

The Festival of Epiphany January 5 & 6, 2020

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God’s holy and powerful word. Also,

- † Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- † We love families! Your children are welcome in our service. Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! If you would like, there are children’s bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- † Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- † If you want to review or share today’s service, you can find it on our website.
- † For upcoming events and activities, “like” us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

Epiphany is Christendom’s second oldest festival; it has been celebrated for nearly 1900 years. The festival was originally a general celebration of the incarnation of Jesus which included the commemoration of his birth, the visit of the Magi (Wise Men), all of Jesus’ childhood events up to and including his baptism. Today, the Eastern Orthodox church celebrates Epiphany as the festival of Christ’s birth, and the Western Church stresses the visit of the Magi. The season of Epiphany (Greek for appearance) celebrates God’s revealing of Jesus’ true identity as true God, Christ/Messiah, and Savior of the world.

Worship Participants

Liturgist and Preacher Pastor Jacob Hoff
Organist Mrs. Sharon Larsen

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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THE OPENING HYMN “Angels from the Realms of Glory”
Christian Worship #80



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch-ing o'er your
 3 Ma - gi, leave your con - tem - pla-tions; Brigh - ter vi - sions
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend-ing, Watch-ing long in



all the earth; Once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry;
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing—
 beam a - far. Seek the great de - sire of na - tions;
 hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

Refrain



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 You - der shines the in - fant light. Come and wor-ship,
 You have seen the Sav - ior's star.
 In his tem - ple shall ap - pear.



come and wor-ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Please Stand

THE INVOCATION

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

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

GLORIA "From All that Dwell Below the Skies"

Christian Worship #250



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
2 E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal is your



praise a - rise. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
glo - rious Word. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore Till

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ev - 'ry land, by ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia!
 suns shall rise and set no more. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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: A - men.

Please be Seated

THE WORD

THE 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 hip.
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.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY **Psalm 72**

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Refrain

Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.

Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Psalm tone *

Endow the King with your justice, O God,*
 the royal Son with your righteousnes.

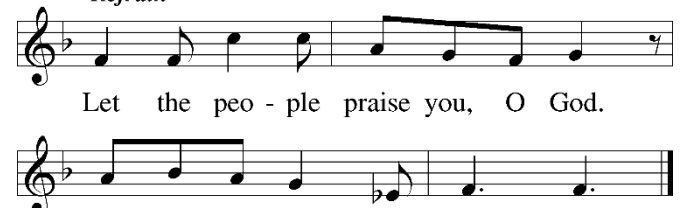
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He will defend the afflicted among the people*
and save the children of the needy.


He will endure as long as the sun,*
as long as the moon, through all generations.

He will be like rain falling on a mown field,*
like showers watering the earth.

Refrain



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Psalm tone



* * * *

All kings will bow down to him,*
and all nations will serve him.

All nations will be blessed through him,*
and they will call him blessed.

Praise be to the LORD God, who alone does marvelous deeds.*
May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

**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.**

Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON.....Ephesians 3:2-12

Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. ⁴In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. ⁶This 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.

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

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia! We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him. Alleluia!
(*Matthew 2:2*)

Please Stand

THE 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 ²and asked, "Where is the one 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 disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the

law, he asked them where the Messiah 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 shepherd 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 search carefully 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 when it rose 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, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be Seated



THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... “How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”

Christian Worship #79



1 How love - ly shines the Morn - ing Star! The na - tions see and
2 O high - est joy by mor - tals won, True Son of God and
3 O might - y Fa - ther, in your Son You loved me ere you
4 Oh, joy to know that you, my Friend, Are Lord, be - gin - ning
5 Lift up the voice and strike the string, Let all glad sounds of



hail a - far The light in Ju - dah shin - ing.
Mar - y's Son, The high - born King of a - ges!
had be - gun This an - cient world's foun - da - tion.
with - out end, The first and last, e - ter - nal!
mu - sic ring In God's high prais - es blend - ed.



O Da - vid's Son of Ja - cob's race, My Bride - groom
In your blest bod - y let me be, E'en as the
Your Son has made a friend of me, And when in
And you at length— O glo - rious grace— Will take me
Christ will be with me all the way, To - day, to -



and my King of grace, For you my heart is pin - ing.
branch is in the tree, Your life my life sup - ply - ing.
spir - it him I see, I joy in trib - u - la - tion.
to that ho - ly place, The home of joys su - per - nal.
mor - row, ev - 'ry day Till trav - 'ling days are end - ed.



Low - ly, Ho - ly, Great and glo - rious, O vic - to - rious
Sigh - ing, Cry - ing For the sa - vor Of your fa - vor
What bliss Is this! He is liv - ing, To me giv - ing
A - men, A - men! Come and meet me, Quick - ly greet me!
Sing out, Ring out Tri - umph glo - rious, O vic - to - rious

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Prince of gra - ces, Fill - ing all the heav'n-ly pla - ces.
 Rest - ing nev - er Till I rest in you for - ev - er.
 Life for - ev - er; Noth - ing me from him can sev - er.
 With deep yearn - ing, Lord, I look for your re - turn - ing.
 Chos - en na - tion; Praise the God of your sal - va - tion.

THE SERMON Ephesians 3:2-12

Please Stand

THE NICENE CREED

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 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.

Please be Seated

THE OFFERING

(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)

THE OFFERING HYMN..... “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

Christian Worship #82 vs. 1,5



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to
 5 Grant us grace to see you, Lord, Mir - rored in your



you we raise, Man - i - fest - ed by the star
 ho - ly Word. May our lives and all we do



To the Ma - gi from a - far, Branch of roy - al
 Im - i - tate and hon - or you That we all like



Da - vid's stem, In your birth at Beth - le - hem.
 you may be At your great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 And may praise you, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

Please Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

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



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

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.

Please be Seated

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a miracle. By God's power, the Lord's body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord's Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord's Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our relationship with fellow believers. Therefore, we practice "close communion." We invite all who are members of St. Paul's or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you would like to learn more about being a member of our family at St. Paul's, please feel free to contact one of the pastors.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Rise, Shine, You People"

Christian Worship #556

1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil
 3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un -
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to
 en - tered Our hu - man sto - ry; God in
 reel - ing; He brings us free - dom, light and
 furl - ing, Your songs and prayers a - gainst the
 save us. Tell of the Son, who life and
 him is cen - tered. He comes to us, by death
 life and heal - ing. All men and wom - en, who
 dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the world go out
 free - dom gave us. Tell how the Spir - it calls
 and sin sur - round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
 by guilt are driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
 and tell the sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 from ev - 'ry na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

Please Stand

THANKSGIVING

THANK THE LORD

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

THE CLOSING PRAYER

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

THE BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Please be Seated

THE CLOSING HYMN..... "As with Gladness Men of Old"

Christian Worship #83



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing
2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to your
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At your cra-dle,
4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the
5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-



star be-hold, As with joy they hailed its light,
low-ly bed, There to bend the knee be-fore
rude and bare, So may we with ho-ly joy,
nar-row way; And, when earth-ly things are past,
a-ted light; You its light, its joy, its crown,



Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright, So, most gra-cious
You whom heav'n and earth a-dore, So may we with
Pure and free from sin's al-loy, All our cost-liest
Bring our ran-somed souls at last Where they need no
You its sun which goes not down. There for-ev-er



Lord, may we Ev-er-more your fol-lowers be.
will-ing feet Ev-er seek your mer-cy seat.
treas-ures bring, Christ, to you, our heav'n-ly King.
star to guide, Where no clouds your glo-ry hide.
may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO CLASSES: There will be no Adult Bible Study, Sunday School or Public School Confirmation classes today, January 5th. We will resume all classes next Sunday, January 12th.

DECORATION TAKE DOWN: The 7th & 8th grade Confirmation classes are asked to help take down the church Christmas decorations next Sunday, January 12th after the 10:30 AM service.

PRESCHOOL & JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT: St. Paul's Early Child Enrichment Center is now open for enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year. Children must be 3 or 4 years old by September 1st, 2020. Interested families may contact Mrs. Patti Krizan or Mrs. Nancy Willms at (414) 421-1833 for more information. Registrations are taken on a first come first served basis. Enrollment opens to the community on January 19th.

SAVE THE DATE: Next year's Vacation Bible Camp will be held July 6-10, 2020. Registration will take place later in spring.

USHERS: We currently have (4) open spots in both services. Please consider serving your congregation in this way. If you are able to help or have any questions, please contact Kyle Brightsman at (414) 335-2906 or kgb5217@gmail.com.

PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR: Join us at Power Hour two Thursdays a month! Open to children ages 0-4 with their caregivers. Meet us in the church narthex from 10:45-11:45 AM on the following dates: January 16, February 6 & 20, March 5 & 19, April 2, May 7 & 21. There are extra flyers on the narthex counter to share with a friend!

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS FOR THIS WEEK (January 5 & 6)

8:00 AM – Bob & Sue Dittrich
10:30 AM – Jack & Kathie Klunder
6:30 PM – Walter & Laurie Falkowski

GREETERS FOR NEXT WEEK (January 12 & 13)

8:00 AM – Josh & Allison Ebeling; Henry & Evelyn
10:30 AM – Dee Kresa; Taylor
6:30 PM – Richard & Kathy Hinz

USHERS FOR JANUARY

8:00 AM – TEAM #1 – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Brandon Wirtz, Gary Boldt
10:30 AM – TEAM #5 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Gary Eickhorst, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski
6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

ALTAR GUILD

Dec 26- Jan 2 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek
Jan 3-7 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Jan 5: Set-up – Tony Tripoli & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Mark & Kristin Hernon
Jan 12: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 5

Worship Service with Communion 8:00 AM
NO Adult Bible Study/PSCIC/Sunday School
Worship Service with Communion 10:30 AM
Gala Meeting..... 6:30 PM

Monday, January 6

Lutheran Girl Pioneers 6:00 PM
Worship Service with Communion 6:30 PM

Thursday, January 9

Men's Basketball..... 7:30 PM

Friday, January 10

School Devotion..... 8:30 AM

Saturday, January 11

School Cleaning.....9:00 AM

Sunday, January 12

Worship Service8:00 AM

Adult Bible Study/PSCIC/Sunday School.....9:15 AM

Worship Service10:30 AM

Christmas Decoration Take Down11:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 117, 10:30 AM – 125

Total Attendance – 242

New Year’s Eve Service – 85, NYE Communion – 65