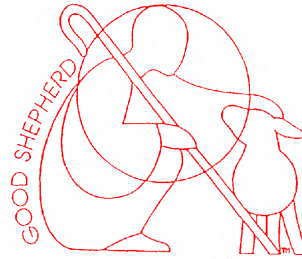


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26 December Anno Domini 2021
First Sunday after Christmas

Welcome to worship!

- We enjoy sharing the Good News of Christmas with our family and friends. On this day, it is our prayer that the message compels you to praise God along with us for His precious Son. He entered our world with a singular purpose: to rescue us from slavery to sin. As the King from heaven came down to earth, He broke death's grip on our eternity. By faith in Him, we are free from the fear of the grave. We can be certain of our future. Our confidence lies not in our own good works, but in His manger stall. He alone, as God made man, opens the door to heaven for us. We pray that you will return to worship with us again.
- The Pastors, our Educator and their families wish to thank the members of Good Shepherd for all the Christmas cards and gifts received during this festive season. Your expressions of love and gratitude for our ministry are genuinely appreciated.
- **CLOSE COMMUNION** Our practice of Close Communion (which has been the practice of the Christian Church throughout the ages) is in no way trying to judge anyone's faith. What we are trying to do is follow the Bible's clear teaching (I Corinthians 11) to first study God's Word together. As we do so, we can share with/review with you what the Lord's Supper is all about. You, then, also have an opportunity to examine what we believe and teach before you come to the Lord's Supper and make a public profession that you agree with what we teach.

WELCOMING SONG *Now Sing We, Now Rejoice* CW #34 stanzas 1, 2 & 4

**Now sing we, now rejoice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!**

**Come from on high to me; I cannot rise to Thee.
Cheer my wearied spirit, O pure and holy Child;
Through Thy grace and merit, Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto Thee! Draw me unto Thee!**

**Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'nly ground?
Where the angels singing With all His saints unite,
Sweetest praises bringing In heav'nly joy and light.
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!**

GREETING

A blessed Christmas to you in the name of our Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
For to us a child is born. To us a son is given. The authority to rule will rest on His shoulders.

**He will be named: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.**

The Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

**The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. The Lamb of God, who
takes away the sin of the world!**

CONFESSION OF SINS

Dear people of God, in this Christmas season it is our duty and delight to hear again the message of the angels and, in heart and mind, “go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”

The Christ-Child, lying in a manger!

We consider from Holy Scripture the story of the loving purposes of God from the first days after our fall into sin to the glorious redemption —

Brought to us by this Holy Child!

Yet as we come before our holy and merciful God today, we remember it was due to our sins that this baby had to be born in Bethlehem —

This Child would have to grow up to bear our sins and carry our sorrows, and to suffer and die to pay for the sins of the whole world.

And so we come before Him with penitent hearts and confess:

Father of mercies and God of all comfort, You are our strength every morning, You are our salvation at all times and especially in times of distress. With contrite hearts and troubled spirits we come to You for healing and for help. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us. Create in us pure hearts, O God, and wash away all our sins in the blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and refresh us with Your Holy Spirit, that we may declare Your praise and teach Your saving ways, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent His Son to die for all. For His sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to His marvelous light. 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.

sing: CW #42 stanzas 1 & 2

**Come, your hearts and voices raising,
Christ the Lord with gladness praising;
Loudly sing His love amazing,
Worthy folk of Christendom.**

**See how God, for us providing,
Gave His Son and life abiding;
He our weary steps is guiding
From earth's woe to heav'nly joy.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST BIBLE READING

Isaiah 63:7-9

I will tell about the Lord's mercies, about the praises of the Lord, about all that the Lord has done for us, about His great goodness to the house of Israel, which He performed for them according to His abundant compassion, and according to His great mercy. He said, "Surely they are My people, children who will not deal falsely," so He became their Savior. In all their anguish He felt anguish, and the Angel of His Presence saved them. In His love and in His pity He Himself redeemed them, and He took them up and carried them all the days of old.

PSALM 138

(tune CW #113)

**Your praises, God, I'm bringing; my heart with joy is singing
its thanks for gifts outpoured.**

**Now, in Your presence kneeling, again for grace appealing,
in quietness I wait Your word.**

**All peoples shall acclaim You, and worshiping shall name You
the God of time and space.**

**And I will join my praises with hymns the whole world raises
to You, the God of boundless grace!**

SECOND BIBLE READING

Acts 18:24-28

A Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man and well versed in the Scriptures. He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. He spoke with burning zeal and taught the facts about Jesus accurately, although he knew only the baptism of John. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him home and explained to him the way of God more accurately. When he wanted to cross over to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he provided much help to those who had become believers by grace, because he vigorously refuted the Jews in public, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

THIRD BIBLE READING

Luke 1:26-38, 46-55

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin pledged in marriage to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women." But she was greatly troubled by the statement and was wondering what kind of greeting this could be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, because you have found favor with God. Listen, you will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will never end." Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Listen, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age even though she was called barren, and this is her sixth month. For nothing will be impossible for God." Then Mary said, "See, I am the Lord's servant. May it happen to me as you have said." Then the angel left her... Then Mary said, My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior, because He has looked with favor on the humble state of His servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed, because the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is His name. His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with His arm. He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones. He has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, but the rich He has sent away empty. He has come to the aid of His servant Israel, remembering His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and His offspring forever.

VICTORY SONG OF THE DAY *Once in Royal David's City* CW #50 stanzas 1-3

**Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for His bed;
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.**

**He came down to earth from heaven Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable, And His cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly Lived on earth our Savior holy.**

**But our eyes at last shall see Him Through His own redeeming love,
For that child, so dear and gentle, Is our Lord in heav'n above,
As He leads His children on To the place where He is gone.**

INSTRUCTION IN THE WORD Luke 2:19

But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

Theme: *On the Second Day of Christmas...*

sing: CW #56 stanzas 1 & 3

**Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the undefiled, To the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place—Can he be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His favor.**

**Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;
He is still the undefiled, But no more a stranger.
Son of God, of humble birth, Beautiful the story;
Praise His name in all the earth, Hail the King of glory!**



CONFESSION OF FAITH

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.

OFFERING & MUSICAL OFFERING— *Carol of the Bells*

Alicia Michelle with Spirited Strings

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Eternal Father, we give You thanks and praise for sending Your one and only Son to share our humanity, to carry our guilt, and to become for us the perfect Lamb who takes away the sin of the world.

We adore you, O Lord.

Keep our faith in Your Son alive and strong. Nourish us with Your Word and Sacrament and, by Your Holy Spirit, give us strength to overcome Satan's power and pride. Help us to withstand the temptations the world and our sinful nature put in our path.

Give us courage, O Lord.

Remember ministers of the gospel throughout the world who are proclaiming that a Savior has been born. We especially commend to Your care the missionaries we, as members of the Wisconsin Synod, have called. Since they cannot enjoy the fellowship of their extended families this Christmas, we pray that You would give them the inner joy that comes with service in Your kingdom.

Protect all those who preach the gospel in our place, O Lord.

We pray for our local area, O Lord, for its neighborhoods and community and for all who live and work and find delight here. Keep the economy of our nation strong so that we may enjoy plenty from which to bring You our first and best offerings.

Govern and prosper Your people, O Lord.

As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who are less fortunate than we are. Give us hearts that truly care for people who need our help. If it is Your will, bring Your powerful healing to those who are sick or diseased in body or mind. We pray especially for brothers and sisters who are setting aside their celebration today to care for the sick, feed the bedridden, and stand at the side of the dying.

Sustain those who endure the troubles of life, O Lord.

Be a source of strength to the members of this congregation. Comfort all who have lost a loved one during the past year, support those who are troubled, and be with those who are spending this Christmas season alone. If any are among us today who have lost the true meaning of Christmas, let them rediscover the joy that comes from Christ alone.

Let Your peace reign in the hearts of all, O Lord.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

Hear us, Lord, as we bring You our private petitions.

Silent prayer

As You sent Your Son to bring peace to all people on earth, so we pray for all people, those known and those unknown to us. Hear us as we join in singing the prayer:

(tune CW21 #341)

**Our Father in heaven, we hallow Your name,
may Your holy kingdom on earth be the same.
Oh, give to us today our portion of bread.
It is for Your bounty that all must be fed.**

**Forgive us; and just as we pardon our foes,
Your gracious compassion, O Lord, in us grow.
Keep us from temptation, from evil and sin,
for Yours is the glory forever. Amen!**

HOLY COMMUNION

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.



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, for in the wonder and mystery of His birth You have opened our eyes to the glory of Your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of Your love. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:

sing: CW #49

**Rejoice, rejoice this happy morn! A Savior unto us is born,
The Christ, the Lord of glory.
His lowly birth in Bethlehem The angels from on high proclaim
And sing redemption's story.
My soul, extol God's great favor; Bless Him ever for salvation.
Give Him praise and adoration.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, 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."

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

sing: CW #65

**How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him still, The dear Christ enters in.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: 38, 57, 68 from our red song books

following the Distribution the congregation sings:

**As angels joyed with one accord
Upon the advent of our Lord,
So laud we all and bless the name
Of Him who from the Father came.**

**In every age--let praise abound--
He comes; we hear His voice resound.
His glorious gospel does not cease
To bring us comfort, joy, and peace.**

**He comes to us in bread and wine
To give Himself and gifts divine.
Oh, praise Him for this sacrament,
Redeeming love's great testament!**

**Lift up your heads! All grief and pain
Shall vanish when He comes again.
Where we shall see Him face to face,
There joy alone shall have a place.**

PRAYER

O Lord, our heavenly Father, You have proclaimed to us once again the joyful good news of the birth of Your Son.

We give You thanks and praise for the gift of the world's redemption, for the gift of eternal peace, and for the gift of joy in the Holy Spirit.

Preserve these treasures in our hearts and minds until we finally come to share Your eternal glory;

through 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.

HYMN

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

CW21 #356 stanzas 1 & 4

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;
 remember Christ, our Savior, was born on Christmas Day
 to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray.

Refrain:

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
 O tidings of comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sings praises, all you within this place,
 and in true love and fellowship each other now embrace;
 this holy tide of Christmas is filled with heav'nly grace.

Refrain:

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
 O tidings of comfort and joy.



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WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

Our mission is simple and bold:

We seek to grow in faith and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We want to *make Him known to others* so they, too, might share in the joy Jesus won for them.



Christmas
tions!

Celebra-

Join us as we worship and praise our Savior, Jesus, remembering how He became both God and man to redeem us, ensuring our salvation!

Christmas Eve Friday, December 24 at 7:00 pm

"Who Is He?" by Matthew Manthe

Presented by our children in Grades 1-8

Christmas Day Saturday, December 25 at 9:00 am

Sunday, December 26 Worship with Communion

New Year's Eve Worship with Communion

December 31 at 7:00 pm

3K program "What Do You See?" (adapted)
is Wednesday, January 12 at noon

Our Extended & Growing
Family of Faith remains in our
prayers to God our Father

Family of Todd Kammuehler
Family of Bobby Heitl
Connie Heitl
Family of Connie Heise
Dr. Roger Newman
Lynn Ives Pat & Al Rozelle
Elaine Harrington
Brad Roberts Elaine Craig
Shirley Johnson Chris Ryun
Mary Cline Betty Havlik
Diane Bannerman
Gloria Kraus (Kim Mittelsteadt's mom)
Family of Brian Kraus (Kim Mittelsteadt's brother)
Dan Raney- IL Troy Marks
Dr. Cheli & DeeDee Marichal family
Mandy Ehke & Family
Pastor Mike Wolff
Rodney & mom, Ruth
Sam & Becky Piper
Jon Mittelsteadt
Judy, DeeDee Marichal's sister's family
Elliot Przybylski
Donna Marks
Julie Bunt
Pat Hunziker in IN
Sarah Allerdig's Grandma
Forrest & Elizabeth in CA
Junita in Hong Kong
Kristin in USA
Dyde -France
Alberta Schroeder
Janet in CA
Ben Holberg
Sonia in India
Gloria Walters in NY
Andrew Seidler
Elmer Loechler
Dave & Jill
Melissa in England
Randy Wiessinger
Baby Oliver Kizewski
Robert in Ecuador
Erik & Leah Alair & Family
(Sem. student)
Sean Jenkins in TN
Syed Gul in Pakistan

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OUR WEEK WITH JESUS AT A GLANCE

12/24 Friday	7:00 pm	Children's Christmas Eve Service
12/25 Saturday	9:00 am	Christmas Day Festival Worship
12/26 SUNDAY	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Bible Study
	2:00 pm	Cable TV Rebroadcast of <i>Last Sunday's</i> Service Solarus Ch 3 & Spectrum Ch 985
12/27 Monday	11:00 am	<i>Coffee with Christ</i> at Grace's in WR
12/29 Wednesday	2:00 pm	Cable TV Rebroadcast of <i>This Sunday's</i> Service Solarus Ch 3 & Spectrum Ch 985
12/31 Friday	6:30 pm	New Year's Eve Worship with Communion

Birthdays This Week

12/20 Dr. Roger Newman

Mr. Nathan Bitter has declined
the divine call as our principal and
teacher.

A new call, Lord willing, is scheduled
for Sunday, January 16 as part of
our quarterly congregational meeting.

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Special Offering Collected
for our Called Workers
December 19-December 26

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

Join Us **Sunday mornings** in the fellowship hall after worship for coffee and treats
and learn more about our patterns of worship and how they connect with
the new hymnal.

December 19: Church Year & Symbolism

December 26: Music & Myths

January 2: Christian Worship Hymnal 2021



TICK...TOCK...TICK...TOCK...TICK...

What comes next? Why?

The Christian Church Year- Celebrations of God's Mercy

Advent to Epiphany to pre-lent to Lent to Tri-Diem
to Easter to Pentecost to ... ???
Calendar-Clutter or Word-Wonder?





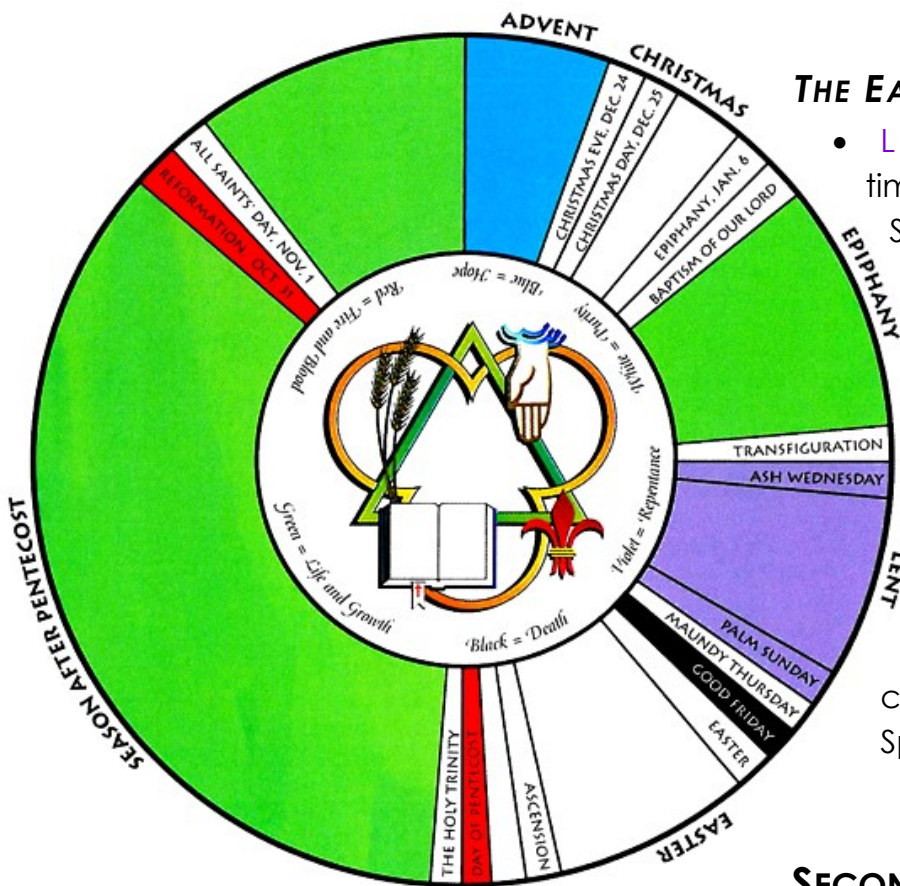
The Christian church year glorifies God by teaching and reinforcing Truth from generation to generation. Christian Festivals dot the calendar. They celebrate the gracious redeeming activities of the triune God. The church year calendar divides into two parts. The **first half** reviews the earthly life of Jesus Christ. The **second half** reviews Jesus Christ's teachings as we, His followers, put them into practice in our lives.



FIRST HALF OF THE CHURCH YEAR – THE LIFE OF CHRIST

The Christmas Cycle or The Time of Christmas

- **ADVENT** (four Sundays; preparation for the coming of Christ)
- **CHRISTMAS** (twelve days celebrating the birth of Christ)
- **EPIPHANY** (January 6; the revealing of the Savior to the non-Jews)
- **BAPTISM** of Jesus (first Sunday after Epiphany)
- **TRANSFIGURATION** of our Lord (last Sunday after Epiphany)



THE EASTER CYCLE OR THE TIME OF EASTER

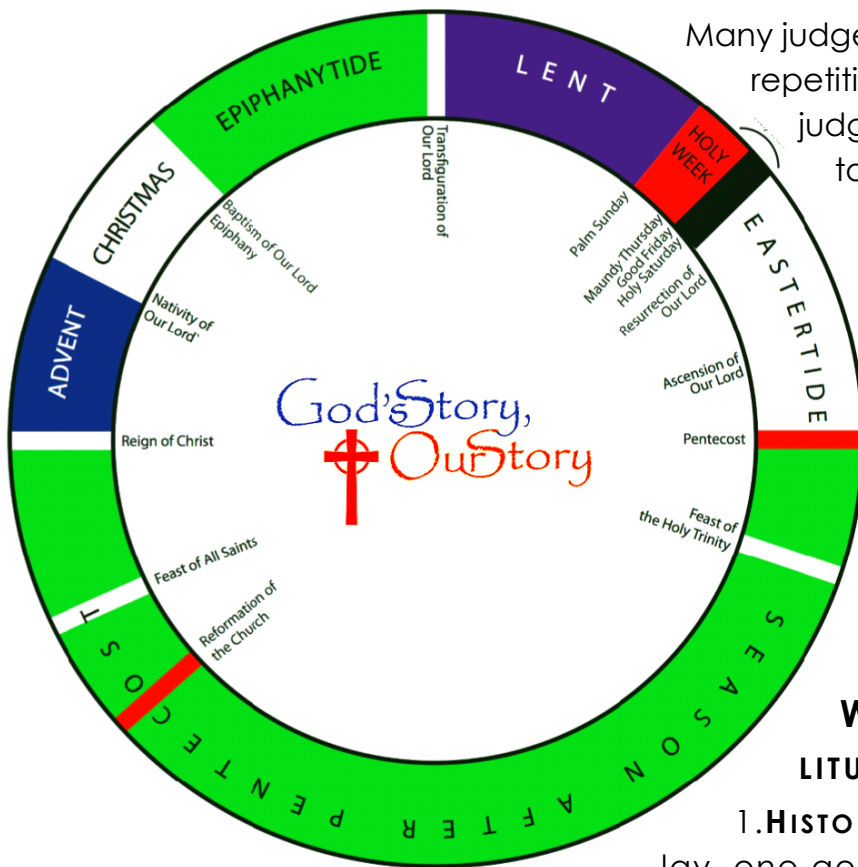
- **LENT** (beginning on Ash Wednesday; a time of 40 days, not counting the five Sundays; preparation for crucifixion)
- **HOLY WEEK** (including **PALM SUNDAY**, **MAUNDY THURSDAY**, **GOOD FRIDAY** - The final three days of this week are called the **TRI-DIEM**)
- **EASTER SUNDAYS** (seven including Easter Sunday, Resurrection Day of Jesus Christ from the dead)
- **ASCENSION** (Easter + 40th day)
- **PENTECOST** (Easter + 50th day; celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit)

SECOND HALF OF THE CHURCH YEAR

THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST THROUGH HIS BELIEVERS, HIS CHURCH;

Ordered Time of the Church; Non-Festival Half of the Church Year; Season of Christ's Church

- **TRINITY** Sunday (first Sunday after **Pentecost**)
- **Sundays after Pentecost** (lasts approximately six months)

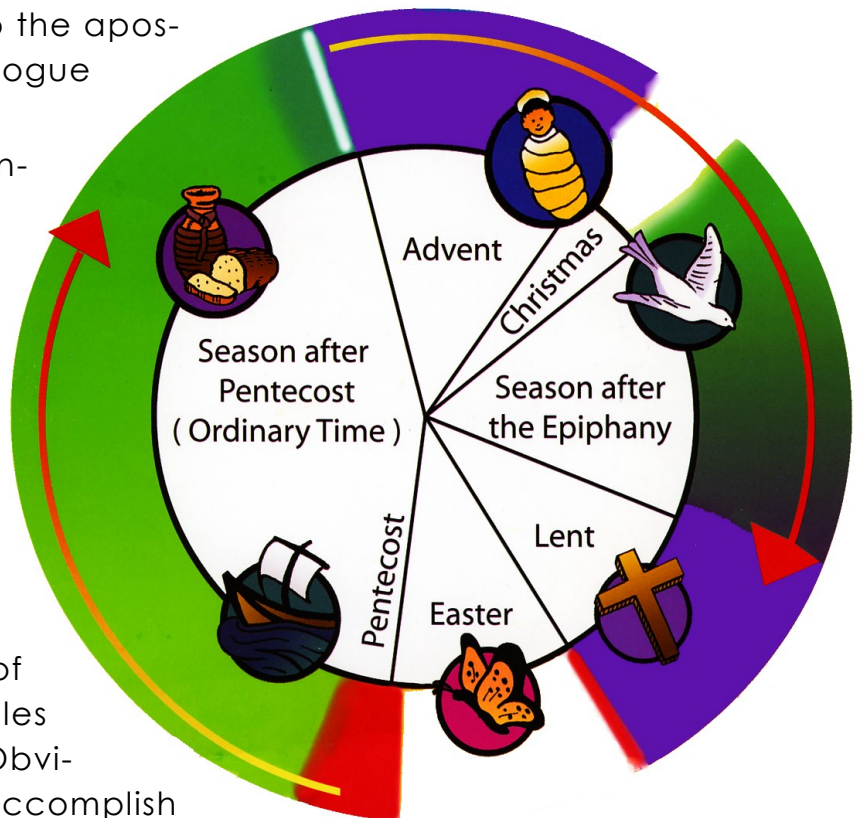


Many judge liturgy to be dead, predictable, dull, repetitive religious ceremony. Therefore, many judge liturgy to be bad and terminally out of touch, boring. Many congregations boast that they are “anti-liturgical.”

But “Liturgy” means “work of the people”. It was designed to be for people not against them. It gives a basic structure on which we see God’s mercies on display. This pattern of worship is not a new made-up thing that hasn’t been time-tested. It is tried and true, time-tested and still standing strong.

WHY USE A PATTERN IN WORSHIP, A LITURGY? HERE ARE 7 BENEFITS:

- 1. HISTORIC ROOTS.** The race of faith is a relay, one generation handing on to the next the faith once delivered to the saints. Parts of the liturgy go back to the apostolic period, some go back to synagogue and temple worship actions.
- 2. A DISTINGUISHING MARK.** A liturgy distinguishes us from those who do not believe, teach, and confess the same as we do. What we believe (God’s Word) determines how we worship; how we worship confesses what we believe (God’s Word). I do not believe as the Buddhists or the Islamicists. My pattern of worship is visibly different because of the content of my faith.
- 3. REPETITION.** It is, after all, the mother of learning. Fixed texts and annual cycles of readings lend to deep learning. Obviously, mindless repetition does not accomplish anything; nor does endless variety.
- 4. Community.** Worship is a shared activity. The Holy Spirit instructed, “Let **us** go to the house of the Lord.” (Psalm 122) I am gathered by the Holy



Spirit for four reasons:

- A) **to give God my Savior the glory** He deserves;
- B) **to bless my fellow worshippers**; we have each received the gifts of Christ that bind us together;
- C) **to encourage each other** to love and good works (Hebrews 10:25);
- D) **to build up one another in the faith.** (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

5. **STAND FIRM IN THE FACE OF THE “HERE AND NOW.”** When the Roman world was going to hell in a hand basket, the church was debating the two natures of Christ, not Roman politics. In worship liturgy, God's Word sets the agenda. God's Word defines eternal needs. God's Word uncovers and then answers our questions. The liturgy teaches us to live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. The Liturgy is a tool that promotes Truth, not passing fads or fears or politically correct speech.
6. **EXTERNAL AND OBJECTIVE PATTERN FROM CHILDHOOD TO ADULTHOOD.** Feelings vary. Feelings come and go. The liturgy supplies an anchor for life in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. This is repeated and celebrated through Water and the Word, through Communion and the Word, through proclamation of God's Word.
7. **THE WORD OF GOD.** Most of the sentences and songs of a liturgy are paraphrases, quotations or summaries from Scripture, such as the Creed or the Seasonal Responses. Faith comes from hearing the message of the Word of Christ (Romans 10:17). Liturgy is a well-traveled road on which we hear of Christ crucified. The message of the cross is the power of God (1 Corinthians 1:18). God does not promise to impart spiritual life and power outside of the presentation of His gospel. We call it the “means of grace” because it is the “way”, the “means”, through which God has chosen to create, nourish, and sustain faith in Himself.

Jesus said **“ANYONE WHO BELONGS TO GOD LISTENS GLADLY TO THE WORDS OF GOD. BUT YOU DON'T LISTEN BECAUSE YOU DON'T BELONG TO GOD.”** (John 8:47) When Jesus calls His people to worship, the effect of His Word can be seen by anyone. The liturgy is a steadfast course to guide and direct God's people to gladly hear and learn God's Word. As has been said, *AMOR TUSSISQUE NON CELANTUR.* - “Love, and a cough, are not concealed”.

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