

Welcome to worship at **Augustana** Lutheran Church

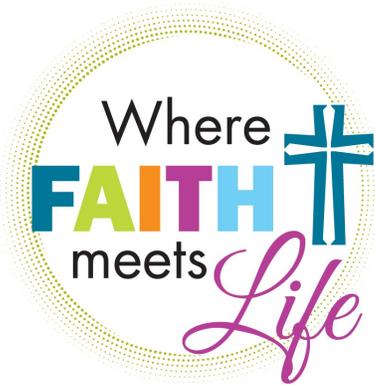
February 10, 2019 11:00 am

Liturgical Season: Epiphany

What does this mean?

Remember to our first month in the season after Pentecost, Pentecost, marked as a time of the Holy Spirit's wild presence, is followed with spiritual growth for both individuals and communities. As we grow this

The festival of Epiphany always happens on January 6, but the date for Easter can fall anywhere between March 22 and April 25. This means the season after Epiphany can last as many as eight Sundays, ending with our celebration of the Transfiguration of Our Lord right before Lent. Because Easter is so late this year, we get extra time to grow in our understanding of Jesus as our Lord, Redeemer, and Teacher just as this season calls us to do.



Today's Theme: Discipleship

Jesus directs us to walk the narrow way as he ends his Sermon on the Mount. Because we are disciples who follow Jesus, we must make careful, intentional choices as we live and serve. We focus only on love of God and love of neighbor, avoiding hypocrisy, recklessness, and condescension as we act in trust and grace.

This month as we explore Jesus' teachings and ministry in the book of Matthew, you will grow in your understanding of who Jesus is: how Jesus lived and acted, responded to challenges and temptations, and demonstrated care and compassion.

How will your words, actions, and intentions this week reflect Jesus' life, your faith, and your title of "beloved child of God?"

Opening Song

I Will Follow

C. Tomlin, J. Ingram/
R. Morgan

Announcements

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God

Praise Music

Soul on Fire

M. Powell, T. Anderson/
M.D. Lee, D. Carr/
B. Brown, M. Maher

Lead Me, Lord

E. Goodine, W. Goodine

WORD

God speaks to us through scripture, preaching, and song

Children's Sermon

Lesson

Matthew 7: 1-14, 24-29

"Do not judge, so that you may not be judged.

For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get.

Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye.

"Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.

"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

"In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it.

For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.

The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell — and great was its fall!"

Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

If you could have a conversation with Jesus, what question(s) would you ask?

Sermon Questions

What does it mean to think of Christianity as The Way?

What do you think is the difference between discipleship and morality? What does it mean for your faith?

How can your confidence in God's love lead you to greater love for others this week?

Prayer is a conversation with God, which calls us not only to speak, but to listen. Seek quiet time with God. A time to connect, pray, and listen.

Sermon

The Road That Leads to Life

Pastor Megan Torgerson

Anthem

Who You Say I Am

arr. Hillsong United

RESPONSE AND MEAL

We respond to the Word, and God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

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 to the dead. 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

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Words of Institution

We welcome you to Holy Communion. We extend the hand of Christian fellowship and invite all who believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior to participate as His guest at His table. Communion will be by intinction, meaning that we will hand you a wafer and ask that you dip it into the wine. We have non-wheat wafers available; simply notify the pastor when you come forward. Children who do not yet commune are welcome to receive a blessing. Please indicate your participation in Communion on the Connection Card in the bulletin. If you are unable to come forward to receive Communion, please notify an usher and a pastor will come to you.

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.

Communion Distribution/Offering

When It's All Been Said and Done

Jim Cowan

SENDING

The Holy Spirit sends us into the world

Benediction

Worship Leader:

Amen, Amen!

I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives!

Congregation:

Amen, Amen!

Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives,

Because He lives!

Closing Hymn

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Confident in your title of "beloved child of God," leave worship today trusting in God's care, comfort, and protection.

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Mark Aune

Pastor Megan Torgerson

Pastoral Intern Eric Nelson

Music Director: Lisa Griffin

Band Members: Keri Hommez, Jodi

Tripp, Erik Saxton, Scott Maleska,

Nathan Fryett, Dave Hofgren

Media Team: Wayne Worth

Matt Howard

Acolyte: Haley Redding

Following worship we invite you to stop at the Information Center. It is staffed with individuals eager to answer any questions you may have.

You are welcome to pick up our monthly newsletter, Augustana Life, at the Information Kiosk in the Narthex. It is also available online at www.augustana.com, click on RESOURCES.

Augustana uses the Narrative Lectionary as a basis for our weekly Bible readings. Next week we will read Matthew 13: 24-35.

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