



**WELCOME TO  
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
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**EPIPHANY**

**January 5, 2020 – 10:45 a.m.**  
*Worship with Holy Communion*

**St. John's Mission: To help one more person get to Heaven  
by pointing them to Jesus Christ.**

**Welcome & Sharing of the Peace**

*(Please Stand)*

**Processional Hymn #394 “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”**

**Confession and Absolution**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**First Lesson: Isaiah 60-1-6**

Arise, shine;

For your light has come!

And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>The Gentiles shall come to your light,  
And kings to the brightness of your rising.  
<sup>4</sup>“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.  
<sup>5</sup>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.  
<sup>6</sup>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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:1-12**

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles— <sup>2</sup>if indeed you have heard of the <sup>[a]</sup>dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, <sup>4</sup>by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), <sup>5</sup>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: <sup>6</sup>that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, <sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>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, <sup>9</sup>and to make all see what *is* the <sup>[b]</sup>fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things <sup>[c]</sup>through Jesus Christ; <sup>10</sup>to the intent that now the <sup>[d]</sup>manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the <sup>[e]</sup>principalities and powers in the heavenly *places*, <sup>11</sup>according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn of Response: #397 “As with Gladness Men of Old”**

*(Please Stand)*

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, <sup>1</sup>wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>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.”

<sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>So they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>‘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.’ ”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod, when he had secretly called the <sup>1</sup>wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. <sup>8</sup>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.”

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. <sup>11</sup>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.

<sup>12</sup>Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.**

*(Be seated.)*

## **Children's Message**

**Hymn of the Day: #570 "Just as I Am, without One Plea"**

**Sermon: "Many Happy Returns"**

**Sermon Text: Joel 2:12-13**

<sup>12</sup> "Now, therefore," says the Lord, "Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning." <sup>13</sup> So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the Lord your God, For He *is* gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm.

## **Offering**

**Offertory Anthem "Star of the East"**

from *Southern Harmony* (1854)

## **Service of the Sacrament**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **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.**

### **Words of Institution**

*(Be seated.)*

**Distribution Hymns:**       **#398 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"**  
                                     **#395 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"**  
                                     **#399 "The Star Proclaims the King is Here"**

*(Please stand.)*

### **Post-Communion Collect**

P: Let us pray.

**C: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

## **Benedicamus and Benediction**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## **Recessional Hymn #850 “God of Grace and God of Glory”**

**Postlude “How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”** set by Johann Christoph Bach

**Please take home your Poinsettias today!**

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God.

**Today’s Ushers:** John Williams, Bob Sparks, Lisa Little, Arden Lackey

**Worship Assistant:** Early Service – Rich Essbach, Tom Baldwin; Late Service – Mark Meier, Don Henderson

**Lector:** Early Service – Cheryl Wulfert, Late Service – Stephanie Guelzow

**Altar Guild for January:** Sarah Strahm, Renee Henderson, Megan Burnett

**Lock-ups for January:** John Williams, Don Adamick

**Nursery is available** in Preschool Room 106 during the 10:45 Worship Service for children ages 3 and under.

**Crisis Control Item for January:** Beef Stew

**The Sermons** are available on-line at <http://stjohnsww.com/weekly-sermons-2/>

**St. John’s Prayer and Care Notes** are distributed each Saturday. If you would like to receive this document and be listed on the email distribution, please send a request to:

- Dale Mierisch at [wb9szl@triad.rr.com](mailto:wb9szl@triad.rr.com) and include “St John’s Prayer and Care Notes Subscription” in the subject line of your email.
- You may also send your prayer requests to Dale at this address.

(Restrooms: Exit the left-side door on the pulpit side. Go straight thru the Fellowship Hall and the two doors leading to our school building. Restrooms are on your right in the school lobby)



***Our Sunday Worship*** - Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.  
*Sunday School and Adult Bible Class both begin at 9:30 a.m.*

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Church Office Hours Monday through Thursday,  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.