



**EPIPHANY**

**JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> 2020**

# WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.  
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as you leave the church today.

## TODAY'S SERVICE

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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**Organist:**

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 119:97-104*

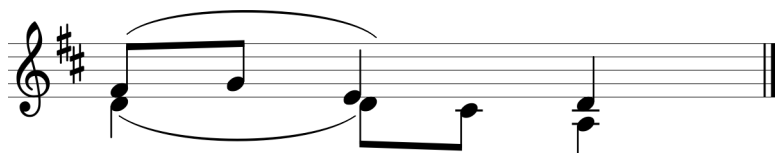
MEM. Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. <sup>98</sup> You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they *are* ever with me. <sup>99</sup> I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies *are* my meditation. <sup>100</sup> I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts. <sup>101</sup> I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word. <sup>102</sup> I have not departed from Your judgments, For You Yourself have taught me. <sup>103</sup> How sweet are Your words to my taste, *Sweeter* than honey to my mouth! <sup>104</sup> Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## Hymn 126 Arise and Shine in Splendor

### INVOCATION

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



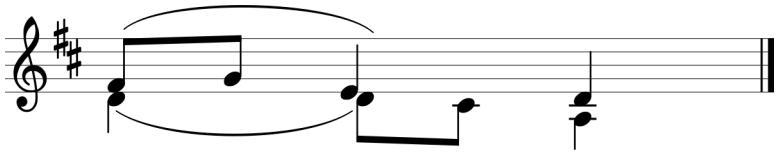
c A - men.

### 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 mercy on us. Lord, have mercy 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. We wor-ship  
 us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of  
 hand in maj-es - ty most high: Who, with the

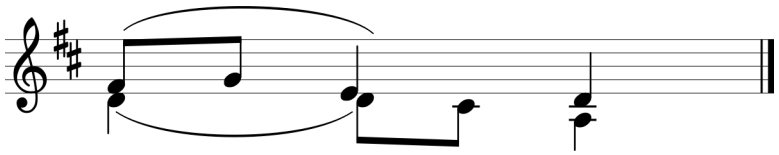


You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-  
 God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our  
 Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King  
 prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
 heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

p Oh Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of Your people who call upon You and grant that they both perceive and know what things they ought to do and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever



c A - men.

## THE WORD

1 **Kings 3:4-15** <sup>4</sup> Now the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that *was* the great high place: Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?" <sup>6</sup> And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as *it is* this day. <sup>7</sup>

"Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I *am* a little child; I do not know *how* to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> "And Your servant *is* in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup> "Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?" <sup>10</sup> The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. <sup>11</sup> Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, <sup>12</sup> "behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. <sup>13</sup> "And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days. <sup>14</sup> "So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." <sup>15</sup> Then Solomon awoke; and indeed it had been a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood



before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, offered up burnt offerings, offered peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

**Ephesians 1:3-14** <sup>3</sup> Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, <sup>4</sup> just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, <sup>5</sup> having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace <sup>8</sup> which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, <sup>9</sup> having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, <sup>10</sup> that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth-- in Him. <sup>11</sup> In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things ac-

according to the counsel of His will, <sup>12</sup> that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. <sup>13</sup> In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

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 that 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

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 133:1-5 Within the Father's House**

# SERMON

**Luke 2:40-52** <sup>40</sup> And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him. <sup>41</sup> His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. <sup>43</sup> When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know *it*; <sup>44</sup> but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among *their* relatives and acquaintances. <sup>45</sup> So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. <sup>46</sup> Now so it was *that* after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. <sup>48</sup> So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." <sup>49</sup> And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be

about My Father's business?" <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. <sup>51</sup> Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

## **CHRIST IS ALWAYS EAGER TO DO THE FATHER'S WILL**

In this text we see Jesus as the perfect human. He is what we ought to be: eager to learn the word of God, and delighting in the will of the Father. We have so badly failed to be and do what we should. But Christ has taken our place. He is the perfect human, so that we don't have to be.

c Create 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-  
 va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir-it free.

## Hymn 139 In His Temple Now Behold Him

# OFFERING AND OFFERING HYMN: 441 VS. 1-2



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What-  
 2 May we thy boun-ties thus As



e'er the gift may be; All that we have is  
 stewardstrue re - cieve And glad-ly, as thou



Thine a-lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
 bless-est us, To Thee our first fruits give!

## PRAYERS AND 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 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 134 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise





## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **Sunday 1/12**

9am Worship Service

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

#### **Tuesday 1/14**

7pm Elders' Meeting

7:30pm Council Meeting

#### **Wednesday 1/15**

4pm Confirmation Class

5:15pm Bible Class

#### **Sunday 1/19**

9am Worship Service

Children's Sermon

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

## **FRUITS OF FAITH**

Attendance - 88

General: \$ 3099.50

Missions: \$ 415.00

## **ENVELOPE COMMITTEE**

**This Week: Team # 4**

Russ Denson, Gary Quade

**Next Week: Team # 5**

Bill Jenkins, Wayne Draeger

## **JANUARY USHERS**

Bob McElroy, Martin Hansen, Russ

Brown, Preston Schmidt

## **ANNUAL VOTER'S MEETING**

Annual voters' meeting January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **AUDITING**

All treasurers please make sure your books are here and available for auditing by Tuesday evening.

## **BIBLE CLASS**

We are starting midweek bible classes on Wednesday nights. Potluck at 5:15pm, followed by Bible Class and games.

## **NOMINEES FOR CHURCH OFFICERS**

The list of nominees for church officers can be found on the table in the hallway.

## **NEW BOOKS**

New books were purchased for the church library and will be on display over the next few months. Feel free to take a look.

## **SCHOOL CLEANING**

More help is needed cleaning the school. We are looking for someone to clean once or twice a month. It takes about 5 -6 hours and pay the is \$12 an hour. Contact Pastor Ude or Marsha Brown if interested.

## **CALL NEWS**

Pastor John Hein has returned the call extended to him by the CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI.



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