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Epiphany of our Lord † January 6, 2019

LBW-Lutheran Book of Worship WOV-With One Voice

* Please stand as you are able

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE *Carols of the Star*

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who shines in glory, clothes us in compassion, and bears gifts of mercy for all.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sins with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness.
God, wonderful counselor,

C we confess that we have turned from your gifts and chosen our own way. We have not made room for you in our hearts or in our world.

We have lived in fear; we have not welcomed the stranger; we desire gifts that will not endure. Forgive us our sins, known and unknown, and open us to receive the peace of Jesus dwelling in and among us. Amen.

P God's lovingkindness has appeared to us in Christ our Savior. We are saved, not by anything we have done, but by God's mercy poured out on us richly. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Through the Spirit living in you, God give you faith to trust Jesus, who is Love born for you, now and always.

C Amen.

HYMN LBW # 84 *Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*

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.

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.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has
risen upon you.

²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon
you, and his glory will appear
over you.

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

⁴Lift 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.

⁵Then 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.

⁶A 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.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14

¹Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to ¹the king's son;

**²that he may rule your ¹ people righteously
and the ¹ poor with justice;**
³that the mountains may bring prosperity ¹ to the people,
and the ¹ hills, in righteousness.
**⁴Let him defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush ¹ the oppressor.**
⁵May he live as long as the sun and ¹ moon endure,
from one generation ¹ to another.
**⁶Let him come down like rain upon ¹ the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**
⁷In his time may the ¹ righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace
till the moon shall ¹ be no more.
**¹⁰May the kings of Tarshish and of the ¹ isles pay tribute,
and the kings of Sheba and Seba ¹ offer gifts.**
¹¹May all kings bow ¹ down before him,
and all the nations ¹ do him service.
**¹²For the king delivers the poor who cry out ¹ in distress,
the oppressed, and those who ¹ have no helper.**
¹³He has compassion on the lowly and poor,
and preserves the lives ¹ of the needy.
**¹⁴From oppression and violence he redeems their lives,
and precious is their blood ¹ in his sight.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles — ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In 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: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of 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.
⁸Although 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, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so 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. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

A The Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;
 Grace to imitate thee now, and be pure, as pure art thou.
 Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

*** GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12** *(please stand as you are able)*

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "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." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."
⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then 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." ⁹When 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.
¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed

⁶And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least

with joy. ¹¹On 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. ¹²And having been warned in

a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

P The Gospel of our Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN LBW # 56 *The First Noel*

SERMON

HYMN WOV # 646 *We Three Kings* (you may remain seated)

* **NICENE CREED** (please stand as you are able)

C 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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

PRAYERS

 (you may remain seated)

A Dwelling in the presence of God with us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all in any need.

A brief silence.

A Drawn into the light of God, we pray for the proclamation of the grace of Jesus Christ. Give us courage and boldness to go forth into the world to tell the good news of what God has done. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Drawn into the glory of creation, we pray for the earth. Sustain every living thing with abundant resources, clean water, and sustainable harvests. Help us to steward all that you have provided. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Drawn into the brightness of God's presence, we pray for the nations of the world. Reveal your compassion and peace for the sake of all who live in the shadow of oppression, violence, and fear. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Drawn into the light of healing mercy, we pray for all who wait for healing and relief of suffering. Give us hope in the promise of new life where pain and suffering will be no more. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Drawn into the dawn of a new day, we pray for the ongoing reconciliation between people. Make us bold to name sin in our lives and unite us in the promise of forgiveness and mercy. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Drawn into the promise of everlasting light, we pray for those who mourn and give thanks for all the saints who now rest in the brightness of God's presence. Make us confident in our worship as we reflect the light of God with eternal praise. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Trusting in the presence of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, we commend all for whom we pray, dwelling in the light and hope of Christ, our Savior.

C Amen

* PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *(you may remain seated)*

As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by thee.

As they offered gifts most rare At they cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.

OFFERING PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

* LORD'S PRAYER *(please stand as you are able)*

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C 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

HOLY COMMUNION

BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY

The Lord bless and keep us, look with love upon us.
Be gracious and cause his face to shine with peace!
Glory to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
The Savior close beside us, God's love from harm to hide us,
The Spirit's pow'r to guide us forevermore!

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *The March of the Three Kings*



Altar Flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Douglas & Judy Hoffman in honor of their children and grandchildren.

We pray for people having birthdays this week ... Kenli Dachenhaus, Mary Rohrbaugh, Ted Rohrs, Jeffrey MtCastle, Andrew Sonnenberg, Megan Szlagowski, Jonathon Callaway, Jeffrey Dennie, Dora Titgemeyer, Luke Cable, Theresa Peper, Jakob Elling, Andrea Hoffman. **and wedding anniversaries ... and for all the military...**

✘ ✘ De-decorate Church

Your help would be very much appreciated on Saturday morning beginning at 9:00 a.m. as we take down the Christmas decorations!! ✘ ✘

Altar Guild

This is a reminder to all Altar Guild members that you will have your annual meeting and cleaning on Saturday, January 19, at 9 a.m. Please mark your calendars!

Caring Corner for January — soap

We hope for a bright, clean start to a brand-new, shiny, sparkling clean New Year, so this month, we'll collect soap - any brand, any size - for Together We Can Make A Difference Initiatives. We can even use small travel, hotel/motel-size, which we re-package as "school kits" for kids who shower at school with sports and/or phys ed.

2019 Offering Envelopes

Have you picked up your offering envelopes? They are located in the hallway outside the church office.

Devotionals

Portals of Prayer and *Christ In Our Home* are available at both entrances. There are both regular and large print editions.

Activity Bags

Activity/Busy/Church bags are available on the coat trees at each entryway and in the balcony. Please feel free to take one for your child to enjoy during the worship service, and then return it to the tree afterward. All are welcome to our service, as "it is better to have a child wiggle in church than to wiggle out of it."

Statistics

12/30 (104)

Simply Giving 12/28 - 1/2 : \$1065 Gen Fd; \$200 Bldg Fd

This Week

Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	PERI
Wednesday	3:15 p.m.	After School Club
	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	5:30 p.m.	Emanubells
	5:30 p.m.	6 th grade Catechism
	6:30 p.m.	8 th grade Catechism
	6:30 p.m.	Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Living Spirit
Thursday		NO Bible Study
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	De-decorate Church

Serving Today

Officiating - Pastor Beth Westphal
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes
Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning
Lay Assistant - Jeff Mires
Sound Board - Doug Hoffman
Acolytes - Cale Perdeu & Jaycob Celani
Ushers - Kurt Rohrs, Jack Ruby, Ted Rohrs, Ken Lange
Altar Guild - Cheryl Hershberger & Terri Sedam
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Phyllis Kloos (419-260-6582) or
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Volunteers needed

Please consider volunteering as lay assistant, sound board operator, or usher for our worship services. You can sign up for one week or for a month. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to Ronnie Rohrs or Melinda Dachenhaus to volunteer. WE NEED YOU!!!

Flowers

There are openings on the flower chart for March 3 and 10!

2018 Financial Statements

The year end financial statements will be printed January 8, 2019. We will start handing them out on Sunday, January 13. Thank you, Finance Board

Church Council Installation

The new Church Council members will be installed this morning. Those persons include: President, Ed Biederstedt; President-Elect, Barb Hoffman; Secretary, Lorelee Jones; Treasurer, Julie Kohout; Doctrine & Worship, Ronnie Rohrs & Melinda Dachenhaus; Congregational Life, Julie Callaway & Gayla Yaney; Education, Amanda Dilbone & Joleen Brubaker; Properties, Carey Plummer & Ryan Hoffman; Finance, Maxine Eickhoff & Kelli Burkhardt.

A prayer for new beginnings

In his book *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth* (Fortress Press), Walter Brueggemann writes in an Epiphany poem:

... this is a time to be born.
So we turn to you, God of our life
God of all our years,
God of our beginning....
We dare pray that you will do for us
and among us and through us
what is needful for our newness.
Give us the power to be receptive,
to take the newness you give
There is a time to be born, and it is now.
We sense the pangs and groans of your newness.
Come here now in the name of Jesus. Amen.

How fitting that the Epiphany season and the new year coincide! Epiphany reveals a new King, the beginning of his ministry, his new disciples, his first healings, his “new teaching — with authority” (Mark 1:27). We, too, experience newness, now and year-round. But newness can be tough. So we trust that God, who “[makes] all things new” while banishing “mourning and crying and pain” (Revelation 21:4-5), walks with us in this new year — and always.