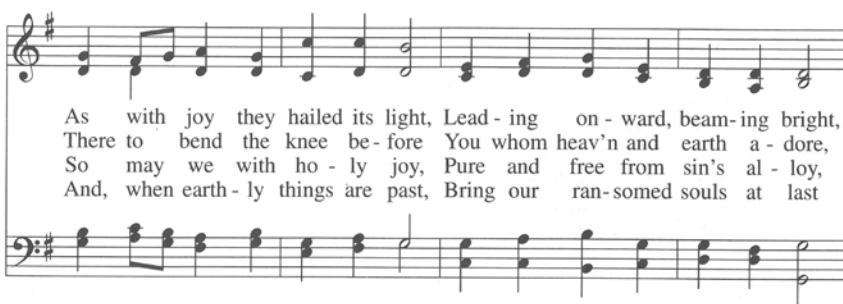
Refrain

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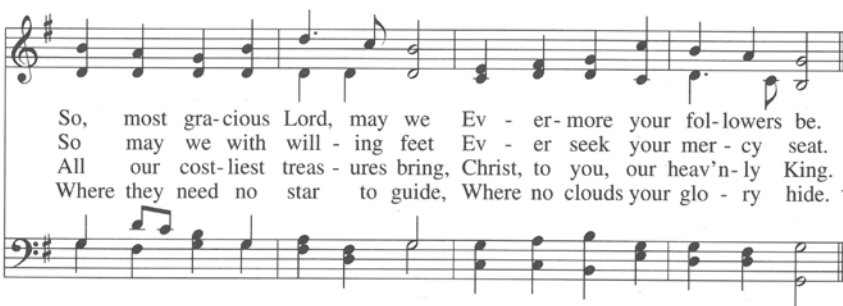
As with Gladness Men of Old



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold,
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to your low-ly bed,
 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At your cra-dle, rude and bare,
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright,
 There to bend the knee be-fore You whom heav'n and earth a-dore,
 So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,
 And, when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more your fol-lowers be.
 So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek your mer-cy seat.
 All our cost-liest treas-ures bring, Christ, to you, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds your glo-ry hide.

- 5 In the heav'nly country bright
 Need they no created light;
 You its light, its joy, its crown,
 You its sun which goes not down.
 There forever may we sing
 Alleluias to our King!

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (1/31)	8:00 AM	Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Online Adult Bible Study
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Children's Chapel
	4:00 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
Thursday	7:00 PM	Worship Service w/Communion
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
Sunday (2/7)	8:00 AM	Worship Service w/Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship Service w/Communion

Next Week's Readings

First Lesson	1 Samuel 3:1-10
Second Lesson	1 Corinthian's 6:12-20
Gospel	John 1:43-51
Psalm	Psalm 67

*LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday
This service is also recorded for review after livestream.
Link on our website (see below).*

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

"KEEP HOLD ON THE
HOUSE OF COURAGE"
Service Theme

PASTOR

MARK WAGNER

ORGANIST

Amy Grulke
Jon Hahm

SONGS

LAPP: 254, 81:1-2, 81:3-4,
83:1-3, 83:4

FIRST LESSON

DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 3:1-6

GOSPEL LESSON

MARK 1:21-28

THE SERMON

HEBREWS 3:1-6

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