

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 6, 2019
8:30 and 11:00 AM



On
coming to
the house,
they saw the
child with
his mother
Mary, and
they bowed
down and

Worshiped

him.
MATTHEW 2:11

OUR MISSION

As a Lutheran community of faith, we continue our history of proclaiming Christ crucified through Word and Sacrament in joyful service to God and our neighbor.

WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

We welcome all who worship with us today. We gather as the Body of Christ to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise to God. Ushers are available to answer any of your questions. The church is equipped with a hearing impaired system. If you need a listening device, it may be obtained from an usher. In the minutes prior to the beginning of each service, the doors to the nave are closed, and quiet is encouraged. Music is offered which prepares worshipers to receive God's gifts from His Hand – the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

Everyone is asked to sign the Attendance Record found at the end of each pew or row of chairs. Please sign this record and pass it down to those beside you during the announcements. As it is returned, please note who is worshipping with you. The Attendance Record helps worshipers to put names and faces together. We make new friends in this way and grow in care for each other.

Celebrating Holy Communion: We believe, teach, and confess Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. All baptized Christians, who share this belief, are invited to receive Jesus as He comes in the Holy Communion to forgive the sins of the penitent. Children and others who are not yet receiving the sacrament, or who choose not to commune with us, are invited to come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their chest. After receiving the host in your outstretched hands, please eat the host if you wish to drink from the first cup, the metal chalice. Please hold the host if you wish to dip your host in the second cup, the ceramic chalice. Those unable to drink wine are urged simply to touch their host to the outside of the cup prior to eating.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are dedicated to the Glory of God and given by Cathy Aleksandravicius in loving memory of her husband, Vytautas "Alex" Aleksandravicius, and by Rebecca Seip in loving memory of her parents, Warren and Myra Schwartz.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is sponsored by John and Carol Lovett to the Glory of God.

O, COME, LET US ADORE HIM! We welcome you in Jesus' name to our celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ. The twelve days of Christmass concluded at sundown on January 5, and now we go with the Magi to Bethlehem to kneel before the Lord Jesus, true God and true Man, adoring Him and offering the treasures of our lives in praise and thanksgiving. There is great joy in worshiping the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Pastor Peter Hoyer is, again, our guest preacher and presider while the Zumwalt family conclude their last days of vacation.

I will strive to **Pray daily**
Worship weekly
Read the Bible
Serve at and beyond St. Matthew's
Be in Relationship to encourage spiritual growth in others
Give of my time, talents and resources

Those Serving in Worship

Assisting Ministers

8:30 Bethel Paris
11:00 Joel Peterson

Lectors

8:30 Bethel Paris
11:00 Ed Ludacer

Ushers

8:30 John Bink, John Tullous
11:00 Bill Gourville, Trevor Hornick

Communion Assistants

8:30 Beth Hales, Sondra North
Karin Cook, Gina Martuscelli
11:00 Kristi Wade, Pr. Robert Weeks,
Lisa Hornick, Jon Lindsay

Greeters

8:30 Craig and Beth Hales
11:00 Judy Daniels, Elaine Mattes

Acolytes

8:30 Stuart Shaver
11:00 Matthew Whitmarsh

Crucifers

8:30 Raymond Shaver
11:00 Garrison Beall

Altar Guild

Arlene Robie, Teresa Hall

* THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: O King of all the nations, having found you in this bread and wine we have no desire to return to rival lords. Help us to escape from all who oppose your saving rule. We bless you now and evermore.

Congregation: Amen.

* THE BENEDICTION

* THE CLOSING HYMN

As With Gladness Men of Old

LBW 82

At this time anyone desiring prayer for healing is invited to approach the altar rail.

* THE DIMISSAL

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Fanfare and Toccata on "The First Noel"

Dennis Janzer

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LESSONS for NEXT WEEK:

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-22

From East to West



1 From east to west, from shore to shore Let ev-'ry
 2 Be - hold, the world's cre - a - tor wears The form and
 3 For this how won - drous - ly He wrought! A maid - en,
 4 And while the an - gels in the sky Sang praise a -
 5 All glo - ry for this bless - ed morn To God the



heart a - wake and sing The ho - ly child whom
 fash - ion of a slave; Our ver - y flesh our
 in her low - ly place, Be - came, in ways be -
 above the si - lent field, To shep - herds poor the
 Fa - ther ev - er be; All praise to You, O



Mar - y bore, The Christ, the ev - er - last - ing king.
 mak - er shares, His fall - en crea - tures all to save.
 yond all thought, The cho - sen ves - sel of His grace.
 Lord Most High, The one great Shep - herd, was re - vealed.
 Vir - gin - born, And Ho - ly Ghost e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Coelius Sedulius, 5th cent.; tr. John Ellerton, 1826-93, alt.
 Tune: *Geistliche lieder*, Leipzig, 1539, ed. Valten Schumann; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

*** THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

Pastor: May this the body and this the blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Congregation: Amen.

*** THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - calls 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.

(* Please stand as you are able.)

Silence for Meditation

PRELUDE

March of the Three Kings

John Henry Hopkins

WELCOME

(Please sign the Attendance Record pad, and pass it along your pew.)

*** THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,

Congregation: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

*** THE OPENING HYMN**

We Three Kings of Orient Are



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
 2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 bring to crown him a - gain; king for - ev - er,
 owns a de - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 God and Sac - ri - fice; heav'n sings al - le -



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 lu - ia; al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



Refrain
 Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820-1891, alt.
 Music: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT, John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820-1891

*** THE GREETING**

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
 Congregation: **And also with you.**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

LBW 50



1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
 seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the •c - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt., sts. 1-3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4
 Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

*** THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: O God, on this day you revealed your only begotten to all the nations by the leading of a star. May we who have come to know you by faith, be led one day to contemplate the fullness of your heavenly majesty. Through the same Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen.**

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ² 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. ³ And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE DISTRIBUTION (Please be seated, an usher will direct you to the altar rail.)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

LBW 44



1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;
 2 Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new



ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.
 saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.



Swift - ly wing - ing, an - gels sing - ing, bells are ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:
 Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
 Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

Text: Polish carol; tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1885-1933, alt.
 Music: W ZŁOBIE LEZY, Polish carol

*** OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Pastor: Father,

Congregation: we humbly add our offerings to the gold, frankincense and myrrh of our forebearers in faith. We, too, have come to worship your Son and to claim your promise to serve in your kingdom of light. Through the same Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.

*** COMMUNION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

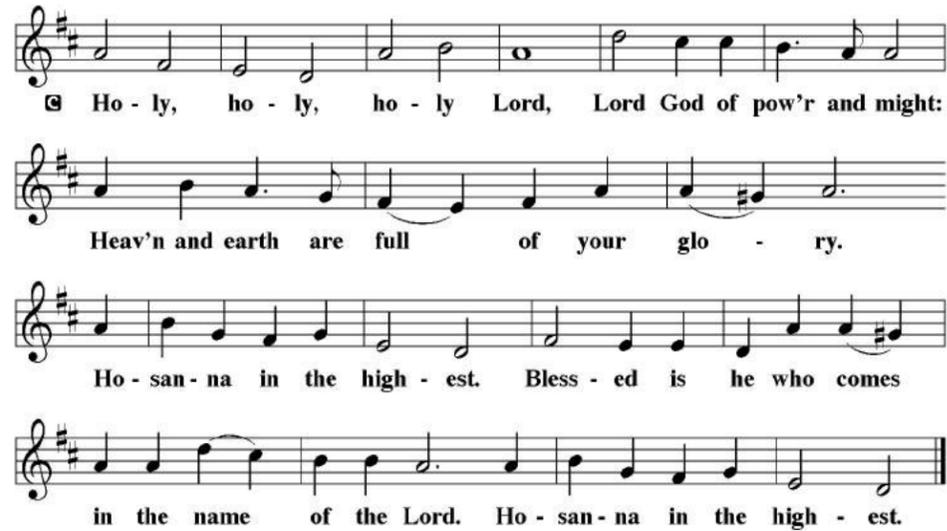
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*** THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Pastor: You are indeed holy...mystery of our faith:

Congregation: Christ had died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: Gracious Father...eternal kingdom.

Congregation: Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

Pastor: Lord remember us...and teach us to pray:

*** THE LORDS 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 FRACTION**

Pastor: The Light has shattered the darkness.

Congregation: Let us follow the Star and behold our God!

PSALM 72:1-14

Give the king your just- / ice, O God,*

and your righteousness to / the royal son!

**May he judge your people with / righteousness,*
and your / poor with justice!**

Let the mountains bear prosperity / for the people,*
and the hills, in / righteousness!

**May he defend the cause of the poor / of the people,*
give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush / the oppressor!**

May they fear you 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 wa- / ter the earth!**

In his days may / righteousness flourish*
and peace abound, til the moon / be no more!

**May he have dominion from / sea to sea,*
and from the River to the ends / of the earth!**

May desert tribes bow down / before him,*
and his enemies / lick the dust!

**May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands ren- / der him tribute,*
may the kings of Sheba and Se- / ba bring gifts!**

May all kings fall down / before him,*
all nations / serve him!

**For he delivers the needy / when he calls,*
the poor and him who / has no helper.**

He has pity on the weak / and the needy,*
and saves the lives / of the needy.

**From oppression and violence he re- / deems their life;*
and precious is their blood / in his sight.**

Glory to the Father, and / to the Son,* and to the / Holy Spirit;
as it was in the begin- / ning, is now,* and will be forev- / er. Amen.

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 3:1-12

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you,³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly.⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ,⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power.⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things,¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*** THE VERSE**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*** THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Pastor: The HOLY GOSPEL according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.



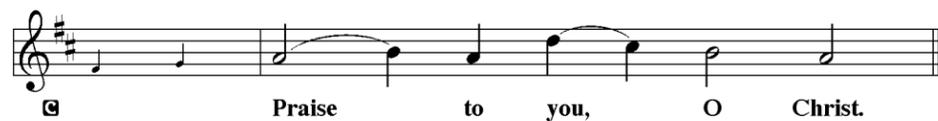
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

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, ² 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." ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶ "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." ⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ 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." ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ 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. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*** THE GOSPEL RESPONSE**



Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

"The Great Physician: Will Cause Joy"

Pr. Hoyer

*** THE HYMN OF THE DAY**

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

LBW 84

*** 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; 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 worshipped 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.

*** THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor Lord, in your mercy.

Congregation: Hear our prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

Congregation: And also with you.

THE OFFERING

The Hills Are Bare at Bethlehem

arr. Johnson

Jan Betts

***THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

What Child is This? (verse 3)



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898
Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.