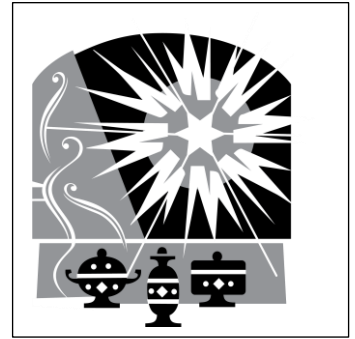


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1/9/2022 - First Sunday after Epiphany

SERIES THEME

UNCOVERED

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THEME OF THE DAY

ANOINTING UNCOVERED: WHAT THE EYE SEES DIFFERS FROM WHAT GOD DECREES

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.

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13 - To the eyes of the average Israelite, the young boy David was not the best choice to be king. Yet he was God's choice, a man after God's heart. The Lord made his choice known through an anointing.

SECOND READING

Titus 3:4-7 - In the eyes of the world, baptism appears to be just a ceremonial washing. St. Paul tells us it is so much more. It is a second birth that bestows salvation and the Spirit.

GOSPEL

*** Luke 3:15-17,21-23 - In the eyes of the Israelites, John the Baptist looked like he could be the Messiah. He was a powerful preacher who lived a unique life. Jesus looked ordinary by comparison. Yet, he was God's Anointed One, a choice made clear in Jesus' baptism.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Conservative:

Setting 3 Kyrie and Gloria
Setting 4 GA, Sanctus, and Agnus

Ambitious:

Setting 3 Kyrie, Gloria, GA
Setting 4 Sanctus and Agnus

Opening Hymn:

374:1,2,3,5 - The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 2A

Gospel Acclamation Proper Verse:

You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. (Mark 1:11)

Gospel Acclamation setting:

Setting 4 or 3

Seasonal Verse

Hymn of the Day:

377 - To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

Third Hymn or Distribution Hymn:

679 - God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

Closing Hymn:

685 - Through Simple Water, Drawn and Poured

685 has same tune as opening hymn 372; if undesirable, use 930:1

Optional New Hymns, perhaps requiring advance preparation/cantors:

379 - Christ, Your Footprints through the Desert

385 - Christ Begins

682 - All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

Notes for the conservative service:

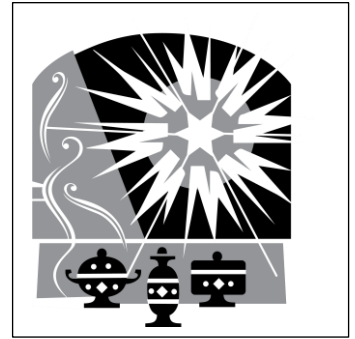
Choir or small group sings the Setting 3 Gloria; 379 - good text for the sermon reading but new tune would need introduction or cantors; this would be where Setting 4 GA is used for the first time (for anyone not yet using Service Builder, most of Setting 4 is available as CWS DS1. This GA, however, is new and is only in service builder, accomp music in Musician's Resource).

Notes for the ambitious service:

385 is also new and would definitely need cantors (it bookends the baptism and transfiguration in its first and last stanzas)

682 also has a new new chorale type tune

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1/16/2022 - Second Sunday after Epiphany

SERIES THEME

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THEME OF THE DAY

DELIGHT UNCOVERED: GOD DELIVERS MORE THAN WE ASK, NOT LESS

Is the pursuit of God and the pursuit of pleasure two separate paths? Many make that assumption—that life with Jesus is a boring, sterile experience. They are dead wrong. Jesus came to undo everything that is wrong with our world as a result of sin's curse. He also came to multiply our joy and deliver delight beyond our wildest dreams. Note that when Jesus begins to reveal his glory, it isn't by going to a hospital to cure every ailment. Instead, he starts at a local wedding, one of the greatest sources of joy in this life. The truth uncovered for us this week is that life with Jesus is not a life with less delight, but infinitely more.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5 - God wants you to know joy. There are few occasions in life more joyful than a wedding. So the prophet Isaiah pictures the Church's relationship with the Lord as an infinitely happy marriage.

SECOND READING

*** Ephesians 3:14-21 - St. Paul teaches us that God wants us to have a life that is fuller than we could possibly imagine.

GOSPEL

John 2:1-11 - Jesus increases the joy of those attending a wedding and saves the bridegroom from public shame. In this first of his miracles, he also begins to reveal himself as true God.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Conservative:

Setting 3 Kyrie and Gloria
Setting 4 GA, Sanctus, and Agnus

Ambitious:

Setting 3 Kyrie, Gloria, GA
Setting 4 Sanctus and Agnus

Opening Hymn:

375 - Arise and Shine in Splendor

(HotD moved to Opening Hymn)

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 145A

Gospel Acclamation Proper Verse:

We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

Gospel Acclamation setting:

Setting 4 or 3

Seasonal Verse

Hymn of the Day:

714:1,2,4 - Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me

Third Hymn or Distribution Hymn:

*611 - Joyously I'll Praise My Savior

Closing Hymn:

584 - Jesus Loves Me

Optional New Hymns, perhaps requiring advance preparation/cantors:

577 - Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love

801 - Dear Jesus, on Your Pilgrim Way

539 - O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

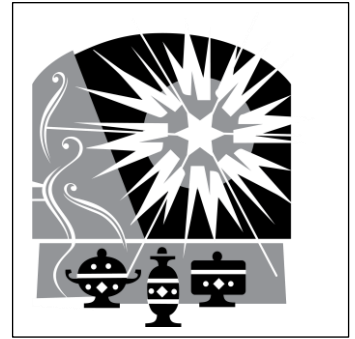
Notes for the conservative service:

714 and 801 could possibly work with just a stanza or two introduced by cantors

Notes for the ambitious service:

539 and 577 would call for some pre-work

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1/23/2022 - Third Sunday after Epiphany

SERIES THEME

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THEME OF THE DAY

RECEPTION UNCOVERED: REJECTION IS NOT THE EXCEPTION BUT THE RULE

When one proclaims God's Word, typically the intentions are good. We want others to know the joy of salvation and the love of Christ. Therefore, it can be surprising to us when God's Word is met with apathy or rejection by those who hear it. It's easy to conclude that when the Word of God offends human minds and hearts (including our own), something has gone wrong. The truth that is uncovered this week is that rejection of Jesus' words is not the exception but the rule. Jesus' words will always offend. However, we will see that God can use even the rejection of his Word for good.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1-6 - Israel had rejected the Lord and his Word. So God allowed them to be conquered and carried off as captives. Yet he also promised to forgive their rejection and grant new freedom.

SECOND READING

Acts 4:23-31 - Just as the Jewish religious leaders had rejected Jesus, they rejected the work and words of the apostles. And so the apostles prayed for boldness to proclaim the gospel in the face of that opposition.

GOSPEL

*** Luke 4:16-30 - In one of Jesus' first sermons, delivered in his hometown, people took offense at his words and ultimately rejected him.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Conservative:

Setting 3 Kyrie, Gloria, GA
Setting 4 Sanctus, and Agnus

Ambitious:

Setting 3 Kyrie, Gloria, GA, Sanctus
Setting 4 Agnus

Opening Hymn:

387 - Arise, Your Light Is Come

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 146A

Gospel Acclamation Proper Verse:

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. (Luke 4:18)

Gospel Acclamation setting:

Setting 3

Seasonal or Proper Verse

Hymn of the Day:

384 - Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Third Hymn or Distribution Hymn:

313 - Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

Closing Hymn:

520:1,3,4,6 - Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Optional New Hymns, perhaps requiring advance preparation/cantors:

387 - Arise, Your Light Is Come

868 - By Faith

Notes for the conservative service:

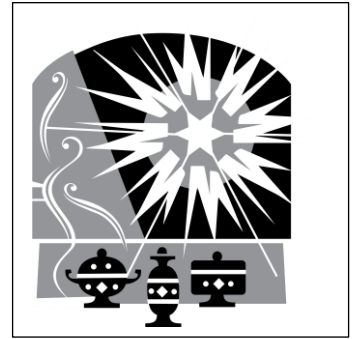
387 is new but the tune has been around and it's an easy chorale type melody;

313 obviously an Advent hymn but it covers the first reading and the gospel

Notes for the ambitious service:

868 - first uses would likely be better with piano type ensemble and cantors, though some congregations will have already used it

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1/30/2022 - Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

SERIES THEME

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THEME OF THE DAY

AGENDA UNCOVERED: WHAT MUST BE SAID, NOT WHAT OTHERS WANT TO HEAR

Last week we saw that there can be a temptation to alter the message we proclaim to avoid apparent failure and rejection. This week we see that there is also a temptation to alter the message we proclaim because of apparent success. If a church makes its central focus things like personal improvement, healing for the sick, or social justice, that church may draw a crowd. It just fails to carry out the agenda Christ has given his Church. The gospel of forgiveness is to be the center of all our preaching and teaching. The agenda for Christ's Church is set. It's the same agenda that was followed by the Church's Christ.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10 - God chose to give Jeremiah a narrow agenda: to share God's Word with the people of Judah, regardless of what they wanted to hear.

SECOND READING

*** 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 - A temptation for the Lord's messengers is to say what ears want to hear. Paul gives young Pastor Timothy a different agenda, to preach the Word which makes us wise for salvation.

GOSPEL

Luke 4:38-44 - After preaching and doing miracles in the area around Capernaum, the people wanted Jesus to stay there permanently. But he had a different agenda, to proclaim the gospel to many others.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Conservative:

Setting 3 Kyrie, Gloria, GA
Setting 4 Sanctus, and Agnus

Ambitious:

Setting 3 Kyrie, Gloria, GA, Sanctus
Setting 4 Agnus

Opening Hymn:

759 - When Training Up a Child

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 71A

Gospel Acclamation Proper Verse:

I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God, because that is why I was sent. (Luke 4:43)

Gospel Acclamation setting:

Setting 3

Seasonal or Proper Verse

Hymn of the Day:

901 - O Christians Haste

Third Hymn or Distribution Hymn:

895 - Preach You the Word

Closing Hymn:

908 - Go Forth and Preach the Gospel

or

762 - Lord, Bless Your Word to All The Young

Optional New Hymns, perhaps requiring advance preparation/cantors:

741 - We have a Gospel to Proclaim

759 - When Training Up a Child

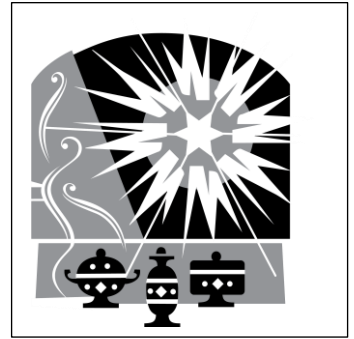
Notes for the conservative service:

741 is a pretty straightforward chorale type hymn; perhaps minimal intro required;

759 is a straight chorale type hymn that was sung in TLH so it should be ok

Notes for the ambitious service:

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2/6/2022 - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

SERIES THEME

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THEME OF THE DAY

UNCOVERED MESSENGERS: THE LEAST QUALIFIED ARE THE FIRST SENT

It does not surprise us that from the beginning of his ministry Jesus demonstrated his commitment to proclaiming good news of the kingdom of God, regardless of whether people rejected his message or embraced it. That was Christ's agenda, and he was committed to it. What is surprising is that, also from the beginning, Jesus demonstrated his plan to carry out this proclamation by sending others to speak on his behalf. More surprising is whom he sends, not angels, but mere human beings. In many cases, it was individuals who seemed to lack the qualifications to speak on Christ's behalf. Yet, Christ equipped and prepared them. Do you feel unqualified to tell others the good news?

FIRST READING

*** Isaiah 6:1-8 - Isaiah admitted he was unclean, guilty of every type of sin. In his grace, the Lord not only takes Isaiah's sin away but also sends Isaiah out as a messenger of grace.

SECOND READING

Romans 10:12-17 - God's plan is to send saved sinners to proclaim salvation to other sinners. God has no backup plan.

GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11 - Jesus takes simple, self-admittedly sinful fishermen. He removes their fears, calls them to follow, and makes them fishers of men.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Conservative:

Setting 3 Kyrie, Gloria, GA, Sanctus
Setting 4 Agnus

Ambitious:

Setting 3

Opening Hymn:

483 - Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 67E (public domain text to THAXTED)

Gospel Acclamation Proper Verse:

My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds, of your saving acts all day long. (Psalm 71:15)

Gospel Acclamation setting:

Setting 3

Seasonal or Proper Verse

Hymn of the Day:

745 - Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying

Third Hymn or Distribution Hymn:

*907 - "How Shall They Hear," Who Have Not Heard

Closing Hymn:

932 - Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Optional New Hymns, perhaps requiring advance preparation/cantors:

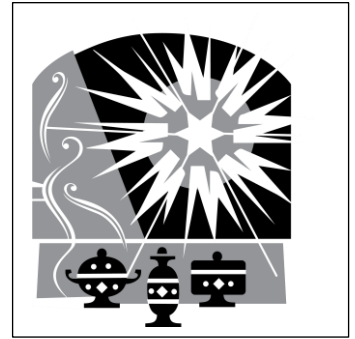
734 - How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Notes for the conservative service:

734 - REPTON tune known in England but likely not here; used several times in the new book, it would be good to introduce and teach this

Notes for the ambitious service:

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2/13/2022 - Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

SERIES THEME

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THEME OF THE DAY

DEFINITIONS UNCOVERED: BLESSINGS ARE CURSED; CURSES ARE BLESSED

When someone is new to something, there is a period of orientation. For example, when someone takes up a new game or sport, they need to first learn the rules. Likewise, when someone is a new disciple of Jesus, a period of orientation follows. It's necessary, because by nature we assume that Jesus' kingdom works the same way the world works. The truth that is uncovered this week is that the principles on which Jesus' kingdom runs are the exact opposite of the principles of the world. That which the world considers to be a blessing can often be a curse. And that which the world calls bad, God always uses for the good of those he loves.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-8 - A blessed life is not connected to outward circumstances like physical health or wealth. Rather, the one who is blessed is the one who has been given the gift of faith, whose trust is in the Lord.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:7b-10 - Paul had some infirmity he initially viewed as a weakness. He came to see it as a blessing as it forced him to rely on God's strength.

GOSPEL

*** Luke 6:17-26 - In one of his most famous sermons Jesus teaches that the good things we seek are found in places we would least expect.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Conservative:

Setting 3 Kyrie, Gloria, GA, Sanctus
Setting 4 Agnus

Ambitious:

Setting 3

Opening Hymn:

867 - Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 1A

Gospel Acclamation Proper Verse:

The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. (Psalm 121:8)

Gospel Acclamation setting:

Setting 3

Seasonal or Proper Verse

Hymn of the Day:

803 - Day by Day

Third Hymn or Distribution Hymn:

690 - Blest Are They

Closing Hymn:

800 - How Firm a Foundation

Optional New Hymns, perhaps requiring advance preparation/cantors:

690 - Blest Are They

867 - Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near

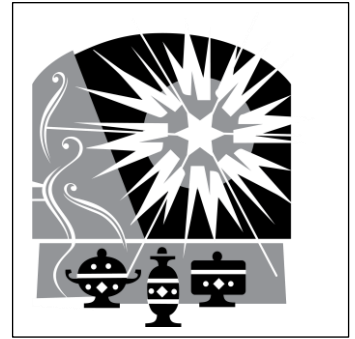
Notes for the conservative service:

690 - though it was in the supplement, this could still be cantor for verses and cong for refrain till people learn it better; the melody has been standardized across all the verses

867 - new but very simple and easy to catch on; can also be verses cantored and congregation refrain, but cong need not wait long to sing the verses

Notes for the ambitious service:

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2/20/2022 - Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

SERIES THEME

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THEME OF THE DAY

REACTIONS UNCOVERED: LOVE YOUR ENEMIES; OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD

Last week we saw that the governing principles of Christ's kingdom initially seem upside down. This week we see that truth in how Christ would have us react to those who wrong us or oppose us. Jesus asks us to befriend our enemies, to love those who hate us, and to repay evil with good. Logic would say that is a recipe for being walked all over. Yet, have we not seen this tactic work? When we were Christ's enemies, he loved us to the point of death. He repays our daily evil with the daily goodness of his mercy. In doing so, he has won us for himself. Following the strategy Jesus lays out today is not a capitulation to evil. It is a means of conquering it.

FIRST READING

Genesis 45:3-15 - The account of Joseph forgiving the brothers that had sold him into slavery demonstrates that God overcomes evil with good.

SECOND READING

*** Romans 12:14-21 - Paul lived in a Roman empire that operated on the principles of force and aggression. Yet he encourages believers to operate on the principles of grace, forgiveness, and humility.

GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38 - In our interactions with others Jesus calls us to disregard what people deserve. Instead we are to show the same grace that God has shown to us.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Conservative:

Setting 3

Ambitious:

Setting 3

Opening Hymn:

726 - Love in Christ is Strong and Living

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 103A

Gospel Acclamation Proper Verse:

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:44,45)

Gospel Acclamation setting:

Setting 3

Seasonal or Proper Verse

Hymn of the Day:

729 - Son of God, Eternal Savior

Third Hymn or Distribution Hymn:

732 - In Unity and Peace

Closing Hymn:

731 - Oh, How Good It Is

Optional New Hymns, perhaps requiring advance preparation/cantors:

731 - Oh, How Good It Is

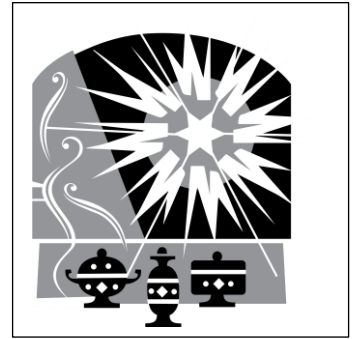
Notes for the conservative service:

731 is new but it will be popular and it shouldn't be too hard to introduce; of course it can be introduced with cantors on verses and cong on refrain

731 and 732 are natively performed on piano

Notes for the ambitious service:

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2/27/2022 - Last Sunday after Epiphany / Transfiguration

SERIES THEME

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THEME OF THE DAY

GLORY UNCOVERED: WHEN IT IS MOST HIDDEN, IT IS MOST ON DISPLAY

Throughout Epiphany, we have seen that God must uncover for us the truths that could not be discovered by us. As this season ends, we are presented with a twist. For God's glory to be revealed, it actually must be covered. God's glory needed to be hidden in Christ. It is hidden in the gospel. This is how God enables sinful human beings to see his glory and, rather than turning away in fear, stare at it in wonder for as long as they want. The truth God uncovers for us today: when his glory is hidden, it is most on display.

FIRST READING

Exodus 34:29-35 - The glory of God was reflected in the two-sided covenant of the law which God established through Moses. It made people afraid. Though Christ God would establish a new and greater covenant which would remove all our fears.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 3:7-18 - Paul declares that the glory of the New Covenant of grace far surpasses the glory of the Old Covenant of law. The glory of the New Covenant is hidden in the work of Christ and revealed through the work of the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL

*** Luke 9:28-36 - The glory of God, hidden in Christ, shines through on the Mount of Transfiguration.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Conservative:

Setting 3

Ambitious:

Setting 3

organ w optional brass, or
piano w optional instruments

Opening Hymn:

543 - O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 2D (KGM)

Gospel Acclamation Proper Verse:

A cloud covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" (Mark 9:7)

Gospel Acclamation setting:

Setting 3

Seasonal or Proper Verse

Hymn of the Day:

388 - Down from the Mount of Glory

Third Hymn or Distribution Hymn:

389 - How Good, Lord, to Be Here

or

528:1,6 - Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

Closing Hymn:

522 - Beautiful Savior

or

977 - Alleluia, Song of Triumph

(522 optional opening hymn if using farewell to Alleluia)

Optional New Hymns, perhaps requiring advance preparation/cantors:

392 - This Brightness, Lord! What Shall I Say

385 - Christ Begins

Notes for the conservative service:

392 - PROSPECT is an old American tune but new to WELS; I would carefully introduce this if using it since its only hymnal use is on this one Sunday of the year, perhaps choir sings most and congregation joins as able for 4-6; tune is also in Psalter

Notes for the ambitious service:

385 - recall that this has stanzas that bookend Baptism of Our Lord and Transfiguration, but the music calls for careful introduction