

# GLORY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## The Epiphany of Our Lord January 6, 2019

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**Welcome all** in the name of Jesus, especially those who are worshiping for the first time with us. Please sign our guest book (make sure to indicate if you would like the Pastor to visit) and accept our invitation to worship with us again.

**Who should commune at the Altar of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church?** According to the Scriptures and the Confessional statements of the church only those should commune who "have been examined and absolved" by the pastor. If you wish to commune at Glory of Christ for the first time, please talk to the Pastor before doing so. Holy Communion is the most intimate expression of Christian fellowship and it is important to the members of Glory of Christ Lutheran Church that all who commune have a common understanding and commitment to the Gospel teachings of the Bible.

**Following along with the Service:** At Glory of Christ the pastor typically makes announcements after the service. So the service just starts at the appropriate time without a specific welcome. (The welcome actually occurs in the service itself when the pastor says, "The Lord be with you" and the congregation responds.) To follow the service, you should turn to the page indicated at the top of your bulletin insert. This week the page is 203. Usually we simply work through the service interrupting the process for the singing of hymns, certain prayers and the scripture readings. The prayers are usually printed in the service folder as are the Scripture readings. Hymns are found in the latter half of the Service book. If you are having trouble following the service you can ask someone nearby and they will help you. You can also comfort yourself with the knowledge that almost everyone has a little trouble following the service the first time through. It gets easier.

## **The Epiphany of Our Lord**

### **Worship Notes**

### **Matthew 2:1-12**

"Epiphany" means a sudden or great revelation, but it doesn't seem like the Magi or anyone else in the story has a clue. The Magi come to the wrong town, asking for directions. Herod is caught totally unaware of this new rival to his throne. And even though the religious leaders know where to find Jesus, they don't seem one bit excited by the Messiah's arrival. The festival of Epiphany seems more like an occasion for human confusion.

But the strangeness of it all only underscores the point; today is a *divine* epiphany. The way that God works in the world does not conform to our expectations. It should not be surprising that Herod, the religious leaders, and even the magi were confused. For God's work must be *revealed* to us. Our ways and expectations must be unlearned and conformed to His. And today is just the beginning.

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**January 6, 2019**

**OPENING HYMN #395 – “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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## **SERVICE OF THE WORD (page 204)**

**INTROIT** Ps. 45:6–8a; antiphon: Ps. 45:17



I will cause your name to be remembered in all gener- | ations;\*  
therefore nations will praise you forever and | ever.

**Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter  
of up- | rightness;\***

**you have loved righteousness and hated | wickedness.**

**Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your  
com- | panions;\***

**your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and | cassia.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

I will cause your name to be remembered in all gener- | ations;\*  
therefore nations will praise you forever and | ever.

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## COLLECT

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.

**G Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 60:1–6

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>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.

**G Thanks be to God.**



<sup>1</sup>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, <sup>2</sup>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." <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>"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."

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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.

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

## **CREED**

**Apostles' Creed** – page 207

**SERMON HYMN #399** – *"The Star Proclaims the King Is Here"*

## **SERMON**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**OFFERING** – *"O, Holy Night"* – *Clarinet Duet*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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### THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

**Hymn #400** – *"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"*

**Hymn #403** – *"O Savior of Our Fallen Race"*

**Hymn #372** – *"O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is"*

### Individual Prayer for after Communion:

*(It is suggested that you pray this in your pew after returning from the altar.)*

O my God, I am a sinner, and yet I am not a sinner. Alone and apart from Christ, I am a sinner. But in my Lord Jesus Christ and with him, I am no sinner. I firmly believe that he has destroyed all my sins with his precious blood. The sign of this is that I am baptized, cleansed by God's word, and declared absolved and freed from all my sins. In the sacrament of the true body and blood of my Lord Jesus Christ, I have received as a sure sign of grace, the forgiveness of sins. This he has won and accomplished for me by the shedding of his precious blood. For this I thank him in eternity. Amen.

Martin Luther

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**CLOSING HYMN #397** – *"As with Gladness Men of Old"*

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flower Chart:** The cost of the Altar flowers is \$40 per Sunday and you will be able to take your flowers home with you after the service in a box located *in the kitchen on the shelf above the triple sink*. To have your payment for flowers applied correctly, please use one of the *Designated Offering* envelopes found in your box of envelopes or label the outside of one of your regular envelopes with the words 'Altar flowers'. *If you take the black liners home, please be sure to bring them back to church by the following Wednesday.* Janice Hartness is our flower coordinator. If you have any special requests, please contact her at 763-355-5427 by the Wednesday prior. ***The 2019 Flower chart is now available for you to sign up for Flowers. The following people have signed up in January:***

January 13<sup>th</sup> – Garry & Cheryl McCreary

January 20<sup>th</sup> – Open

January 27<sup>th</sup> – Open

**Tom & Brenda Richards** gave Altar flowers in celebration of Tom's Birthday. May God Bless him on this special occasion!

**Sunday Schedule: Divine Service 9:00 AM;** followed by Bible Class at 10:30.

**Saturday Evening Divine Service 5:00 PM**

**Wednesday morning Prayer Service and Bible Study** – Morning Prayer service begins at 9:15 am, followed by Bible Study at 10:00 am.

**Northwest Suburban Circuit Congregation Prayers** – Each week we will be praying for a congregation in the circuit and for others who have or have had a connection with them. This week, we are asking for To All Generations District campaign and Concordia University, St. Paul.

**New Church Photo Directory:** We will be doing a new church photo directory in 2019! Look for more information to come.

**2019 Offering Envelopes** are now available on tables in the entrance to the Fellowship Hall. If you do not see a box for you, please let Brenda know.

**Everyone Welcome!** Pastor Johnson and Pastor Krueger are doing **monthly Chapel Services** at Cherrywood Pointe in Plymouth - 18405 Old Rockford Rd, Plymouth, MN 55446. The next one will be on **Monday January 14<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 am. Please feel free to attend this service.

**COMPASSION CIRCLE:** We meet the second Monday of the month at 1:00 for dessert, devotion, and fellowship. **Our next meeting will be January 14<sup>th</sup>.** We always welcome new members and ideas for ways in which we can show compassion to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Hope to see you there!

**Quilting:** Make a New Year's resolution to come once a month to help make quilts for the unfortunate! QUILTING will begin again in January. Starting on **Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.** February 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. We start at 9:00am. Please bring your lunch along. We would appreciate any time you could give us, if only an hour or two! Thank You!

**St. John's Lutheran School in Corcoran** is in the process of calling a new administrator/principal for the Pre K-8th grade school. If you know of any qualified candidates that the call committee should consider, please contact the chairman of the call committee, Brian Callahan, at [brian.callahan@centurylink.com](mailto:brian.callahan@centurylink.com) or contact the school at 763-420-2426. Two Glory of Christ members also serve on this committee, so you can contact Josh Christian [joshua.d.christian@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.d.christian@gmail.com) or Dawn Rolf [dawnrolf@gmail.com](mailto:dawnrolf@gmail.com) with candidate names. Please keep this committee and the school in your prayers as they move forward to find the next administrator for the school.

**Voters Meeting Results:** Our Annual Voters Meeting took place on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. The selected new officers, Elders and Church Council Members are:

President – Josh Christian

Treasurer – Jesse Huber

Secretary – Bill Anderson

Elders - 1 More Term - Nate Burdick, Mark Swenson, Andy Madson, Todd Schoolman

Newly elected Elders - Paul Koosman, Ben Rolf, Kord Brashear, Mike Lindh

Church Council – 1 more term: Mari Houck, Bill Anderson, Jonathan Schultz, Rebecca Neumann

Newly Elected Council Members – Jeremy Eickhoff, Todd Palmer, Patton Hoffarth, Kim Bonine.



**Listen to**  
**Pastor Jeremiah Johnson**  
**and host**  
**Pastor Jonathan Fisk**

**on**



**Tue., Jan. 8, at 8:00 a.m. CT**  
**for**  
**Sharper Iron**  
**Lectionary study on**  
**“The New Covenant” Series**  
**2 Corinthians 4:15**