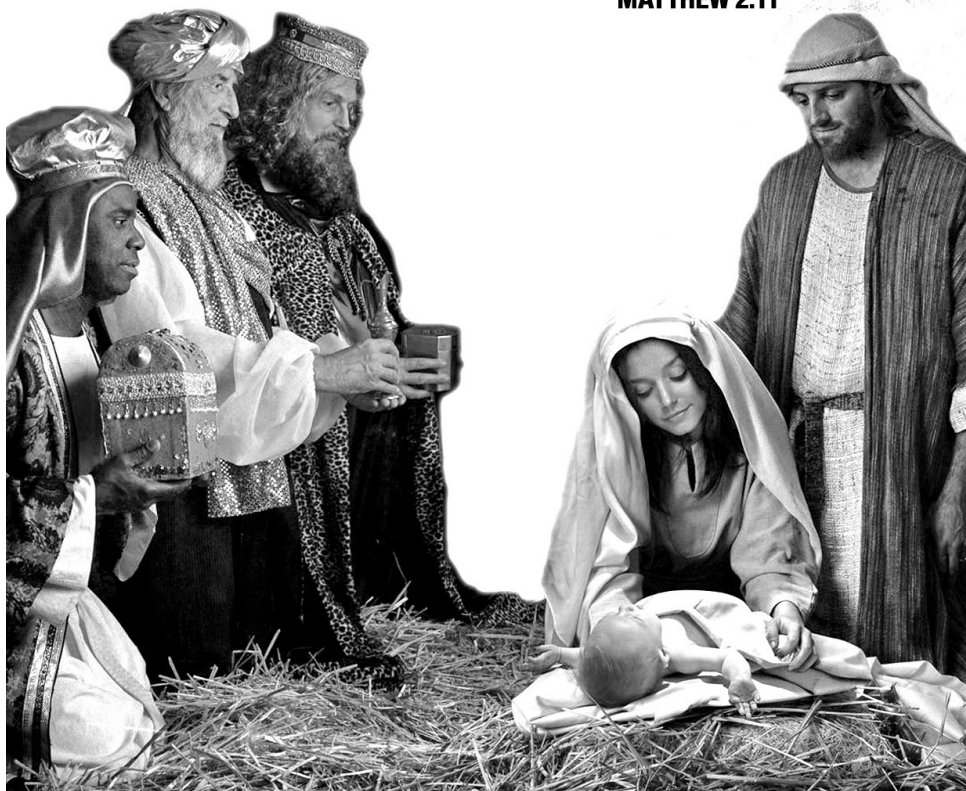


THEY OFFERED HIM GIFTS

of
GOLD,
FRANKINCENSE,
and
MYRRH.

MATTHEW 2:11



Epiphany Sunday

January 6, 2019

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Please sign the guest register in the entry
as you leave the church today.

TODAY'S SERVICE

Speakers:

Pastor Matthew Ude

Organists:

Barry Hay & Ann Sprengeler

Liturgy:

Liturgy: Setting Two

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 72:1-11

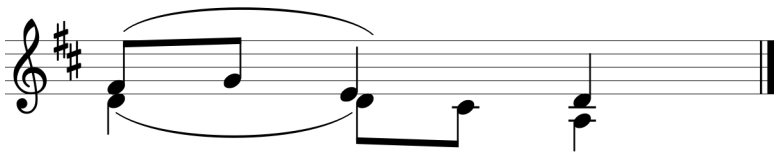
Give the king Your judgments, O God, And Your righteousness to the king's Son. 2 He will judge Your people with righteousness, And Your poor with justice. 3 The mountains will bring peace to the people, And the little hills, by righteousness. 4 He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy, And will break in pieces the oppressor. 5 They shall fear You As long as the sun and moon endure, Throughout all generations. 6 He shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing, Like showers that water the earth. 7 In His days the righteous shall flourish, And abundance of peace, Until the moon is no more. 8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth. 9 Those who dwell in the wilderness will bow before Him, And His enemies will lick the dust. 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles Will bring presents; The kings of Sheba and Seba Will offer gifts. 11 Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; All nations shall serve Him.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Hymn 85:1-3,13-15 (MFH 44) — From Heaven above
to earth I come

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.



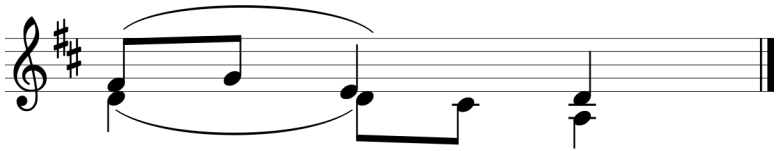
C A - men.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

All Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth, In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.



C A - men.



C Lord, have, mer - cy on us.



Christ, have mer cy on us. Lord, have mer-cy



on us.



C

Glo - ry to God, we
Lord Je - sus Christ, the
A - lone, O Christ, You



give You thanks and praise; Of heav'n - ly
Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You bore for
on - ly are the Lord, At God's right



joy and peace on earth we sing.
us the load of this world's sin.
hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry
Who, with the Spir - it worshiped and a -



raise, Lord God, al - mighty - y Fa - ther,
won, Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your
dored, With all the heav'n - ly host we

heav'n - ly King
 peace with - in.
 glo - ri - fy.

P Let us pray . . . 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.

A - men.

C

THE WORD

Isaiah 60:1-6 Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. 2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. 3 The Gentiles 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 nursed at your side. 5 Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. 6 The multitude of camels shall cover your land, The dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba shall come; They shall bring gold and incense, And they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD.

Ephesians 3:1-12 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles-- 2 if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, 3 how that by revelation He made known to me

the mystery (as I have briefly written already, 4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), 5 which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: 6 that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, 7 of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power. 8 To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; 10 to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, 11 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

P Blessed are they who hear the
Word of God and keep it!

C



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



These words are writ-ten we may believe that



Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of
the virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was
crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into
hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; He
ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty. From there He will
come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian
Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness
of sins, The resurrection of the body and
the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 127 (MFH 54) — As With Gladness Men of Old

SERMON

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 have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.” 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 So they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 6 ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.’” 7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also.” 9 When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went

before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. 11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

Seeking Christ

These gentiles did what the Israelites would not. They left everything to seek and find Christ. They listened attentively to His word. They worshiped him with words, and gifts, and their whole life. What they found was a shepherd who would guide them, care for them, and even die for them.



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O



God, and re - new a right spir-it with - in me.



Cast me not a - way from Your pres - ence.



Take not Your Ho - ly Spir-it from me.



Restore to me the joy of Your sal - vation. Up -



hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn 377:1-3 — Salvation unto us has come

OFFERING AND OFFERING HYMN: 572 VS. 4

C As Thy prospering hand hath blest,
3
May we give Thee of our best And by deeds of
7
kindly love For Thy mercies grateful prove,
9
Sing - ing thus through all our days
2
Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise.

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All 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 BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C A - men. A - men. A - men.

Hymn (MFH 47) — Away in a manger

C  Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle until morning is nigh.
Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with you there.

Announcements

THIS WEEK

Sunday 1/6

9am Worship Service
10am Sunday School
Call Meeting

Tuesday 1/8

7pm Elders Meeting
7:30pm Council Meeting

Wednesday 1/9

4pm Confirmation Class

Sunday 1/13

9am Worship Service
10am Sunday School
10:15am Bible Class
5pm Faith Alive

UPCOMING

Jan 13th – Faith Alive
Jan 15th - Women of Faith
Jan 24th – Voter’s Meeting

ENVELOPE COMMITTEE

This Week: Team #3: Lynn
Dumke

Next Week: Team #4: Mitch
Newton, Andy Kohn

JANUARY USHERS

Russ Brown, Greg Jones,
Blaine Kempenaar, Matt Dumke

FRUITS OF FAITH

General: \$2322
Missions: \$642
School: \$20

MEMORIAM:

\$20 Curits Borwn – School Fund
\$50 Rob Kearley – Window Fund
\$50 Robert Bornick – Window Fund
\$50 Gwen Bornick – Window Fund
\$150 Lyndon Pamerter – Building Fund
\$25 Gary Flagel - Stained Glass Fund

CHILDREN’S ENVELOPE NUMBERS

New envelope numbers have been assigned for all the children of faith. Envelopes with the new numbers are in your boxes. Please use these new numbers from now on. If you still have envelopes with your child’s old number please throw them away.

CHURCH OFFICERS

Lists with all nominees for the new church officers can be found on the table in the hallway.

NEW DOOR ENTRY

As you may have noticed the church and school doors now have magnetic locks with finger print scanners. All Faith members of any age are encouraged to get their finger prints in the system so that they can get into the church whenever they need to.

Lisa Reyes or Marsha Brown can help you get your fingerprints registered after church. Or you can stop by and register your fingerprints during the week. Pastor or Marie Muehlenhaupt can also help you register your fingerprints.

If your fingerprint isn't registered or is not working for some reason you can always ring the video intercom and pastor can unlock the door for you.

2019 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP TO INDIA

Applications for the upcoming CLC Mission Helper Trip to India will be accepted until January 7th. You can apply online at: www.mht.lutheran-missions.org There is still lots of room for more volunteers. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Missionary Todd Ohlmann at thohlmann@gmail.com or (314) 517-0177.

MIDWEST CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Midwest Christian Women's Retreat, sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, will be held March 22-24, 2019, at the Riverport Inn & Suites, Winona, MN. Registration is \$75 and opens on January 1, 2019. Register at www.ladiesretreat.clclutheran.net. Choose the "Midwest Spring Retreat." Deadline to register is February 22, 2019 (with a late fee of \$25). Hotel reservations (separate from retreat registration) can be made by calling (507) 452-0606, beginning on 2/22/19. Be sure to say it is for the Christian Women's retreat to get the group rate!

CALL NEWS

The Rev, Edward .Starkey, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus Christi TX, has accepted the call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran, Red Wing MN,.

Bethel Lutheran, Morris MN, has called Pastor Richard Kanzenbach, pastor of Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild WI, Peace with God Lutheran, Onalaska WI, and Trinity Lutheran, Millston WI.



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