

Lamb of God Ev Lutheran Church & Academy

January 2022 ~ Newsletter

The Only Son from Heaven #402 LSB



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,
 2 O time of God ap - point - ed, O bright and ho - ly morn!
 3 O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en To know and love You more,
 △ 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost

By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.
 He comes, the king a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born,
 In faith to stand un - shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,
 And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:

No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly
 Grim death to van - quish for us, To o - pen heav'n be -
 That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en
 Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,

shin - ing As He, our Morn - ing Star.
 fore us And bring us life a - gain.
 prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.
 ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

Text and tune: Public domain

This hymn holds many distinctions. It is one of the earliest Lutheran hymns, as it was written around 1524, right about the time that Martin Luther began in earnest to revive the hymnody of the Church. Hymns from that period are well known for being substantive, and this one is no exception. In this hymn we see the story of the brightest star of Abraham’s offspring, Jesus Christ, who fulfills all the prophecies of the coming Messiah, and who brings us faith and trust in Him in all our times of need.

Stanza 2 of this hymn gives us the opportunity to explore the question of God’s timing. These seasons or times demonstrate to us that God is the one who orders everything in our lives, and that these things happen in His way and time. The hymn was not included in The Lutheran Hymnal of 1941, but was reintroduced in the Missouri Synod with its inclusion in Lutheran Worship in 1982. It has slowly but steadily gained acceptance and popularity in our circles since that time. The first part of this hymn encompasses stanzas 1 and 2, which are packed with Scripture references and teaching about God’s purpose in sending His Son. Notice how they hold up so many different doctrines or teachings about Christ, such as His relationship to the Father, His prophetic life, the incarnation, His kingship, the virgin birth, God’s work in destroying death, opening heaven and eternal life. The second part of the hymn is stanzas 3 and 4, which move from a teaching mode to more of a prayer. Notice what exactly we pray for in stanza 3: to love God more, to stand unshaken in faith and to adore God in spirit. Also note how we receive glimpses of heaven here which we pray would “reap its fullness” hereafter.

The final stanza is a doxological stanza, that is, a hymn of praise to the Holy Trinity. There is a sense in this stanza that we stand in worship adoring God, and that we are suddenly surrounded by the angels who sing “Holy, holy, holy” with us! The threefold “holy” is from Is. 6:3, where the angels surround the throne of God and sing that the whole earth is filled with God’s glory. “The Only Son from Heaven” ties the birth and epiphany of our Lord to how God is present with us in the Divine Service. The Son has come, and continues to come to us now in the Divine Service. God shows Himself to us week after week, year after year, to give us life, to rescue us from death, and to give us a glimpse of heaven itself.

Prayer: *“Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen”*

(Collect for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany). Material about this hymn from LCMS – hymn studies

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Schedules for Little Lambs

January Birthdays

January 3 John Mommens
Allen Schipper
January 7 Kaila Benjamin
Donna Rock
January 13 John Bergoch
January 16 Carla Stohlmann
January 19 Evan Stohlmann
January 21 Courtney Bradley
January 22 Kimberly Sleeper

January Anniversaries

January 4 Gary and Carol Schilling

January Baptismal Birthdays

Aubree Dawn Rubenthaler - Baptism on December 23

January 1 Matthew Eisner
January 13 Kathy Barta
January 14 Jack Rubenthaler
January 15 William Vanderwyst
January 17 Donna Rock
January 23 Kimberly Sleeper
January 24 Benton Tedder
January 25 Grace Vanderwyst
January 30 Eileen Bergoch

Flower Chart for January

January 2
January 9
January 16
January 23 Kathy Sinnett
January 30

From Bob's little corner

What did the icy road say to the car?

Want to go for a spin??

What did one snowman say to the other snowman?

Do you smell carrots!!

What do you call it when a snowman throws a temper tantrum??

A meltdown!!

My dear Lamb of God family, thank you very much for all your support and prayers during my final drill and retirement. Your support was vital to my service. Blessings to you all. Pastor Houser

January Board of Deacons Schedule

January 1 Joey Rubenthaler
January 2 Erich Ziegler
January 6 Louis Riva
January 8 John Adams
January 9 Gary Schilling
January 15 Erich Ziegler
January 16 Dwayne Bolling
January 22 Dwayne Bolling
January 23 Louis Riva
January 29 Gary Schilling
January 30 John Adams

January Altar Guild Schedule

January 1 Carol Krenzer
January 2 Carol Schilling
January 6 Kathy Sinnett
January 8 Terri Liddick
January 9 Cindy Page
January 15 Eileen Bergoch
January 16 Courtney Bradley
January 22 Denise Bolling
January 23 Donna Rock
January 29 Kathy Sinnett
January 30 Carol Schilling

As the year of 2021 closed let us give thanks to members of the Altar Guild for their work in preparing and making ready things for the Divine Services.

Eileen Bergoch, Denise Bolling, Terri Liddick, Carol Krenzer, Cindy Page, Donna Rock, Carol Schilling, Courtney Spencer, Kathy Sinnett

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Members at Lamb of God: Thank you in Christ for your generous gifts to me and my family during this season. Your giving is a reflection of the Faith you've received and live so well in Christ. You're a joy to me, and I'm thankful to serve such a faithful parish. The Lord bless and keep you in this new Church Year. Pastor Sollberger

Members of Lamb of God, Pam and I want to thank you for remembering us with cards and gifts this Christmas. We appreciate the support and welcome we have felt during our time with you. Pastor & Pam List

*Dear brothers and sisters, thank you very much for all your love, kindness, prayers, cards and support during Ron's illness. He loved Lamb of God Lutheran Church and was proud to call you family. Thank you for your patience with my work schedule these past two month and for the cards and gift of money at Christmas.
Kathy*

Epiphany of Our Lord

“O Jesus, very Light of Light, our constant star in sin’s deep night. Now hear the prayers, Your people pray throughout the world this holy day.”

The Savior of the world has made His appearance among us! It is an Epiphany of salvation. Beginning with the Epiphany of our Lord (January 6), we hear how the whole world including the Gentiles have had light dawn upon them. The Magi (kings of the east) bring gifts to the Christ child in recognition of His Divine nature and the reason for His appearing. In grateful adoration they bring Him costliest gifts they could provide. They do so because God in His infinite love and mercy had revealed to them that in this child their Savior had been born.

The Gospel during Epiphany literally comes to bear as we hear of His Baptism in the Jordan River and of the beginning of His earthly ministry. He has come for just this reason – “to seek and to save that which was lost”.

Please join us as we celebrate the Epiphany of Our Lord at the Divine Service on Thursday evening, January 6 at 5:30 pm. This is an important day in the church year and it has been the custom of Lamb of God Lutheran Church to hold the Divine Service. We look forward to having you in worship with us.

Social Time

Following the service, please join us in the social hall for snacks, sandwiches, desserts and drinks. We will have time to visit and then sing a few Christmas carols to candle light before we leave for home.

If you would like to bring some cookies or something, please feel free to do so.

Thank you to the Board of Education

Thank you very much for the sack of candy and oranges that you gave to the children on Christmas Eve. Members of our congregation still remember going to church on Christmas Eve to hear and speak the Christmas story, sing Christmas hymns and when leaving received a candy/fruit sack.

For our Healthy Lifestyle in 2022

The recommendation of “five-a-day” fruit and vegetables servings wasn’t just plucked from the air. Researchers for more than 30 years found that eating five servings of fruits and vegetables daily was associated with the lowest risk of death.

Two servings of fruit and three vegetables had better results than any other combination. Green leafy vegetables (including spinach and kale) and fruits and vegetables rich in beta carotene and vitamin C (such as citrus fruits, berries, and carrots) were deemed the most beneficial.

Did you know walking can protect you during cold and flu season by boosting your immune system? Research study found that walking at least 20 minutes a day for at least five days a week had 43% fewer sick days.

Cold Season – drink plenty of water to aid oxygen delivery and the removal of toxins from the body. Drink warm liquids to sooth your throat and prevent mucus in your body from getting to thick, making it easier to break up congestion as your body fights the virus.

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Bad Weather Contingency Plan

It is our practice not to cancel worship services, if the weather turns bad. **However**, even if we are here for worship, please make sure you are comfortable coming to the church. We do not want you driving if roads are difficult or if walking on sidewalks becomes very icy. We do have a plan in place to let members know if service is canceled: if time allows listen to KMTV, KETV, WOWT and radio KFAB. We also will call if time allows. If you are unsure, PLEASE call Kathy at 402-676-6556.