

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 6, 2023



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Mount Hope Lutheran Church

Sunday Service - 9:30am

Sunday Bible Study – after Service

Wednesday Bible Study – 10:30am

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Welcome! Members and Guests

We are blessed to have you here today. Please fill out the Guest/Member Attendance Card located in the pew rack in front of you. Guests please include your full address, zip code, and phone number. The cards will be collected by the ushers early in the service. Prayer Requests cards are available in the pew racks and should be handed to the ushers when the attendance cards are collected.

Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is a sacrament in which Jesus' body and blood are given in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-30). When we receive the Holy Communion at a church, we are making a public statement that we agree with the teachings of that church (1 Corinthians 10:14-18). The Bible cautions us against receiving the body and blood of Christ in a manner that is spiritually harmful (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Supper those who have been instructed and confirmed in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Large Print Bulletins

Large print worship guides are available at the ushers' stand.

Listening Devices

Listening devices are available; our ushers will be glad to assist you in signing one out for today's service.

Pew Cushions

Pew cushions are available; our ushers will be glad to get them for you.

Wheelchair Accessible Seating

Wheelchair seating is located in the fifth row from the front of the church on the left and right side of the center aisle.

Church Nursery

Our Nursery is located in the Parlor, which is the first room next to the stained glass doors. The worship service can be heard in this room. The ushers can direct you to this room.

Our Divine Service, & Bible Studies

Our Divine Service is held on Sundays at 09:30 a.m. Bible Study is held on Sundays after Service and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Our Bible studies are held Sep-May.

Our Vision Statement: *Revitalize Within—Reach Out!*

PRELUDE
THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

WE WELCOME THE MAGI!

“We Have Seen His Star and Have Come to Worship
Him”

SPECIAL MUSIC

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

Pastor: The mystery of the Magi is not who they were or where they came from but that God welcomed them as His own through Jesus Christ. None of us is worthy of His love or His redemption, but God has chosen to rescue us from sin and its darkness by the incarnation, suffering, death, and resurrection of His Son. The star still shines upon us with the light of Christ and fills our hearts with faith. This is the true unity that transcends every division and even reaches through space and time to make us His children. In response, we offer Christ the worship of our hearts, the tithes and offerings we bring in our hands, and the service of love to our neighbors in need.

(Please stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” *LSB* 394 vs 1 - 3

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Jesus, Lord to thee we raise

Manifested by the start

To the sages from afar
 Branch of royal David's stem
 In Thy birth at Bethlehem
 Anthems be to Thee addressed
 God in man made manifest

Manifest at Jordan's steam
 Prophet, Priest and King supreme
 And at Cana wedding guest
 In Thy God-head manifest
 Manifest in Pow'r divine
 Changing water in to wine
 Anthems be to Thee addressed
 God in man made manifest

Manifest in making whole
 Palsied limbs and fainting soul
 Manifest in valiant fight
 Quelling all the devil's might
 Manifest in gracious will
 Ever brining good from ill
 Anthems be to Thee addressed
 God in man made manifest

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and
 of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Based on Psalm 117:2; Isaiah 60:3*

Pastor: Great is the steadfast love of the LORD toward us;

People: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Pastor: Nations will come to His light

People: and kings to the brightness of His rising.

(Please be seated or kneel as you are able for the confession and absolution)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Silence for reflection on God's Word.

Pastor: Let us confess our sins unto the Lord.

People: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

Pastor: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please stand)

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT Psalm 45:6–8a; antiphon: v. 17

Pastor: I will cause Thy name to be remembered in all generations; Therefore the peoples will give Thee thanks forever and ever. Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated wickedness; Therefore God, Thy God, has anointed Thee With the oil of joy above Thy fellows. All Thy garments are fragrant with myrrh and aloes and casia; Out of ivory palaces stringed instruments have made Thee glad. I will cause Thy name to be remembered in all generations; Therefore the peoples will give Thee thanks forever and ever.

GLORIA PATRI (we sing)

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.**

KYRIE (we sing)

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Alleluia!! Let Praises Ring” *LSB* 822 vs 1

Alleluia

Let praises ring

To God the Father let us bring

Our songs of adoration

To Him through everlasting days

Be worship honor pow’r and praise

Whose hand sustains creation

Singing ringing

Holy holy

God is holy

Spread the story

Of our God the Lord of glory

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You shined the light of Christ into our world of darkness, division, and death. Grant that we may know Christ, the light of the world, walk in His light all the days of our lives and, by Your grace, be delivered as one people into the place of eternal light and life at the end of all days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 60:1–6 ESV*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Ephesians 3:1–12 ESV*

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy

apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

VERSE *Matthew 2:2b*

Pastor: Alleluia. Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

People: (we sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 2:1–12 ESV*

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ““And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”” Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (we sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

PRAYER REQUESTS - please pass your requests to the person nearest the aisle and the ushers will pick them up during the singing of the hymn of the day. Thank you!!

HYMN OF THE DAY

“This Little Light of Mine” TFBF 65

This little light of mine

I’m goin’ a let it shine

This little light of mine

I’m goin’ a let it shine

This little light of mine

I’m goin’ a let it shine

Let it shine

Let it shine

Let it shine

Ev’ry where I go

I’m goin’ a let it shine

Ev’ry where I go

I’m goin’ a let it shine

Ev’ry where I go

I’m goin’ a let it shine

Let it shine

Let it shine

Let it shine

**Jesus gave it to me
 I'm goin'a let it shine
 Jesus gave it to me
 I'm goin'a let it shine
 Jesus gave it to me
 I'm goin'a let it shine
 Let it shine
 Let it shine
 Let it shine**

++ SERMON ++

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

An Epiphany Moment

Text: Isaiah 60:1–6 (The Old Testament Reading)

Outline

1. The darkness that surrounds us is thick and blinding.
2. The rising of the Light, Jesus Christ, overcomes the darkness.
3. The path is revealed, and we walk in the light with the Light.

Jesus Christ Is Our Epiphany Moment.

(Please stand as we prepare to confess our faith)

CREED *Nicene Creed*

People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation

came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated or kneel as you are able for the Prayer of the Church)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Having been bidden by the Spirit, let us pray to the Lord of light on behalf of all who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

Silence for prayer and meditation.

Pastor: O Light of light, shine with the brightness of the one true light, that those who live in darkness may be granted the light of life. Embolden Your Church that we with confidence and joy proclaim this saving Gospel to all the world and bring together the divided into the one people of Your grace in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Lord of power and might, shine Your light into the nations and give to all peoples wise and faithful servants to govern with integrity and mercy. Raise up people of honor to serve us on Your behalf and give Your blessing to those who protect us at home and abroad. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Lord of grace, You made Your Church from many to be one people and in Christ united them from all nations and tribes. Give unity of faith and doctrine to Your Church and able servants who will preach and teach faithfully the Good News of Christ, our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Lord of mercy, You forgave us in Christ and still forgive us of all our sins. Give to us hearts of repentance, and fill us with faith that we who know Christ may walk worthy of Him who is our righteousness and be kept blameless and holy until He comes again. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Lord of love, You sought us out when we had nothing to commend us. Continue to seek out and comfort the sick and those who grieve, the dying in their final hours, and those troubled in mind, Give them grace sufficient for their need and faith to sustain them in their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Lord of life, You daily and richly bestow upon us bread for the body. Give to us also the bread of life, that we be nourished in body and soul with the very body and blood of Christ in this blessed Communion and here rejoice in the foretaste of the eternal feast that we anticipate in Christ, our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Lord of hope, You create us anew in the waters of Baptism. The divisions that once marked us have been overcome in Christ. Keep from us, we pray, all bitterness, doubt, and fear, and bring us at last into Your eternal presence, with those who lived and died in Christ and now rest in their labors. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant to us all things needful and keep from us all things harmful, O Lord, for we trust in Your goodness and in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated as the offering is being received and Hymn 370 is sung)

OFFERING

HYMN

“What Child Is This” *LSB 370*

**What child is this, who laid to rest
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?**

**Whom angles greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?**

This, this is Christ the king

**Whom shepherds guard and angles sing
Haste, haste to bring Him laud
The babe, the son of Mary!**

**Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?**

Good Christian, fear; for sinners here

The silent Word is pleading

Nails, spear shall pierce Him through

The cross be borne for me, for you

Hail, hail the Word made flesh

The babe, the son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh

Come peasant, king, to own Him

The King of kings salvation brings

Let loving hearts enthrone Him

Raise, raise the song on high

The virgin sings her lullaby

Joy, joy for Christ is born

The babe, the son of Mary

(Please stand)

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: (spoken) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is our good and pleasant duty and our greatest delight to sing Your praise, O Lord, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, who was made flesh and manifest to all people as Savior and Lord. He has rescued us from the darkness of sin and death and united us as one people that we may live to the praise of His glory, now and forevermore. With saints and angels, prophets and patriarchs, apostles and evangelists, and all the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (we sing) *LSB 195*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth

Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory

Hosanna, Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He

Blessed is He

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord

Hosanna, Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O gracious and almighty Father, from the beginning of the world You set forth the plan of salvation to rescue Your creation from the darkness and death of sin. Now, in the fullness of time, You have revealed Your Son as the promised Savior and Redeemer, in whom all the world is born again in hope. As He has kept Your saving will and been born in our flesh to accomplish all things for our salvation, so also He has reached beyond the divisions of old to unite us as one people by Baptism and faith. Grant to us this day Your Holy Spirit, that we who come to this altar may through repentance and faith be made worthy to receive Him who comes to us here. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: **“Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”**

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: **“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”**

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: (spoken) **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray: Throughout all generations we have heard Your voice calling to the nations with the promise of mercy, but now, in these latter days, we have witnessed Your saving voice call out anew to deliver us from darkness to light and from death to life. Rejoicing in our Savior Jesus Christ, we plead before You the promise of His mercy, sealed in His death and resurrection, that what He began in us may be made complete. Deliver us by Your grace from all the enemies of Your Word. Break through every division and barrier that we may be made one, here in the blessed Communion of His body and blood and at last in the marriage feast of the Lamb without end.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: 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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI (we sing) *LSB 198*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world have mercy upon us

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”

LSB 400 vs 1-4

**Brightest and best of the stars of the morning
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid
Star of the East the horizon adorning
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid**

**Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining
 Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall
 Angels adore Him in slumber reclining
 Maker and Monarch and Savior of all**

**Shall we not yield Him in costly devotion
 Fragrance of Edom and off'rings divine
 Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean
 Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine**

**Vainly we offer each ample oblation
 Vainly with gifts would His favor secure
 Richer by far is the heart's adoration
 Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor**

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing
 followed by the Post-Communion Canticle)

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
 strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to
 life everlasting.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (we sing) TLH p. 29-30

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant
 depart in peace according to Thy word,
 for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast prepared before the face
 of all people, a light to lighten the
 Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

In Your light, O Lord, do we see light. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may see clearly Jesus Christ and trust in Him only. Bring us with those of every generation and tongue from darkness into Christ's light, that in common confession we may walk together as the children of the light; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

HYMN

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” *LSB 918*

**Guide me O Thou great Redeemer
Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak but Thou art mighty
Hold me with Thy pow’rful hand**

**Bread of heaven bread of heaven
 Feed me till I want no more
 Feed me till I want no more**

**Open now the crystal fountain
 Whence the healing stream doth flow
 Let the fiery cloudy pillar
 Lead me all my journey through
 Strong deliv'rer strong deliv'rer
 Be Thou still my strength and shield
 Be Thou still my strength and shield**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan
 Bid my anxious fears subside
 Death of death and hell's destruction
 Land me safe on Canaan's side
 Songs of praises songs of praises
 I will ever give to Thee
 I will ever give to Thee**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Dave Hamilton, Elder & Reader

Bill Switter, Dave Brown, & Kathy King, Ushers

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Undecorating

THIS SUNDAY Following Service.
Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Please Check your mailboxes!!

Next year's Envelopes, Newsletter, Portals of Prayer for
January & Christmas Cards/letters

Looking for a Prayer Chain Leader

Please talk with Pastor or an Elder

Christmas Bazaar Tables

Thank you to everyone who donated. The money will go
towards batting for the quilts & LWLM

BINGO!

January 11th & 25th

Quilting

January 12th & 26th

Attendance

Sunday January 1st 9:30 am 32

Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Office at 313-565-9445. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

Anniversary

Birthdays

Alex Haney– January 13th

For the Shut-Ins

Judy Ohannasian, at home

Dorothy MacTavish, at home

Camell Faulk, at home

Phyllis Witte, at home

Melvin Kimbrough, at home

Lynn Mayfield, at home

Albert Glueck, at home

For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Phyllis Dasher - as she recuperates from surgery; It was so good to see her in worship just three days following the procedure

Phyllis Witte - is still in rehab and is getting stronger, according to daughter, Janet. Pray for Phyllis' continued healing

Sis Hamilton - recuperating following her recent fall; it was so good to see husband, Dave in worship last Sunday. Pray that Sis will be able to return soon.

The family of Shirley Ripke, who was called to glory

Percival Reynolds, newborn, healthy baby, mother

Mckayla Reynolds, friends of Glenn Cairns.

Prayers of thanksgiving!

Diane McPhee, friend of Pam Benford, ill

Nancy Dajos, ill

Maxine & Richard, Thanksgiving for the birth of Alexandra Lori Lee Aubrey

The Trout Haney Families, in their preparations for two weddings in 2023 in all their decision making

THE FOLLOWING IS TO HELP IN YOUR PREPARATIONS
FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP:

EPIPHANY 2

A Most Important Question

Text: John 1:29–42a

Theme: What are you seeking?

Goal: That everyone listening may identify their need for forgiveness and seek after the only source of forgiveness and peace, Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

OUTLINE

1. John's original crowds of hearers were certainly seeking something.
2. In fact, all of humanity are seeking something—just don't know what.
3. What we're really seeking, God provides in the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT MOUNT HOPE

Sunday January 8	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study after Service Undecorating the Church after Service
Wednesday January 11	10:30am Bible Study 6pm Bingo
Thursday January 12	Quilting 10am to 2pm Weather Permitting
Friday January 13	Office Closed
Sunday January 15	9:30 am - Worship w/ HC Bible Study after Service



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