

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 6 & 7, 2019

Welcome to Worship! Epiphany celebrates the “shining forth” of Jesus as a Savior for *all* people. The Magi are the first Gentiles to come and pay homage to this newborn King! The Good News is that Israel’s Messiah and true King has come for the blessing of *all* the nations including us!

First time guests: Please stop by the Welcome Center for a travel mug and other gifts!

We love children! If your child gets fussy, please take him/her to the Comfort Place in the Atrium. You can hear the service there, and will allow others to hear as well. A **Staffed Nursery** is available at **9:00 A.M.** beneath the narthex.

Cell Phones: *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

Bible Studies meet today at 10:15! Adult Instruction meets in Room 203, and Adult Bible Classes meet in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School Classes, Parent/Toddler class, Youth Class, and Parenting Bible Study **resume next Sunday**, January 13.

Holy Communion will be offered at **11:15 A.M.** If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran church, please contact an Elder or Pastor before Communing. The Common Cup is served to those who do not take an individual cup. Wine with alcohol removed is in the center of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available.

Large Print bulletins and **Hearing devices** are available from an usher.

+ DIVINE SERVICE, Page 203 +

THE PRELUDE: “Forest Green” -Thomas Gieschen

+++ 11:15 and 7: THE HYMN: “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” **Hymn 394**

+++ 9:00 THE HYMN: “Dearest Jesus We are Here” **Hymn 590**

+++ 9:00 THE BAPTISM of SADIE LYNN PATTERSON, Page 268

Parents: Jordan & Kacey (Miller) Patterson

Sponsors: Kara Patterson and Adam Spagnuolo

THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION, KYRIE and GLORIA: Pages 203-204

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY: (We pray together)

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (We speak together)

But now thus says the LORD...“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.” Isaiah 43:1

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 60:1-6 (Page 619)

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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

+++ 9:00 THE ANTHEM: “The Gift Most Treasured” -Hal Hopson

THE EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 3:1-12 (Page 977)

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE: Page 205

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12 (Page 807) **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

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.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ!

+++ THE CREED: 7:00 APOSTLES’ Page 207; 11:15 NICENE, Page 206

THE HYMN: “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” Hymn 395

THE SERMON: “A Word to Make Wise!”

THE OFFERING: (Please register Attendance and Communion)

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: (9:00 AM) “We Three Kings” -David W. Music;
(11:15 AM & 7:00 PM) “Arise and Shine in Splendor”

+++ 9:00 THE INSTALLATION OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

THE PRAYERS

+++ 11:15 HOLY COMMUNION: Pages 208-211; Hymns: 637, 400, 409, 620

THE BENEDICTION: Page 212

THE CLOSING HYMN: “As with Gladness Men of Old” Hymn 397

After the hymn, please take a few moments to greet those around you.

THE POSTLUDE: “The Star Proclaims the King is Here” -William Braun

A Pastor will be available after the service in the chapel to take prayer requests or notes for care.

Preacher: Pastor Bloch **Liturgists:** Pastor Blumenberg & Vicar Werner

Lector: Pastor Rodriguez **Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer

Special Music: Adult Choir & Woodwinds (9:00)

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