

Good morning beloved!

Here we gather as a family in Christ, moving through the epiphany season. As we celebrate this Season of Light, may every heart and mind be enlightened by His Love. Amen.

*The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ...*

*Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote –Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see!"*

*John 1:43, 45-46 (ESV)*



During this season, as in every season of our church year, we will hear profound and wonderful scriptural truths. The Epiphany scriptures focus in on our Lord as He begins His earthly ministry and reveals Himself as the True Light of the World.

At first, only a select few got it, and even they had their doubts! Yet indeed, something good has come out of Nazareth, and we are about to see just how good, good is!

As when Jesus first proclaimed the gospel and said, "The Kingdom of God is at hand..." Then his initial command, "Follow Me!" -He says the same to us today. What is our response to that? What do our lives look like in light of Jesus's call upon them?

Brothers and sisters, as followers of Jesus Christ, it is our duty and privilege to honor Him with our lives and to shine His light out into the world around us, inviting all to come and see. So be encouraged and remember these words from the great epiphany hymn:

*I want to walk as a child of the light.*

*I want to follow Jesus.*

*God set the stars to give light to the world.*

*The star of my life is Jesus.*

*In Him there is no darkness at all.*

*The night and the day are both alike.*

*The Lamb is the Light of the city of God.*

*Shine in my heart Lord Jesus. LSB 411*

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In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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