



February 2025

Dear Christian Friends,

Again and again, I wish to tell you what a privilege and an honor it is to serve you, the members and friends of Good Shepherd Lutheran, with the good gifts of God's grace.

Our theme hymn for this season of Epiphany includes this verse:

*Brightest and best of the sons 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.*



February continues the season of Epiphany, which is a Season of Lights. Light is a significant theme throughout Scripture, and is used in at least six ways.

- **Firstly, God is Himself described as light**, He dwells in unapproachable light, His presence is light, His face shines light, He is the Creator of Light, He is the provider of light.
- **Secondly, Jesus is the light that is promised**, He identifies as the Light of the world, His presence radiates light, He gives light and life to men, and darkness will never overcome him.
- **Thirdly, Israel was called to be a light to the nations.**
- **Fourthly, the New Testament Church is called to be like a city of lights set on a hill.**
- **Fifthly, individual Christians are called to be children of light**, and again and again the mission of the Church is equated with shining our lights.
- **Sixthly, the Word of God is the light** that shows us the way in life.

Our theme verse for this series of sermons is Psalm 119:105, **“Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”**



May God bless the preaching, teaching, hearing, and keeping of His Word in our hearts in this Epiphany season and in all the seasons of life.

Together in Christ,

Pastor Larry Griffin

Sermon Topics Upcoming

Theme - Jesus, the Brightest and the Best

- **February 2 - Jesus the Child**
- **February 9 - Jesus the Fishing Guide**
- **February 16 - Jesus the Healer and Teacher**
- **February 23 - Jesus the Lover**
- **March 2 / Transfiguration Sunday - Jesus in Full Glory**