

# *the* EPIPHANY *of our* LORD January 6, 2019

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## WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS

We're glad you're here! All in attendance are asked to please complete the CONNECT card located in the pew rack and read the statement concerning the reception of the Lord's Supper found on the WORSHIP card. Feel free to ask an usher for help or directions.

Prayer cards and CONNECT cards will be picked up by the ushers during the sermon hymn.

## NURSERY

Our nursery is located right past the double doors in the preschool wing on the right, which is across the hall from the coat room (to your right as you exit the Sanctuary). The Sanctuary audio is provided in that room, so you won't miss a thing.

# ORDER of WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Kay Kaepf*

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN "The Star Proclaims The King Is Here" *LSB 399*

INVOCATION *and* CONFESSION

**INVOCATION** † *The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy...name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

SERVICE *of the* WORD

**RESPONSIVE PSALM**

*Psalm 72:1-15*

P Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!

Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!

**C May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!**

**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!**

**In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!**

P May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!  
May desert tribes bow down before him and his enemies lick the dust!  
May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba  
and Seba bring gifts!  
May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!

**ALL Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### **KYRIE**

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity  
of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the  
Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen**

9:00 - "How Many Kings"

*Praise Team*

1. **Follow the star to a place unexpected.**

**Would you believe after all we've projected, a child in a manger?  
Lowly and small, the weakest of all,  
Unlikeliest hero wrapped in His mother's shawl – just a child.  
Is this who we've waited for?**

*Chorus*

**Cause how many kings stepped down from their thrones?  
How many lords have abandoned their homes?  
How many greats have become the least for me?  
And how many gods have poured out their hearts,  
To romance a world that is torn all apart?  
How many fathers gave up their sons for me?**

2. **Bringing out gifts for the newborn Savior**

**All that we have, whether costly or meek, Because we believe.  
Gold for His honor and frankincense for His pleasure  
And myrrh for the cross he'll suffer. Do you believe?  
Is this who we've waited for? (Chorus)**

Ending **Only one did that for me...**

11:30am - "Gloria in Excelsis"



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,



You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

### OLD TESTAMENT *(please be seated)*

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.

*Isaiah 60:1–6*

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.  
A This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

### EPISTLE

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

*Ephesians 3:1–12*

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.  
A This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

9:00am - **ALLELUIA** *(please stand)*

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Allelu, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Allelu, allelu, alleluia.**

Spoken Verse: 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. *Matthew 2:2*

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Allelu, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Allelu, allelu, alleluia.**

11:30am - COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 2:1-12*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

**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.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**APOSTLES' CREED** *found inside the back cover of LSB*

9:00am - **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** *(please be seated)*

*During the SERMON HYMN, the ushers will collect the CONNECT cards and any PRAYER cards you desire to include in our prayers for today. Please use this time to complete these if you have not already done so.*

**SERMON HYMN** "I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light" *LSB 411*

**SERMON**

9:00am - **OFFERING** *please bring your offerings, tithes, and mites forward*

9:00am - **SONG DURING OFFERING** "I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever" *Praise Team*

**Over the mountains and the sea  
Your river runs with love for me,  
And I will open up my heart,  
And let the Healer set me free.  
I'm happy to be in the truth, and I will daily lift my hands,  
For I will always sing of when Your love came down.**

*Chorus* **I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever.  
I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever.**

*Bridge* **Oh, I feel like dancing,  
It's foolishness I know;  
But when the world has seen the light,  
They will dance with joy like we're dancing now.**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(please stand)*

**P** Led by the light of the star, the wise still come and, at the bidding of the Lord, kneel before Him with their prayers for all people as they have need.

*After each petition of the prayer:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** With exceedingly great joy in Your promises and with confidence that You will hear and answer Your people, we commend into Your hands ourselves and all for whom we pray, through Christ, our Lord, whom with the Father and Holy Spirit, You are one God and one Lord, now and forevermore.

**C** **Amen.**

## **SERVICE** *of the* **SACRAMENT**

*We welcome to the table of the Lord's Supper all those who believe and confess alongside this family the teachings of the Lutheran Church. For more on this, refer to the WORSHIP card, located in each pew rack.*

### **PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

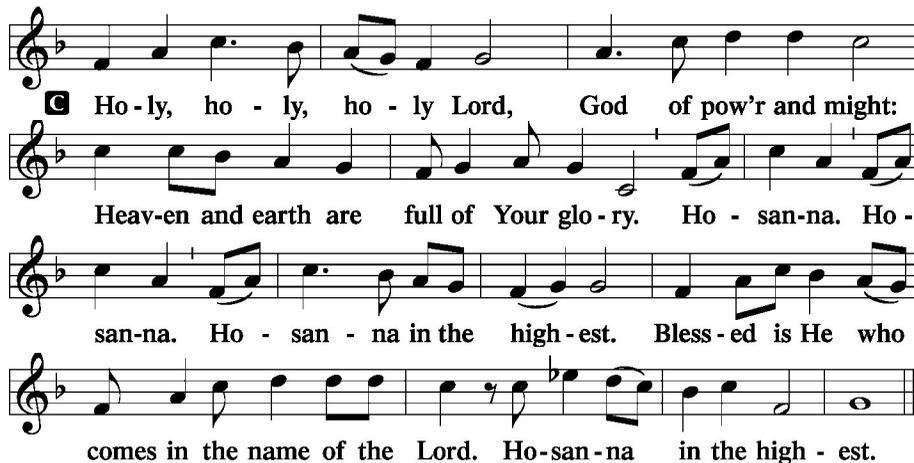
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### THE PEACE OF THE LORD

*John 20:19*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

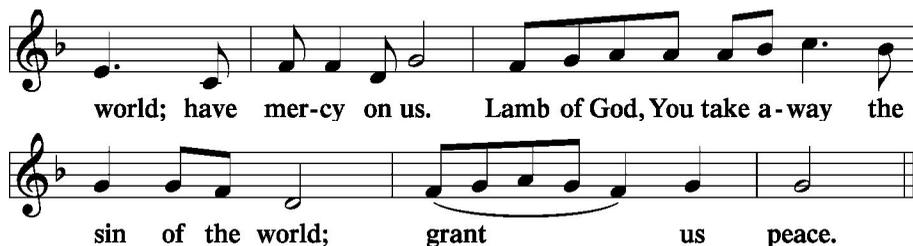
**P** The table is prepared. Welcome to the Lord's table.

## AGNUS DEI

*John 1:29*



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



9:00am - **DISTRIBUTION SONGS** (*You may be seated, awaiting instruction from the ushers*)  
 "Newborn King"

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| <p>1. <b>We've been waiting, our hearts hoping</b><br/> <b>For a Savior, for our Lord</b><br/> <b>Now this day, in flesh appearing</b><br/> <b>Love is here, we wait no more</b></p> | <p>2. <b>Peace on earth and death defeated</b><br/> <b>Mercy triumphs, grace abounds</b><br/> <b>Through this child, we find forgiveness</b><br/> <b>Our salvation here and now</b></p> |
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*Chorus*

**Light of the world come to save, come  
 to save us**  
**Heaven rejoices, angels sing**  
**Glory to God in the high, in the highest**  
**We bow before our newborn King**

*Bridge*

**Hallelujah, Christ our Savior,**  
**Hope eternal, we will sing**  
**Hallelujah, Christ our Savior,**  
**Son of God, our newborn King!**

"Feed Us Now"

1. **Feed us now, Bread of Life, In this holy meal;**  
**Let us know Your love anew; We hunger for You.**  
**Feed us now, Bread of Life, Come and live within;**  
**Let Your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus we pray**
2. **Piece of bread, glass of wine; Lord this food is good!**  
**Love and mercy come to us; Your promise we trust.**  
**Piece of bread, glass of wine; Who can understand**  
**How His mercy works in these? Yet Lord we believe.**
3. **God is here, O so near; Nearer than our thoughts.**  
**Stay with us where'er we go; Lord, help us to grow.**  
**God is here, O so near, In this heaven's meal.**  
**May we always feed on You - On the Bread that's true.**

"You Satisfy The Hungry Heart"

LSB 641

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN** "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

*LSB 609*

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**SERVING in the LORD'S HOUSE**

**Pastor** Rev. Aaron B. Chittick

**Administrative Assist.** Laura Oswood

**Preschool Teachers** Lisa Dove  
Courtney Eaton

**Interpreter for the Deaf** Mary Smith

**Open Building** Paul Dove

**Secretary** Renee Taden

**Organist** Kay Kaepf

**Praise Team** Lisa Dove  
Karin Kennedy

**Altar Guild** Marnie Wood

**Banners** Gail Green

**Today - January 6**

**Next Week - January 13**

**Sunday School**

**Acolyte** Chayse Moore

Madison Moore

**Assistant** Rick Taden

Chris Donbrock

**Reader** Ed Lake

Tim Meyer

**Ushers** Chris Donbrock

Kevin Luckert

Paul Meyer

John Sennish

Jason Moore

Aaron Garn

Bill Tunison

Ruth Patch

**Greeters** Eileen Luckert &  
Melissa Chittick

Jason & Jamie Moore

**Cookies** Donna Hobday

**Counters** Mobley & Donbrock

Osborn & Watz

**Sound** Paul Dove

Paul Dove

Kids - No Classes Today

Adults - in the Fellowship Hall  
with Tim Meyer

## ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

*Offerings*—Wednesday 12/23-\$195; Sunday 12/23-\$2,803 (Includes Direct Payment); Roof-\$10; Total-\$3,008.

*Worshippers*—Wednesday 12/19: 6:15pm-37. Sunday 12/23: 9am-93; 11:30am-9. Adult Sunday School-14.

*Offerings*—Christmas Eve 12/24-\$220; Sunday 12/30-\$3,386 (Includes Direct Payment); Roof-\$10; Christmas Eve-\$220; Total-\$3,736.

*Worshippers*—Christmas Eve 12/24: 7pm-148; 10pm-50. Sunday 12/30: 9am-60; 11:30am-14. Adult Sunday School-18.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Cancer patients:* Rob Eickmann; Melvin Gallatin; Jackie Harris; Tim Herman; Jake; Grace Lindemann; Marialyce; MaryJane; Insa Raymond; Reese; Carol Unroe; Rusty Zimmerman.

*Family & Friends:* Anne; Debbie Jenner; Doreen Robinson; Vienna.

*Shut-ins:* Carol Heffelfinger; Cheryl Rosch; Sally Uhrig; Carol Unroe; Carol Yearling; Evelyn Yearling.

*Those in military service:* Lance Bonkoske; Andrew Hatfield; Jeffrey Kaepp; Tristan Karl; Thomas Lenz; Nickole DeNio; Joe Meyer; Lisa Meyer; Ryan Schlueter; Chelsea Seegmiller; Heath Taner.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please have all announcements to the office by 12pm, Wednesdays.*

**No Sunday School Today** Classes will resume January 13.

**2018 Member Giving Statements** Because of the 2018 change to the standard income tax deductions, the Treasurer is wondering how many of you will need your statements this year. To save on copy costs, IF you would like your statement printed contact: Donna Hobday, Barb Tunison, or the Church Office.

**Christmas Un-Decorating TODAY @ 10:30.** We will begin taking down the Christmas decorations, starting with the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. When 2nd service is finished, we will move into the Sanctuary. Please join us, as many hands make light work.

**Cookies!** The 2019 Cookie Schedule is out. Please sign up to bring cookies Sunday mornings to have with our coffee and punch. Remember, you can also recruit a friend or two to help.

**Are you a Snowbird?** Flying the coop for a month or two? If you are leaving for an extended period of time, please inform the office. We worry when we don't see our family members. Safe travels!

**Funeral luncheon assistance needed:** We are looking to expand the list of people willing to make or purchase a dessert, salad or work in the kitchen the day of a funeral. If you have questions or would like to be added to the list, please contact Sally Stewart or the church office.

**Book Club** - Read the book “Before We Were Yours” by Lisa Wingate, then join us for discussion on January 12 @ 10:00am. A thought provoking tale of two families, two generations apart, who were part of a notorious real life scandal in which poor children were kidnapped and sold to wealthy families all over the country.

## THIS WEEK *at* ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 1/6	9:00am	Worship - LWML Mites Collected
	10:30am	Adult Sunday School - Fellowship Hall Undecorating
	11:30am	Worship - LWML Mites Collected
Tuesday 1/8	12:00pm	LWML Brown Bag Lunch & Meeting
Wednesday 1/9	9:30am	Staff Meeting
	1:00pm	Quilting
	5:30pm	Confirmation Class
	6:30pm	Youth Hangout
Thursday 1/10	12:00pm	Beautification Team Meeting
Saturday 1/12	9:00am	Men’s Bible Study
	10:00am	Book Club - “Before We Were Yours”
Sunday 1/13	9:00am	Worship
	10:00am	Youth Sub Sale Begins
	10:30am	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:30am	Worship
	2:00pm	Tobogganing @ Pokagon

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