



A SAVIOR FOR ALL

Epiphany

JANUARY 6, 2019

Growing Together in Faith

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome! My name is Pastor Josh Olson and I want to thank you for joining us this morning for worship. In our service, we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word. We pray that your time with us this morning is edifying and enjoyable. May God bless our worship together this day!

FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE

- **Restrooms** are located down the hallway opposite the entrance to classroom 1, on the right.
- **Ushers** are here to help. Please don't hesitate to ask them if you have any questions.
- **A Nursery** is available for parents with infants in the church office. A live audio feed of the service is available in the room.
- **Guest Register-** We ask that our guests sign the worship register so that we might have record of who joined us and invite you to upcoming events. In order to do that we would invite you to leave your contact information on the spaces provided (i.e. email address, telephone number, or address) Thank you!
- Pastor Olson is available and willing to meet with you any time. Please give him a call at church 410-231-2075 or on his cell phone at 269-993-5766. He can also be reached via email pastor@shepherdofthebay.com. He would be happy to answer any questions or concerns you might have.

CLOSE COMMUNION- VISITORS, PLEASE *SPEAK WITH PASTOR BEFORE COMMUNING.*

Through the Apostle Paul Jesus gives us specific instructions about this special Supper. He says, **“Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself” (1 Corinthians 11:27-29).** So that this Supper remains a blessing and not a harmful thing to those who partake of it – we feel a loving, God-given responsibility to instruct and train all who wish to receive this Supper prior to their participation. If you haven’t had the chance to receive instruction offered in this congregation or one of our sister congregations, we ask that you speak with the Pastor Olson before taking the Lord’s Supper. Pastor Olson is eager to meet with you. We thank you kindly. And we greatly look forward to celebrating the Lord’s Supper with you.

PRAYER FOR BEFORE COMMUNION:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

PRAYER FOR AFTER COMMUNION:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

PLEASE STAND

CONFESSON OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.¹

C: Amen.

P: 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.**

P: 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 you² all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*³

P: 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.**

P: 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.**

¹ The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshippers of their baptisms.

² The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church (believers) on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners” See John 20:21-23.

³ *Kyrie* is the Greek word for *Lord*. The expression “Lord, have mercy” is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.

P: 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.**

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

C: **Amen.**

Glory Be To God *Gloria in Excelsis*⁴
Sung to the tune of CW 46

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| <p>1 <i>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.</i></p> | <p>2 <i>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.</i></p> |
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Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.⁵

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, by the leading of a star you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith, to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

⁴ 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.

⁵ This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word section and the Sacrament section of the service.

First Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6

“Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

2 See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the LORD rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.

3 Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

4 “Lift up your eyes and look about you:
All assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters are carried on the arm.

5 Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,
to you the riches of the nations will come.

6 Herds of camels will cover your land,
young camels of Midian and Ephah.
And all from Sheba will come,
bearing gold and incense
and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

Responsive Hymn of Praise As with Gladness Men of Old
Hymn 83:1,5

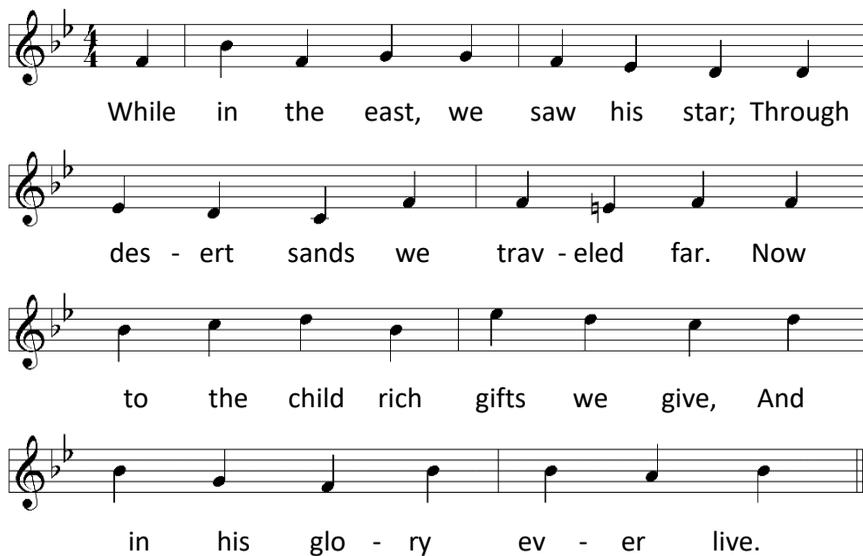
Second Lesson..... Ephesians 3:2-12

Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. ⁴ In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. ⁶ This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

⁷ I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰ His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹ according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Verse of the Day

Tune CW 89



While in the east, we saw his star; Through
des - ert sands we trav - eled far. Now
to the child rich gifts we give, And
in his glo - ry ev - er live.

PLEASE STAND

P: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 2.

C: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**⁶

Gospel Lesson..... Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.”

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ “ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.’”

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

⁶ The congregation stands and speaks words of acclamation out of respect for the words of Christ, our King.

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day "How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"
Hymn 79

Sermon

Sermon Notes:

PLEASE STAND

Nicene Creed⁷

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

**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 Christian⁸ 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.**

Offering⁹

The members of Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

⁷ 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.

⁸ The Church consists of all believers in heaven and on earth, of every time in history.

⁹ Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.

Prayer of the Church

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.¹⁰

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

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

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

P: 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*¹¹
Sung to the tune of CW 214

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!*

¹⁰ The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

¹¹ *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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving¹²

P: 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

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 Institution¹³

P: 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.

¹² Jesus took bread and *gave thanks* [Matthew 26:26].

¹³ 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.

Lamb of GodAgnus Dei¹⁴

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

BE SEATED

Distribution Soloist "Abide With Me"

At Shepherd of the Bay, we practice the biblical teaching of close communion. See page 3 of the bulletin for more information. Visitors are asked to speak with Pastor before communing

¹⁴ Jesus is God's Lamb [*Agnus Dei*], who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.

THANKSGIVING

Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimittis*¹⁵ Sung to the tune of CW 214

- 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.*

P: 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.

Blessing¹⁶

P: 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.



BE SEATED

Closing Hymn "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" Hymn 82

¹⁵ 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.

¹⁶ 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].

Week at a Glance

Today, Sunday, January 6th

9:30 AM Bible Class- Worship- Why we do it the way we do?
10:30 AM Worship w/ Lord's Supper/SS
12:00 PM Choir

Tuesday, January 8th

3:00 PM 8th Grade Catechism Class

Wednesday, January 9th

6:00 PM 6-7th Grade Catechism Class
7:00 PM Midweek Bible Study- Genesis

Thursday, January 10th

7:00 PM Teen Class
7:30 PM Church Council

Saturday, January 12th

8:30 AM Men's Breakfast
9:00 AM Sewing Circle

Sunday, January 13th

9:30 AM Bible Class
10:30 AM Worship/ SS
12:00 PM Chili Cook Off

Kid's Connect- This new fun Bible Class will start back up again on Sunday, January 20th at 9:30am. This study is for all ages of kids from Pre K- 8th grade. It focuses on the three lessons that will come up in that Sunday's Worship Service. The goal is to give the kids a chance to have a firm understanding of the weekly Scripture readings before the Worship Service even begins! There is also a fun craft and fun time to connect with the other kids during that hour.

Sunday Morning Class- People of all ages are welcome to join us for a new Bible Study on Sunday mornings. The class will dig into our worship service and why we worship the way we do.

Chili Cook off- Next Sunday is the annual Chili Cook off! Make your best pot of chili and bring your cash for voting. Proceeds will bring WLA students here as our soccer camp coaching staff.

Wine and Design Night- Dreaming of sweeping spring meadows, buds of flowers and the way the clouds reflect the changing colors of sunset? Ladies, join us as we paint this idyllic scene. **Saturday, January 19th at 2:30pm** at Rachel Olson's home. No painting experience necessary. We will start with a few drinks and taste some appetizers before an instructor will guide us through the masterpiece. Questions? See Shauna Kopitzke or Petra Budde. Registration deadline is January 11th at 10pm.

God's Story of our Salvation- Join along in this weekly study! By the end of the year you will have a better grasp of the entire Bible and most importantly your faith will be strengthened through the study of the Word! Each week there will be a bulletin insert for your daily readings. This should take less than five minutes to complete. There will also be different Bible activities you are free to do as well. For example: memorize a familiar passage, crossword puzzles, questions and answers about the reading. This is a great private study! It would be perfect for a married couple to do every night or get together with a friend or a group of friends and do the readings for the week!

