



MAY THE NAME OF THE LORD FLOURISH

AS LONG AS THE SUN.

ALL KINGS WILL BOW DOWN TO HIM.

ALL NATIONS WILL SERVE HIM.

Psalm 72

The Epiphany of our Lord

January 6, 2019

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are thankful that you've chosen to worship with us.

We love children worshipping with us. But we understand that kids can get restless. We have a few options for your convenience: Quiet Bags in the back of church, filled with activity pages and books; a Quiet Area in the library area of our Commons with a rocking chair, children's books and toys; Changing Tables in both washrooms down the hallway to the right as you exit the chapel.

Most of the service is projected on the front wall. You can also find the service and hymns in the hymnal. Bibles are available on request. If you want, you may follow along with the today's readings from your mobile device.

Please be sure to silence your mobile device so you don't disrupt the service or distract people's worship.

SERVICE NOTES FOR THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

The Epiphany of Our Lord is the continued celebration of the birth of the Savior of Nations. So bright is the dawning of the Son, so great is the fullness of his glory, that his light not only fills the dark streets of Bethlehem, but the ends of the earth. Jew and Gentile alike gather to worship him who is born ruler of Judah and Shepherd of all Israel.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Dear Christ, let the joy of our salvation fill us with adoration. Let us bring whole hearts and the best of your blessings in response. Amen.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist

Organist

Ushers

Pastor Erich Westphal

Beth Janisch

Isaac Hill, Ryan Burmeister

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DIVINE SERVICE II | Christian Worship Supplement (page 28)

Divine Service II is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church. This order is intended to be used when Holy Communion is celebrated.

OPENING HYMN

Hail, O Source of Every Blessing | CW 87

STAND

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

"The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners." (The Small Catechism; First: What is the use of the keys?) See John 20:21-23.

Kyrie is the Greek word for *Lord*. The expression “Lord, have mercy” is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Mark 10:47

Kyrie

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD

Sung to the tune of **CW 38**

Gloria in Excelsis

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. “Glory to God in the Highest” has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.)

- 1 All glory be to God on high!
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise you for your peace and grace,
Your favor toward our fallen race.
- 2 Our grateful thanks to you we bring,
For your great glory, heav’nly King,
For all, O Father, you have done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.
- 3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
You take all human sin away.
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;
From God’s right hand, your mercy share.

- 4 You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone;
The Father’s glory you made known.
We by your Spirit sing again:
“All glory be to God!” Amen.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

The Prayer of the Day is spoken.

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON

1Kings 10:1-9

The Queen of Sheba typifies all the Gentiles nations who would hear of the mystery of Christ and come to the brightness of his dawn.

The Queen of Sheba heard about Solomon’s fame, which was connected with the fame of the LORD, so she came to test him with hard questions. ²She came to Jerusalem with a very great entourage—with camels carrying spices and a large quantity of gold and precious stones. She came to Solomon and told him everything that was on her heart.

³Solomon answered all her questions. There was nothing hidden from the king that he could not explain to her.

⁴The Queen of Sheba saw all the wisdom of Solomon, the house which he built, ⁵and the food on his table. When she saw the council meeting of his officials, the careful attention of his ministers, as well as their attire, his cupbearers, and the whole burnt offerings which he

This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word section and the Sacrament section (page 33) of the service.

offered at the House of the LORD, it took her breath away.

⁶She said to the king, “The report I heard in my own country about your accomplishments and your wisdom is true. ⁷I did not believe the report until I came and saw it with my own eyes. The truth is, not even half of it was told to me! Your wisdom and wealth surpass the report which I heard. ⁸Blessed are your men, blessed are your servants, who stand before you continually hearing your wisdom! ⁹May the LORD your God be blessed, who was pleased to put you on the throne of Israel. Because the LORD loves Israel forever, he made you king to administer justice and righteousness.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

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SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 3:2-12

Paul knew what it meant to be suddenly bathed in light for the ultimate good of his soul. Now he rejoices in the revelation of the Christ not only to the House of Israel but to the Gentiles – fellow heirs in the promise of Christ Jesus.

²Surely you have heard of the administration of God’s grace given to me for you, ³namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation (as I have already written briefly). ⁴When you read this, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ. ⁵This mystery was not made known to people in past generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets. ⁶This mystery is that in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and people who also share in the promise through the gospel.

⁷I became a servant of this gospel, in keeping with the gift of God’s grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸To me—even though I am the very least of all the saints—was given this grace: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ ⁹and to enlighten everyone about the administration of this mystery. In past ages this mystery remained hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰He did this so that, through the church, the multifaceted wisdom of God in the heavenly places might now be made known to the rulers and authorities. ¹¹This was done according to the eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹²In him we can freely approach God with confidence through faith in him.

Alleluia. We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

In the Lord's faithfulness, the promise is fulfilled as the Savior is born for all nations. Like the Magi, we offer our best in response to this treasure.

STAND

M: The Gospel according to *Matthew* chapter 2:1-12.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

The congregation stands and speaks words of acclamation out of respect for the words of Christ, our King.

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, when Herod was king, Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, ²“Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was alarmed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴He gathered together all the people's chief priests and experts in the law. He asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, because this was written through the prophet:

⁶You, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are certainly not least among the rulers of Judah: because out of you will come a ruler, who will shepherd my people, Israel.”

⁷Then Herod secretly summoned the Wise Men and found out from them exactly when the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you find him, report to me, so that I may also go and worship him.”

⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. Then the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them, until it stood still over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced with overwhelming joy. ¹¹After they went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²Since they had been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY *How Lovely Shines the Morning Star* | **CW 79**
(verses 1-3)

The Hymn of the Day is assigned to this day because of its rich content and connection to the day's Gospel.

SERMON "Wise Men Still Seek Him" | **Matthew 2:1-12**

1. What is the **MAIN THING** that God teaches me in this passage?

2. What **SIN** does God lead me to confess, based on this passage?

3. What does God lead me to **GIVE THANKS** for, based on this passage?

4. What does God lead me to **PRAY** for or about, based on this passage?

STAND

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.

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 fully 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.

*The original text here reads "catholic," a word meaning "universal." The Church consists of all believers in heaven and on earth, of every time in history.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.

If you are a guest, please do not feel obligated to give an offering.

Please record your visit on the Connection Card. This is also where we register for Holy Communion.

STAND

PRAYER OF EPIPHANY

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THE SACRAMENT

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

*If you want to establish communing fellowship with us, **please wait to receive the Lord's Supper** until you have had a chance to speak with the pastor.*

PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

If you have established communing fellowship with us and desire to receive the Lord's Supper today, please use the following questions to help you prepare:

- Q: Do I recognize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment?
- Q: Do I want forgiveness for my failures (according to the Ten Commandments) to carry out the responsibilities of my calling(s)?
- Q: Do I believe that Jesus purchased forgiveness for me by his sinless life for me and death on the cross as the payment for all my sins?
- Q: Do I believe that Jesus gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of my sins?
- Q: Do I intend, with Christ's help, to fight temptation, do what I can to correct the wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works?

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

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

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshippers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

M: 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, *who came as the Light of the world so that the world may have light and life through him.* Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

*Isaiah 6:3;
Matthew 21:9*

Sanctus means “holy.” Used possibly as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century.

As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord’s use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ’s death.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

Sung to the tune of **CW 368**
O Savior, Precious Savior

**1 O holy, holy, holy
Lord God of pow’r and
might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.**

**2 Hosanna in the highest!
How truly blest is he
Who in God’s name is coming
To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with his blood
outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage—
Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil’s power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ’s body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:24,25

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on 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.

C: Amen.

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LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29

Jesus is God's Lamb
(Agnus Dei), who was
offered as a sacrifice for
sin once for all.

Agnus Dei

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
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Brightest and Best | CW 92

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

Sung to the tune of **CW 7**
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

1. **O Lord, now let your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised
incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel!**
2. **All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever three in one;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

The *Nunc Dimittis* ("Now dismiss") is also known as the "Song of Simeon." Through God's Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.)

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

M: 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.

C: Amen.

The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them." (Numbers 6:27)

CLOSING HYMN

As with Gladness Men of Old | 83

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP HOUR has been a huge success. We want to continue this time for the upcoming year. There is a sign-up sheet in the Information Center for the next quarter. We appreciate everyone that has had the opportunity to help with this!

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS are scheduled to be taken down on Saturday, Jan. 12, at 10 am.

POINSETTIA plants are available if you would like one. Please take one home after the service.

2019 FLOWER SIGN-UP SHEETS are in the Information Center. Please consider signing up to donate funds toward flowers on the altar.

ANNUAL TOWN HALL meeting will be on Sunday, January 20, after the service. This is an important meeting as we will discuss the upcoming year for Brooklyn Lutheran.

ANNUAL VOTER'S MEETING will be on Sunday, January 27, after the service. This is when the vote will be taken on the topics discussed at the Town Hall Meeting . If you are a voting member, please try to attend this meeting.

THANK YOU for all the cards, gifts and well wishes that we received from you this holiday season. At the close of another year, I once again thank our God for the wonderful family that he has placed us into and for the privilege to serve as your shepherd. Pastor Westphal

WEST LUTHERAN UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri., Jan 11 Coaches vs Cancer

For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board.

Calendar Week

Today

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| Sunday School | 9:00 am |
| Bible Study | 9:00 am |
| Worship | 10:00 am |
| Fellowship | 11:00 am |

Monday

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| Men's Growth Group | 7:00 pm |
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Tuesday

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| Bible Class | 3:15 pm |
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Saturday

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| Christmas Décor Take Down | 9:00 am |
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Sunday

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| Sunday School | 9:00 am |
| Bible Study | 9:00 am |
| Worship | 10:00 am |
| Fellowship | 11:00 am |
| Elder's Meeting | 11:15 am |

Serving in The Lord

Ushers

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| Today: | Isaac Hill Ryan Burmeister |
| Next Sunday: | Ron Stelter Russ Wyman |

Organist

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| Today: | Bethel Janisch |
| Next Sunday: | Sasha Schallert |

Money Counter

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| January | Position Open |
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Blessings from The Lord

Attendance

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| Sunday Service – 60 |
| New Year's Eve Service – 22 |

Tithes & Offerings \$ 1,694.75



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