



# ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## OUR MISSION:

TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

TO MAKE DISCIPLES

TO EMBODY GOD'S LOVE

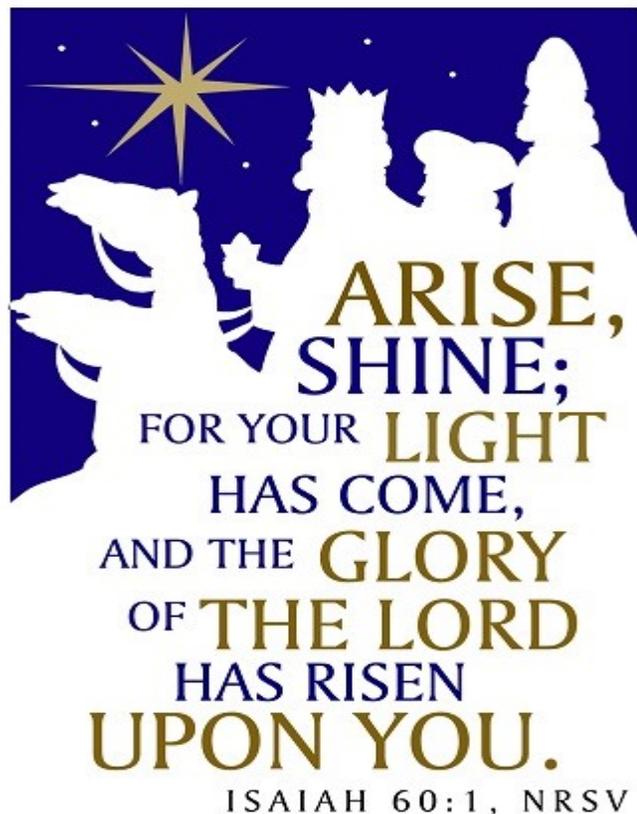
## INTRODUCTION

*Epiphany means "manifestation." On this day we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations. Some Christian traditions celebrate three great epiphanies on this day: the magi's adoration of the Christ child, Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River, and his first miracle, in which he changes water into wine. The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God's grace and mercy. We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst.*

**JANUARY 6, 2019 AT 10:30 A.M.**

**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**

**TRADITIONAL SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

10:30 A.M.

JANUARY 6, 2019

*\*Please stand if able*

*P: Pastor; A: Assisting Minister; C: Congregation*

*(ELW—Red Book)*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Emily Schuttenberg

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vicar Frank Waugh

\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 116-118

\*SHARING THE PEACE P: The peace of the Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

\*GATHERING HYMN

**"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"**

**ELW #275**

\*APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Glory to God ..."

ELW p. 121-122

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Vicar Frank Waugh

LESSONS

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12

Kermit Nash

\*HOLY GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia, Alleluia ..."

ELW p. 124

\*GOSPEL READING P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew. C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Matthew 2:1-12

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Vicar Frank Waugh

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

**"As with Gladness Men of Old"**

**ELW #302**

\*APOSTLES' CREED

ELW p. 127

\*INTERCESSORY PRAYER

A: Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.**

Kermit Nash

MEAL

THE OFFERING / OFFERTORY

"What Child is This?"

Carol Schaefer

\*OFFERING PRESENTATION/RESPONSE "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

ELW #182

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.



**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Kermit Nash

A: Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray. **C: Amen.**

**\*THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER V**

ELW p. 65-66

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, teach us to pray . . .

**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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION**

*Holy Communion Invitation: We welcome all who are baptized to the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Communion is served by Intinction. You will be given a wafer, which you then dip into the chalice of wine. If unable to come forward, stand where you are, and you will be served there. Children who are baptized are welcome to commune.*

**AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)**

ELW p. 135

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**"The First Noel"**

**ELW #300**

**\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

*After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands and the presiding minister says these words:*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **C: Amen.**

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Kermit Nash

A: God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\*BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you ... **C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

**"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"**

**ELW #543**

**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Emily Schuttenberg

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**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD** by the congregation of St. Mark's.

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**LITURGY -THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE**

**Presiding Pastor:** Vicar Frank Waugh

**Assisting Minister:** Kermit Nash

**Organist:** Emily Schuttenberg

**Communion Assistants:** David & Lisa Tucker

**Deacons:** Tiffany Caudill, Tanya Stephenson

**Altar Guild:** Edie Connor, Camille Patrick, Gig & Stan Sigmon

**Tabulators:** Donna Evans, Cathy Sigmon, Nick Setzer

**Tech:** Carol Schaefer, Camille Patrick, Tamarah Hefner, Randy Sherrill, Terry Hefner, Tim Sigmon, Barry Bumgarner

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### **ISAIAH 60:1-6**

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought 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 proclaim the praise of the Lord.

### **PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14**

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son. May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice. May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness. May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor. May he live 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 righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more. May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts. May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service. For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper. He has pity on the weak and the needy and saves the lives of the needy. From oppression and violence, he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

### **EPHESIANS 3:1-12**

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

### **MATTHEW 2:1-12**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.