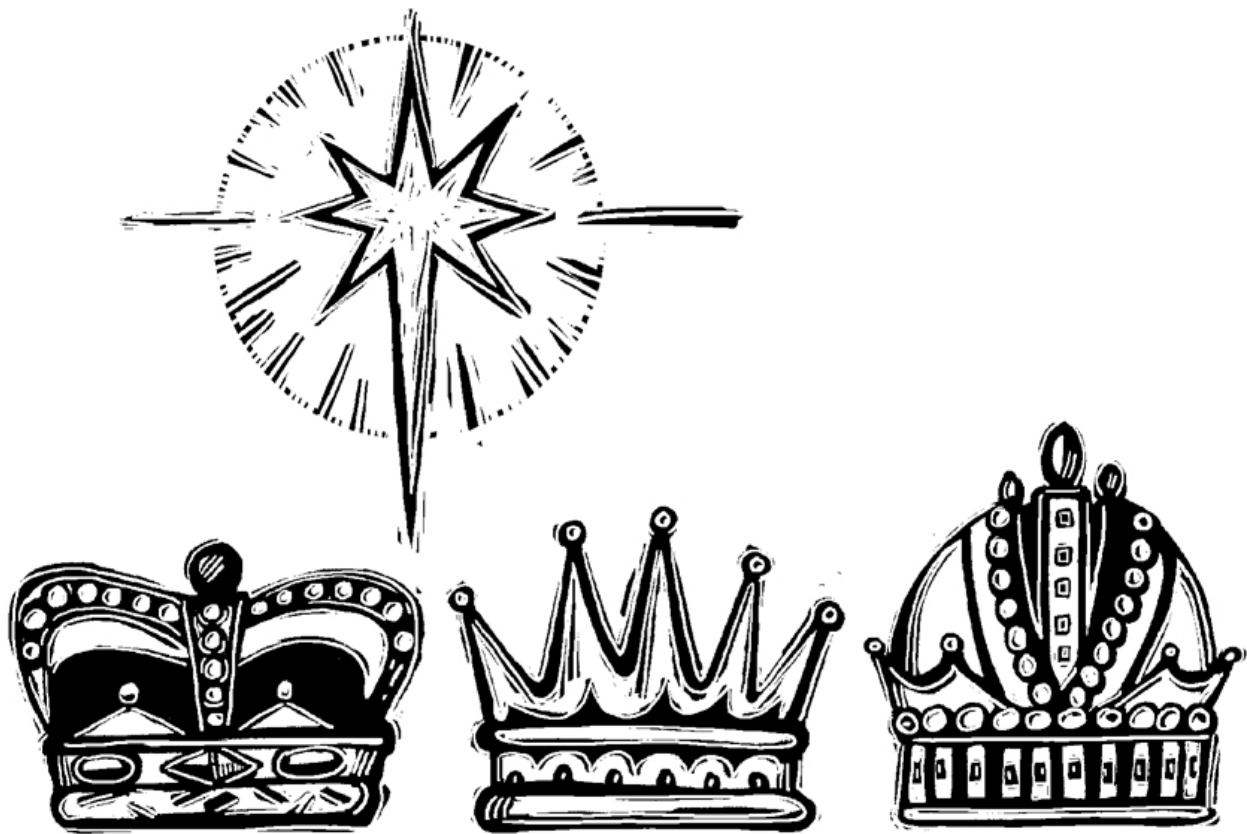


# *The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*



**SHADES VALLEY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**January 31, 2010**

**10:30 a.m.**

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT SHADES VALLEY!

*The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.*

**ASSISTIVE LISTENING** headphones are available. Please ask an usher if you would like to use one.

**HOLY COMMUNION** - - Baptized Christians are welcome to come to the altar and receive by faith our Lord's real presence. The Lutheran Church teaches that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is a priceless gift from God.

**NURSERY** - - We have a nursery supervised by an adult near our worship space. Children are especially important to us and we want to make sure they have a safe and loving environment. An usher can provide you with directions. We also welcome young children to the Lord's table to receive a personal blessing during communion.

*The Altar flowers are given today  
to the Glory of God*

## STAFF

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# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 31, 2010

10:30 a.m.

**PERSONAL DEVOTIONS** (*Before the service speak to God. During the service let God speak to you. Following the service speak to one another.*)

## PRESERVICE MUSIC

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We stand*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**Amen.**

As God's beloved children, let us call to mind our sin and our need for reconciliation with God and one another.

*A period of silence helps us call to mind the many ways in which sin has scarred both our personal and community life. Please kneel as you are able.*

Strong and faithful God,

**we confess that we have not lived as your holy people in the world. We have closed our hearts to your love. We have resisted your light. We have failed to proclaim your mercy. Forgive what we have done and what we have left undone, heal us with your abundant grace, and help us walk as children of the light. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## ENTRANCE HYMN

“O Zion, Haste”

ELW 668

- 1) **O Zion haste, your mission high fulfilling,  
to tell to all the world that God is light;  
that he who made all nations is not willing  
one soul should perish, lost in shades of night. Refrain**

*Refrain*      **Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,  
tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.**

- 2) **Publish to ev'ry people, tongue, and nation  
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
tell how he stooped to save his lost creation  
and died on earth that we might live above. Refrain**

- 3) **He comes again! O Zion, ere you meet him,  
make known to ev'ry heart his saving grace;  
let none whom he has ransomed fail to greet him,  
through your neglect, unfit to see his face. Refrain**

## GREETING

Arise, shine; for your light has come. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE

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Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*We sit*

## THE FIRST LESSON

**Jeremiah 1:4-10**

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, <sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” <sup>6</sup>Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.” <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 71:1-6

*(Please read responsively between women and men with the women beginning)*

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

<sup>2</sup>**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.**

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

<sup>4</sup>**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup>For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, my confidence since I was young.

<sup>6</sup>**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

**1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We stand*

## THE GRADUAL VERSE

“Alleluia”

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Luke 4:21-30**

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit*

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### SERMON

“The Greatest of These is Love”

**Pastor Daniel Dahl**

*We stand*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“I Love to Tell the Story”

**ELW 661**

- 1) **I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know it’s true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do. *Refrain***  
*Refrain*      **I love to tell the story; ‘twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**
- 2) **I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God’s own holy word. *Refrain***
- 3) **I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
I’ll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain***

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Drawn to the light of Christ, made bold in the waters of baptism, and filled with the Spirit, we lift up our prayers in confidence that God loves and listens to us.

*A brief silence follows. Please kneel as you are able.*

God of gracious love, sustain your church; strengthen its leaders and all the baptized. Put your word in our mouths and fill us with the courage to proclaim it. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of creative love, sustain the world you made. Create in us respect for the things you have made for us so that we might be trustworthy guardians of all your gifts. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of abundant love, sustain the nations of the world. Bring peace where there is strife and warfare. Make clear the reflection of you in the faces of our enemies. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

O God, your world is full of abundance, yet too many go with nothing. Help us to share with those for whom nothing is prepared. Fill us with the power of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

O God, you proclaim liberty to all those who suffer; help us be a presence of comfort to those who are oppressed by illness, poverty, or powerlessness. Fill us with the power of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Good and gracious God, we ask all these things and whatever else you see that we need with a sure and certain hope in your goodness and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

*We stand*

## **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*(This tradition of greeting, going back to the early church, offers those at worship an opportunity to share the presence of the risen Christ in complete relationship with him as a prelude to Holy Communion.)*

The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

**And also with you.**

*We sit*

## THE OFFERING

“Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing”

~G. Young

*Sanctuary Choir*

*The offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.*

*We stand*

## THE OFFERTORY HYMN

ELW 182

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

## THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all creation,

all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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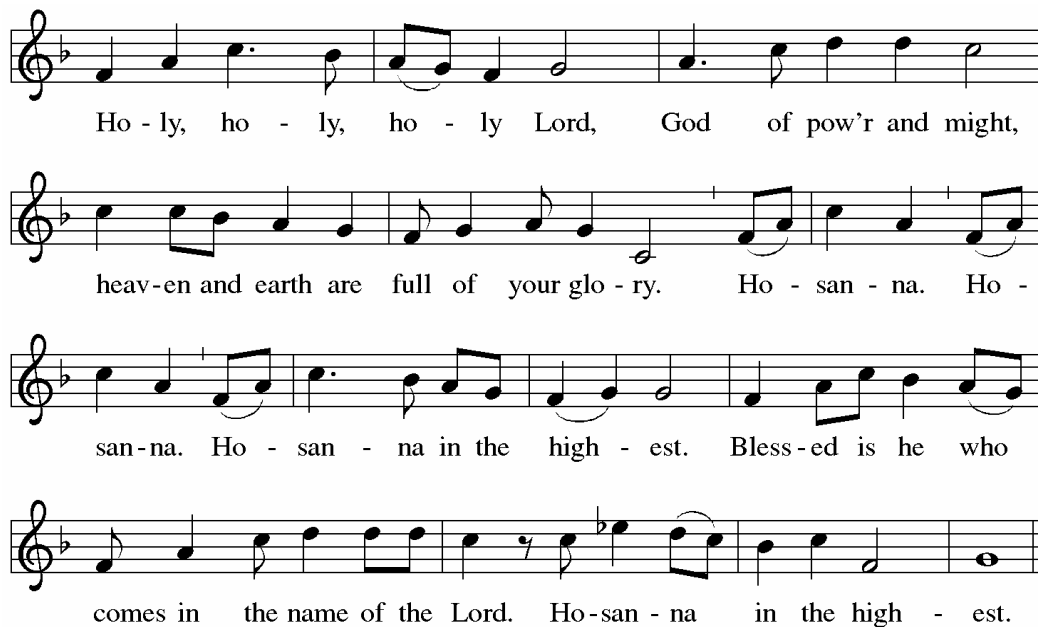
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

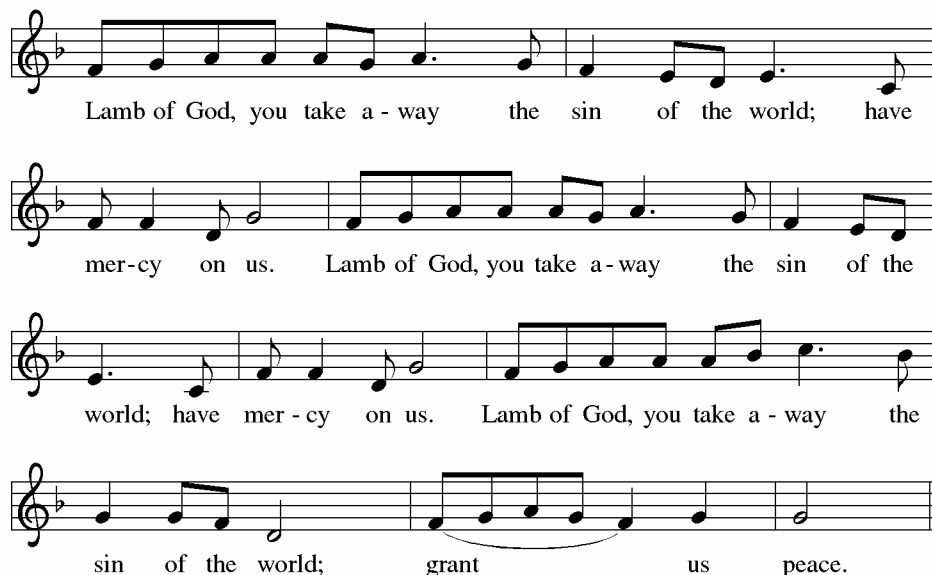
### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 sit*

### HOLY COMMUNION

*(All who call upon the name of Jesus Christ as Lord are invited and encouraged to come forward. Communion is by **intinction**. Simply hold the wafer in your hand until the cup comes to you. Then, dip the wafer in the cup as the words of reception are spoken. Each communicant may make the sign of the cross as a remembrance of Holy Baptism, and speak the word, "Amen" as communion is received.)*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

*We stand*

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**BENEDICTION****SENDING HYMN****“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”****ELW 836**

- 1) **Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**
- 2) **All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.**
- 3) **Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!**

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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POST SERVICE MUSIC**

## *This Week at Shades Valley*

### **Today, January 31st . . .**

10:30am      Worship

### **Monday, February 1st . . .**

9:30am      Quilters

6:30pm      Augsburg Bible Study

### **Tuesday, February 2nd . . .**

10:00am     Prayer and Share

1:00pm      Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, February 3rd . . .**

2:00pm      Recorders

4:00pm      Confirmation

5:30pm      Dinner

5:30pm      Sr. High Bible Study

5:30pm      Jr. Bells

6:00pm      Prayer Shawl Ministry

6:00pm      Adult Bible Study

6:00pm      Sr. Bells

6:30pm      Children's Choir

7:15pm      Sanctuary Choir

### **Thursday, February 4th . . .**

6:00pm      Pack 95 in F.H.

### **Friday, February 5th . . .**

6:00pm      Pack 95 in F.H.

### **Friday, February 5th . . .**

7:00am      Pack 95 in F.H.

7:00pm      Crazy 8's

### **Next Sunday, February 7th . . .**

8:00am      Worship

9:15am      Sunday School for ALL

9:15am      Church Family Worship

10:30am     Worship

11:30am     Worship & Music Meeting

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**Monday -- Thursday**  
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**Friday**  
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