

When they saw
**THAT THE STAR
HAD STOPPED,**
THEY WERE OVERWHELMED WITH



Joy.

Faith Lutheran Church
January 10th 2021

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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as you leave the church today.

TODAY'S SERVICE

January 10th, 2021

Liturgy: Setting One, WS page 1

Speaker:

Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist:

Lila Brown

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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

#139 "In His Temple Now Behold Him"

by Henry J. Pye, c. 1825-1903 (St. 1-3)

by William Cooke, 1821-1894 (St. 4)

1. In His Temple now behold Him,
See the long-expected Lord;
Ancient prophets had foretold Him, --
God has now fulfilled His word.

Now, to praise Him, His redeemed
Shall break forth with one accord.

2. In the arms of her who bore Him,
Virgin pure, behold Him lie,
While His aged saints adore Him
Ere in faith and hope they die.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

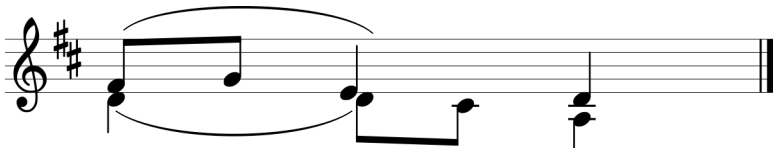
Lo! the incarnate God most high.

3. Jesus, by Thy presentation,
Thou, who didst for us endure,
Make us see our great salvation,
Seal us with Thy promise sure,
And present us in Thy glory
To Thy Father, cleansed and pure.

4. Prince and Author of salvation,
Be Thy boundless love our theme!
Jesus, praise to Thee be given
By the world Thou didst redeem,
With the Father and the Spirit,
Lord of majesty supreme!

INVOCATION

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



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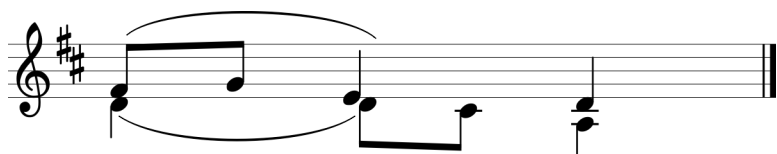
men.

CONFESSION OF SINS

p Beloved of God: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

all **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.**

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 A - men.



Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy



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



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to all peo-ple on earth. Lord God,



heav-enly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther; We



worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your



glory. Lord Jesus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God: You take a-way the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the



right hand of the Fa - ther; re -



ceive our prayer For You alone are the Ho-ly One,



You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High,

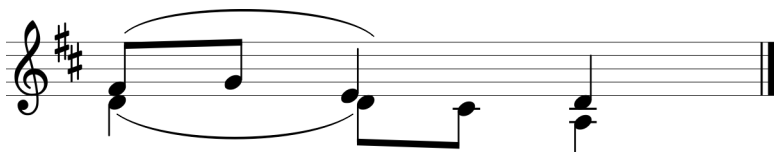


Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.

p Let us pray . . . Oh 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.



c A - men.

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.

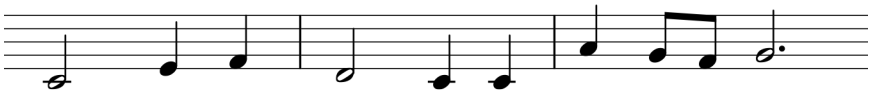
Ephesians 3:1-12 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles-- ² if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, ³ how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, ⁴ by which, when you 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.

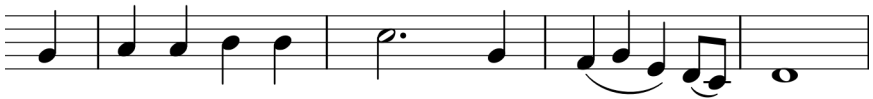
p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!



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



These words are writ - ten that we may be-lieve



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.

#127:1-4 "As with Gladness Men of Old"

by William C. Dix, 1837-1898 (MFH p. 54)

1. 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!

2. As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before Thee whom heaven and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet Ever seek Thy mercy-seat!

3. As they offered gifts most rare At Thy 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 heavenly King!

4. Holy Jesus, every day Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past. Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

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.

WHAT REALLY MATTERS IS THAT

- They Came - They Gave - They Worshiped Him

There are plenty of legends around the these wise men from the East. Matthew keeps it simple and sticks to what matters. What matters is that they came to worship **HIM!**



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Create in me a clean heart, O



God. 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. Re - store to



me the joy of Your sal - va - tion. Up -



hold me with Your free Spir - it.

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.

#134:1,2,5 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

by Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem,
In Thy birth at Bethlehem.
Anthems be to Thee addressed
God in man made manifest.

2. Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,
And at Cana, Wedding-guest,
In Thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in power divine,
Changing water into wine.
Anthems be to Thee addressed
God in man made manifest.

5. Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,
Mirrored in Thy holy Word;
May we imitate Thee now
And be pure as pure art Thou
That we like to Thee may be
At Thy great Epiphany
And may praise Thee, ever blest,
God in man made manifest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 10

8:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Bible Class
10:30 am Worship Service

Tuesday, January 12

7pm Elders' Meeting
7:30pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 13

4:30 pm Confirmation Class

Sunday, January 17

8:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Bible Class
10:30 am Worship Service

VOTERS' MEETING

Annual Voters' Meeting is January
21 at 7pm

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Bob Kirst, Jim Brown,
Steve Meilahn, Andy Kohn

FRUITS OF FAITH

General - \$ 2995.00

Missions - \$ 70.00

Building Fund - \$ 50.00

ATTENDANCE

Sunday Service - 47

Second Service - 15

COUNTERS

This Week: Team # 4

Greg Jones, Jim Kok

Next Week: Team #5

David Draeger, Wayne Draeger

CHRISTMAS EVE DVD

DVDs of the children's Christmas eve program are available on the shelf under the bulletin board.

These DVD's can be played on your DVD player. They also include a file you can copy to your computer to save and watch on your computer.

Sermon Worksheet - Matthew 2:1-15

Who came?

How many came?

When did they come?

Why did they come?

Why did the gifts matter to:

- Mary and Joseph

- God

- The Wise Men

Why did they worship Him?

What did they receive from Christ?



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