

# UNCOVERED

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**The Agenda – Say What Must Be Said**

*The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

## **Worship Series: UNCOVERED**

We are in the season of the Church called Epiphany, a Greek word that means "to appear." Salvation has appeared in the person of Jesus Christ. In Epiphany, the Church explores everything that Christ makes apparent about God. You see, we need God to appear to us and make himself known to us. For not only is God beyond our understanding, his works and his ways are contrary to mankind's natural assumptions about him. In other words, the truth about God cannot possibly be discovered by us. Rather, it needs to be uncovered for us. That's what the Spirit is doing for us during this season of Epiphany. Week after week, surprising truths about Jesus our King and life in his kingdom will be uncovered.

## **Today's Theme: Agenda – Say what must be said**

Our sight tends to be the sense we trust most. We say we will believe something when we see it. That presents a problem when it comes to the work of God. So often what our eye sees differs from what God decrees. This is true of the life of Jesus. In the eyes of the world, he was nothing special. This is also true in the life of the Christian. To the world, the believer does not look more blessed than the unbeliever. In fact, the believer may appear to have more hardships as the devil and his allies attempt to destroy him. So, to assure his children, God connects his grace, power, and blessing to something we can see—a visible sign: the anointing of baptism.

## ***Communion***

We are celebrating the Lord's Supper today. Scripture tells us that we need to examine ourselves before we receive the Lord's Supper so that we do not take it in a harmful manner. (1 Cor. 11:27-29) For help in preparation see page 156 in the front of the hymnal.

Visitors: Because we do not want you to receive the Lord's Supper in a harmful manner we ask that you do not come forward for the Lord's Supper today if you are not members of a WELS or ELS church. The pastor will be happy to share with you the Biblical basis for this practice.

## **Serving in Worship**

**Pastor**  
**Organist/Pianist**

Mark A. Haefner  
Mr. Steven Springborn

# The Service

## 759 When Training Up a Child

CW 759



1 When train - ing up a child to go a cer - tain way,  
2 When Tim - o - thy was young, his moth - er drew him near—  
3 When God in all his grace puts chil - dren in our care,



long af - ter youth that child - hood truth will still hold sway;  
what she'd been taught was al - so what her son must hear:  
our leg - a - cy of love will be the words we share



and so, in in - fant hearts, the gos - pel seed is sown  
how we had all the sin, but Christ took all the blame,  
in tell - ing them of Christ and teach - ing them his love,



that chil - dren thus might learn to trust in Christ a - lone.  
how we've been dressed in right - eous - ness in Je - sus' name.  
till we and they are home to stay in heav'n a - bove.

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Stand

## Invocation

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

**Amen.**

## **Confession**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

## **Absolution**

CW 156

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Lord, Have Mercy**

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 Be to God**

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



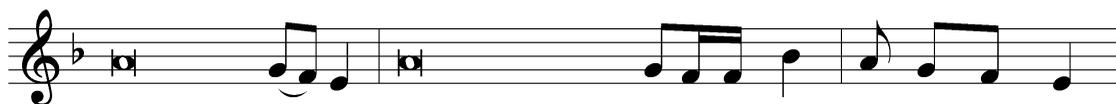
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



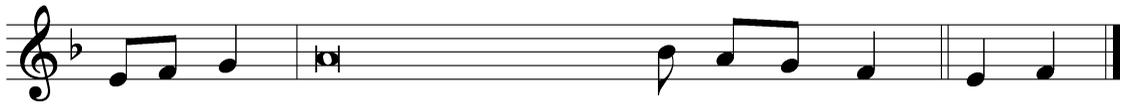
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## THE WORD

### Salutation

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

### First Reading

*Jeremiah 1:4–10*

<sup>4</sup>The word of the LORD came to me.

<sup>5</sup>Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you,

and before you were born, I set you apart.  
I appointed you to be a prophet to the nations.

<sup>6</sup>But I said, “Ah, LORD God! I really do not know how to speak! I am only a child!”

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a child.’ You must go to everyone to whom I send you and say whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, because I am with you, and I will rescue you, declares the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD stretched out his hand and touched my mouth. The LORD said to me:

There! I have now placed my words in your mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Look, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms  
to uproot and to tear down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

<sup>14</sup>As for you, continue in the things you have learned and about which you have become convinced. You know from whom you learned them <sup>15</sup>and that from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that the man of God may be complete, well equipped for every good work.

<sup>1</sup>I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who is going to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup>Preach the word. Be ready whether it is convenient or not. Correct, rebuke, and encourage, with all patience and teaching. <sup>3</sup>For there will come a time when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, because they have itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in line with their own desires. <sup>4</sup>They will also turn their ears away from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

<sup>5</sup>As for you, keep a clear head in every situation. Bear hardship. Do the work of an evangelist. Fulfill your ministry.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

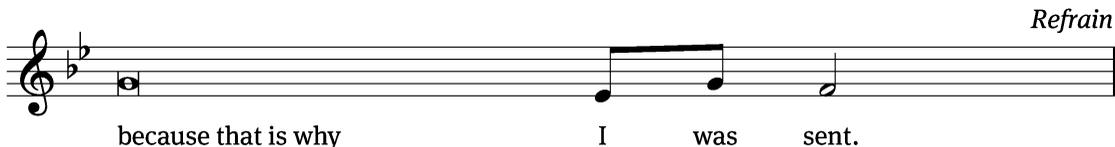
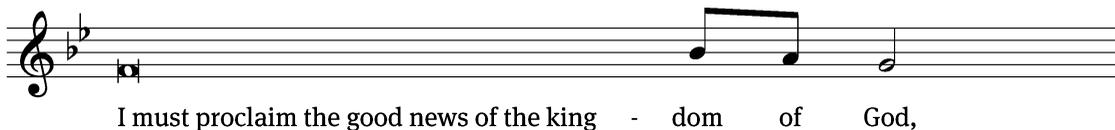
Luke 4:43



### Refrain



### Tone



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## Gospel

Luke 4:38-44

<sup>38</sup>Jesus got up, left the synagogue, and went into Simon's house. Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever. They asked him to help her. <sup>39</sup>He stood over her, rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she got up and began to serve them. <sup>40</sup>As the sun was setting, they brought to him all who were sick with various diseases. He laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. <sup>41</sup>Demons also came out of many people, crying out, "You are the Son of God!" He rebuked them and did not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

<sup>42</sup>When it was day, he went out to a deserted place. The crowds were looking for him. They went up to him and were trying to prevent him from leaving them. <sup>43</sup>But he told them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns too, because that is why I was sent." <sup>44</sup>And he continued to preach in the synagogues in the land of the Jews.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*



1 Preach you the Word and plant it home to those who  
 2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task your ser - vant  
 3 The sow - er sows; his reck - less love scat - ters a -  
 4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched and some be



like or like it not, the Word that shall en -  
 bids us un - der - take: to preach your Word and  
 broad the good - ly seed, in - tent a - lone that  
 choked and mat - ted flat, the sow - er sows; his



ture and stand when flow'rs and mor - tals are for - got.  
 nev - er ask what pride - ful prof - it it may make.  
 there may be the whole - some loaves that peo - ple need.  
 heart cries out, "Oh, what of that, and what of that?"

5 Of all his scattered plenteousness  
 one-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat,  
 and bears a harvest, hundredfold:  
 "Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!"

6 Preach you the Word and plant it home  
 and never faint; the Harvest Lord  
 who gave the sower seed to sow  
 will watch and tend his planted Word.

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## **Sermon**

*Stand*

### **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

*Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.*

Eternal God, when you finished creating the universe and everything in it, you formed a man from the dust of the ground. You breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and he became a living being. From his own flesh and bones you created a fitting helper for him and together Adam and Eve passed life on to countless human beings across the course time.

**Move us to marvel each day at the bodies you create.**

The fall into sin destroyed the perfection of Eden and life became a challenge from birth to death. Because of sin our bodies experience fatigue and pain, disease and injury, and the weakness of aging. We are often the victims of the sins others, and sometimes, sadly, we cause others to endure discomfort and distress.

**Help us to cope with the sad certainty that sin harms the bodies you create.**

Strengthen our faith so that we manage our own lives wisely and carefully. Help us overcome habits that harm our bodies. Lead us to be cautious and keep us from taking unnecessary risks. Provide medical personnel and medicines that foster good health.

**Give us wisdom to use the help that you provide.**

Forgive us for the times when our actions or our failure to act have brought pain to others. Guide us to value all life and keep us from hurting or harming any of your creatures. Give us courage to defend those who are bullied by words or actions; provide compassion to those who are wounded in body or mind.

**Make us the kind of people others can trust and in whom they can find support.**

In your wisdom use us to care for the sick, the depressed, the young, and the aging. Lead us to pray always and to help when we can. Grant healing and hope according to your gracious will.

**Cause us to see the face of your Son in the faces of hurting people.**

We implore you, Lord, to extend your love and power especially to children who cannot defend themselves. Spare them from being abused and abandoned. Provide safety and

security. Lead people everywhere to value and protect the lives of the unborn whom you have created.

**Let the light of faith move many more to seek an end to the tragedy of abortion.**

*Special Intercessions*

Eternal Father, sustain and protect the life of all people and provide a time of grace so they may learn to love the blessings of life with you.

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## Offering

### 862 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

CW 862 st. 1

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;  
curb those who by deceit or sword  
would seek to overthrow your Son  
and to destroy what he has done.

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## THE SACRAMENT

### Preface

CW 165

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

### Proper Preface

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167

The musical score is written on five staves in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts: heav'n 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, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.'

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n 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,  
bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and

strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with 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.**

### **Words of Institution**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

### **Pax Domini**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**Amen.**

# O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

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

*Be seated*

## Distribution

### 668 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

CW 668

1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, knock - ing at my  
2 Christ, the great High Priest pre - sid - ing, yet in bread and  
3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the  
4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, gives him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.  
wine a - bid - ing in this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,  
Sav - ior ho - ly, blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,  
me this hour — in this or - di - nar - y sign.



He him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, and I hear his  
gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, and the cup, the  
ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, who to bit - ter  
On my tongue his pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept his



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."  
pre - cious to - ken of his sa - cred cov - e - nant.  
death was giv - en, hung up - on the curs - ed tree.  
grace, be - liev - ing that I taste his love di - vine.

- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,  
whose own feast of love I savor,  
bitten by his gracious call.  
Wedding garments he provides me,  
with a robe of white he hides me,  
fits me for the royal hall.
  
- 6 Now have I found consolation,  
comfort in my tribulation,  
balm to heal the troubled soul.  
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
cleanses me from sin and error,  
makes my wounded spirit whole.

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Stand

## Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

## Proclamation

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## Post-Communion Prayer

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## 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 ✠ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## 872 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

CW 872

- 1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
ye soldiers of the cross;  
lift high his royal banner,  
it must not suffer loss.  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry  
his army shall he lead  
till ev'ry foe is vanquished  
and Christ is Lord indeed.

- 2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
the trumpet call obey;  
forth to the mighty conflict  
in this his glorious day.  
Ye that are brave, now serve him  
against unnumbered foes;  
let courage rise with danger  
and strength to strength oppose.
- 3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
stand in his strength alone;  
the arm of flesh will fail you,  
ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the gospel armor,  
each piece put on with prayer;  
where duty calls or danger,  
be never wanting there.
- 4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
the strife will not be long;  
this day the noise of battle,  
the next, the victor's song.  
To him that overcometh  
a crown of life shall be;  
he with the King of glory  
shall reign eternally.

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today:** 9:30 AM Sunday School and Bible Class, 10:30 AM Worship with Communion, 11:30 AM Fellowship and Choir Practice

11:30 AM WELS Youth Rally Meeting with Tom Worster

Elders Meet

**3 PM Call meeting with DP Hirsch at Bethel**

**Saturday:** 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study Fellowship in Utica.

**Sunday:** 9:30 AM Sunday School and Bible Class, 10:30 AM Worship, 11:30 Fellowship, Choir Practice.

**VOTERS – the first Bethel/Grace call meeting is today at 3 PM at Bethel.**

The WELS International Youth Rally is scheduled for June 28-July 1 2022. These rallies usually fill up quickly so we will need to get our registration in as soon as possible. If you have interest in attending the rally meet with Tom Worster today after church.

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