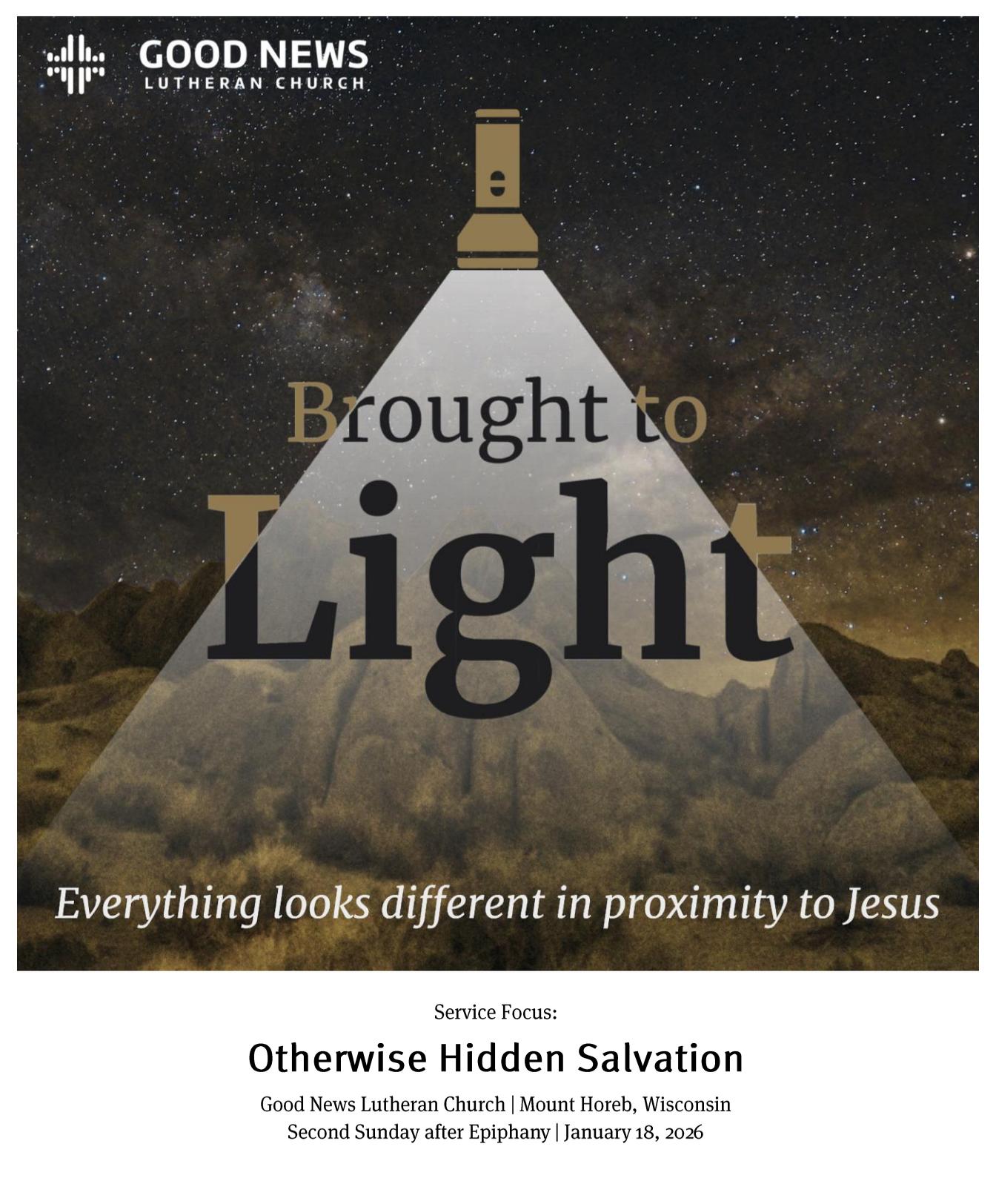




GOOD NEWS
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Brought to
Light

Everything looks different in proximity to Jesus

Service Focus:

Otherwise Hidden Salvation

Good News Lutheran Church | Mount Horeb, Wisconsin
Second Sunday after Epiphany | January 18, 2026



GOOD NEWS

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

- » **The order of service** is printed in this folder. Large print copies are available from an usher. If a song is not printed in this service folder, it can be found in the blue hymnal located near your seat.
- » **Restrooms** are located in the hallway to the north of the atrium.
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Should you have questions or need assistance, please ask an usher.

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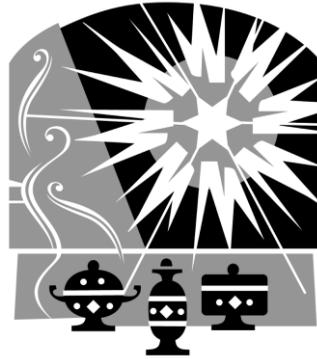
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Time of Year: Epiphany

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 salvation is revealed. The salvation Jesus came to bring would be hidden under the apparent defeat of death. The same baptism that identified him as the Son of God also marked him as the Lamb of God whose sacrifice would take away the sin of the world. The salvation he won for us is delivered to us as we are buried into his death in baptism.

Prayer before the Service

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Service



Hymn

535 Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Stand

*Both the invocation
and sign of the
cross are
reminders of our
baptism.*

Invocation

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

Amen.

Confession

Psalm 32:1–2

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

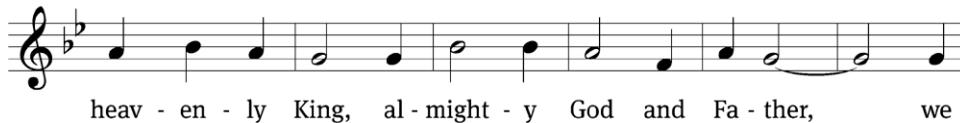
For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest *Gloria in Excelsis*



Having received the gift of the Lord's forgiveness, we now make our requests on the basis of his mercy.

Throughout the service, titles like "Kyrie" refer to the historic names for the ancient texts of the Church's liturgy.

Jesus said that the angels in heaven rejoice over one sinner who repents. In response to the repentance expressed through confession and absolution, the church sings as the angels sang on Christmas night: "Glory be to God on high."

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 peace to his peo - ple on earth.
 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.
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 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



 peo - ple on earth.

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.



Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

Children's Devotion

*The promised
Messiah would
appear to labor in
vain, but his
salvation would
reach the ends of
the earth.*

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1–6

¹Listen to me, you islands;
hear this, you distant nations:
Before I was born the LORD called me;
from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.
²He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me into a polished arrow
and concealed me in his quiver.
³He said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."
⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing at all.
Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand,
and my reward is with my God."
⁵And now the LORD says—
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant
to bring Jacob back to him
and gather Israel to himself,
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD
and my God has been my strength—
⁶he says:
"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant
to restore the tribes of Jacob
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 40

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

Refrain



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

The Church sings Psalm 40 in services that commemorate Christ's willing submission to the law and to death when he came into the world to be our Savior.

I waited patiently for the LORD;
he turned to me and heard my cry.

Many, LORD my God, are the wonders you have done;
were I to tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

Sacrifice and offering you did not desire;
burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.

Then I said, "Here I am, I have come—it is written about me in the scroll.
I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart."

Do not withhold your mercy from me, LORD;
may your love and faithfulness always protect me.

You are my help and my deliverer;
you are my God, do not delay.

**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**

Jesus' victory for us follows apparent defeat and death; our life in him follows the same pattern.

Second Reading

Colossians 2:6–15

⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

By standing and singing "Alleluia" as we prepare to hear the gospel, Christ's people express their trust in his promise to be present among them through his word.

Gospel Acclamation

1 John 2:2

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. *Refrain*

Gospel

John 1:29–41

John points his followers to Jesus, the Lamb of God; those followers invite others to join them.

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

³²Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

³⁵The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

³⁷When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

³⁹“Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ).

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

375 Arise and Shine in Splendor

Sermon

John 1:29–41

Stand

Apostles' Creed *Credo*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Merciful God, you formed your Son in the womb of your servant Mary to be a light for the nations. Preserve that light among your people. Gather us around your Word and Sacraments, enlighten and strengthen us by your grace, and grant that we might reflect the light of Christ to those around us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of glory, many are your wonders and beyond telling are the number of your marvelous deeds. Bless all teachers and students, that in their explorations of the arts and sciences they may see your creativity and glorify you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, your Son became the Lamb of God to take away all of our sins and infirmities by his death and resurrection. Remember all who are in need of your help and healing [*especially...*]. Deliver them according to your merciful will, and preserve them in the certainty that their sins are taken away. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant that we who have celebrated the incarnation of our Lord, Jesus Christ, may die to sin and rise to new life, that we may treasure up and ponder in our hearts the Christ announced by your forerunner John; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Offering

Thank you for joining us in worship today! Please visit GoodNewsLC.org/connect (or scan the QR code on the back of the service folder) to let us know you were here. To support our ministry with an offering, visit GoodNewsLC.org/give.

Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.**

*Known as the
Aaronic Blessing,
these words have
been spoken to
God's people for
3,500 years.
Wherever God's
name is
proclaimed, God
promises to be
present with his
blessing (Numbers
6:22–27).*

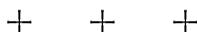
Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.
Amen.

Be seated

Hymn

549 Across the Lands



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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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Our Church Body

Good News Lutheran Church proclaims the truth about Jesus throughout the world as a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the Wisconsin Synod as well as the churches of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS).