



They fell down and worshipped Him.

Matthew 2:11

Order of Worship

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Welcome to God's House today!!!

A special welcome to visitors and guests; we are pleased that you have joined us today! If you have no church family, and if we can be of any help to you, please speak with the pastor after the service. We invite all guests to sign the Guest Register. We pray you will feel God's love for you and be empowered to live as God's child this week.

Focus - The Son of God Is Our Redemption from Sin & Death

When the Lord destroyed the firstborn sons of Egypt, He spared the sons of Israel by providing a lamb in their stead. Every firstborn male animal was sacrificed, and every firstborn son of man was redeemed (Ex. 13:12–13). Therefore, the parents of Jesus “*brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord*” (Luke 2:22). God the Father did not spare His only-begotten Son, but offered Him up as the true Passover Lamb, in order to redeem His people from bondage. His Cross has caused many to stumble and fall, but His blood atoned for the sins of the world and delivers us from death.

Children are welcome in worship! If childcare is needed, an unattended nursery is open during worship services. It is located across from the restrooms next to the Church Offices.

Is there something you'd like us to pray for today? “***Prayer Request***” cards are in each pew. Please hand your request to an usher before the service or during the offering. They will give them to the pastor to include in the prayers for today.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. We joyfully share our conviction that this is The Lord's Table. We receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, together with the bread and wine in a manner our human reason cannot understand. (Real Presence) By communing together with our Lord:

- we express the belief that Jesus is the Son of God and Son of Man;
- that Jesus is our Savior and only way for salvation;
- that Jesus offers us His Body and Blood in a mysterious yet real way;
- that Christ's sacrificial death grants the forgiveness of our sins;
- and that God is strengthening us in this Sacrament to live a more godly; life and to amend with the help of the Holy Spirit, those areas not in conformity with God's will.

We declare these statements because it is our concern for people to not be hypocritical between their faith and celebrate the blessings of God's Table at the Altar. Persons unable to approach the Altar may be communed in the pew, please notify the Pastor or Elder if you wish this service.

The white wine is denatured (alcohol removed)

SUNDAY of the EPIPHANY

AS WE GATHER

Today, Isaiah calls for Israel to stand up and shine because Jesus, their Light, has come. They are to first receive light, in order to reflect it! Just as Israel was called to shine, so each of us has been called to stand up, stand out, stand firm, and sound out. Your calling is to receive the light and to reflect it brightly. Epiphany is about shining light in all directions

✠ WE ENTER TO WORSHIP AND BE BLESSED ✠

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 72

HYMN "As With Gladness Men Of Old"

LSB 397

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

✠ THE LORD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

ESV

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 3:1-12

ESV

GOSPEL SOLO

"It Is No Secret. . ."

K. Christopherson

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

ESV

A CHRISTMAS - EPIPHANY CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY

"We, The Kings Of Orient Are"

SERMON

"Wise Men Fall Down and Worship Him"

✠ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ✠

OFFERTORY

Tune: LSB 394

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

✠ THE SACRAMENT of the ALTAR ✠

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

AGNUS DEI

Tune: LSB 357

DISTRIBUTION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord"

TLH 307

"There is a Redeemer"

LSB 971

"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"

LSB 400

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Tune: LSB 389

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Tune: "O God, Our Help..."

LSB 733

+ Silent Prayer +

ANNOUNCEMENTS/POSTLUDE

✠ WE DEPART TO SERVE ✠

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
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First Timothy
Comparative Christianity

BIRTHDAYS: 13th Tiffani Martinez

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: Sandy Westling – Son’s Birthday

FLOWERS: Christmas Poinsettias

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jean Brede, Karmon Christopherson, Millie Demcho, Millie Eckhardt, Rose Ehnes, Deb Forsberg, Harriet Harris, Gwen Johnson, Ada Samson, Dorothy Woll, Margaret Maxwell

REQUESTED PRAYERS:

Tyler Blumke (Son of Layne Betterman’s Coworker) Brain cyst

Larry Derksen (Shirley’s brother) – recovery from surgery

Dr. Lori Onger (Debra Forsberg’s niece) – for a baby boy

Jeffrey Lucero (Debra Fosberg’s nephew) – Ulcer

Vera Gade (Pastor’s mother) recovering at home

John Gillund (Patty & Meridel’s brother) heart surgery recovery

Dick Gillund (Patty & Meridel’s brother)

Elaine Gillund – surgery and radiation

Evie Horman (Sandy Westling’s sister) recovery – heart issues

Brandon Johnson (son of Lori Sharbono) continued good results

Roxie Johnson (Morelli’s niece) heart issues & upcoming surgery

Steve Kaiser (friend of Patty Lyrenmann’s brother) – COPD

Beverly Papcek (Grunnes’ cousin) – numb leg, but not cancer

Amy Price (Morelli’s niece) – treatments for stage 4 cancer

Jimmy Royal & Dave (friends of Dick Gillund)

Marvin & Norma Thor – poor health/stomach cancer

Mary Phillips and Dan Crocker – Chronic Illness

Seth Ayala (Verlayne’s nephew) – continuing problems

“IN OUR PRAYERS” AND “REQUESTED PRAYERS”

If you have family members or friends who require our prayers, please use the prayer request cards found in the pews or at the Ushers’ counter and give to the office. They will be added to the Prayer list. Any updates to the current list? Let the office know

“The holiday season is a perfect time to reflect on our blessings and seek out ways to make life better for those around us.”



TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

January 7

"Breaking News!"

(Isaiah 60:1-6 ("Arise, shine, for your light has come."))

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Epiphany calls us to believe that the Light has come into the world.

A New Year's message about confidence, if you'll believe it!

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

January 14

"How Well Does Jesus Know Me?"

(John 1: 48-51)

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

It's nice to have someone know and understand you. Today the Lutheran Hour asks, "How do you feel about Jesus knowing you?"

Listen on WCCO AM at 6:05 am, Sunday mornings, or listen anytime at www.lutheranhour.org or on XM Satellite Radio you can also hear The Lutheran Hour on XM 170 Sundays at noon

STEWARDSHIP: January 7: Baptism of Our Lord

Matthew 3:14 – John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" John is right: what Jesus is doing makes no sense! But this is the upside down, outlandish grace of God: the innocent Jesus takes our sinner's place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know: The Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: January 7 "Our happiness, therefore, does not depend on a new year or a changed situation, but upon the Lord and our changed relationship, our deepened growth, in Him and in terms of His will for us ... 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you' (Matthew 6:33 KJV)." *R. J. Rushdoony, philosopher, historian, and theologian – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

Thank you to everyone at Gloria Dei for the beautiful gift baskets delivered during the Holidays.

It is greatly appreciated!

The "Shut Ins"

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

1/07 Sun	Epiphany Sunday	
	8:45 am	Education Hour
	10:00 am	Worship w/HC
	6:00 pm	NA
1/08 Mon	6:30 pm	AA/AlAnon 1
	8:00 pm	AA/AlAnon 2
1/09 Tues	7:00 am	All Board Meeting
1/10 Wed	10:00 am	BIBLE STUDY
	6:30 pm	TLWCC Bible Study
1/12 Fri	5:00 pm	TLWCC Music Practice
	8:00 pm	AA/AlAnon
1/13 Sat	10:00 am	TLWCC Worship
	6:00 pm	TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
1/14 Sun	Second Sunday after the Epiphany	
	8:45 am	Education Hour
	10:00 am	Worship
	6:00 pm	NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Ushers: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer

Counters: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer

Altar Care: Verlayne Sather

Attendance 12/31: Service Cancelled due to Weather

Offerings -- Regular \$900; Holiday: \$200; Loose: \$0;

Street Repair: \$200

Total: \$1,300

Needed each week for 2017: \$3,477.59

Life Line Screening Coming Soon!

On February 5, we are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event at Gloria Dei. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129,**

please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit

www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle.

Alert: Carrier shortage causes late mail deliveries

"Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night . . ." It's the gloom-of-night deliveries that bug the heck out of some Northeasters. According to Peter Nowacki in the downtown office, Northeast has several vacant postal routes due to attrition – retirements, moves to stations in other parts of the city, and promotions. "If we have a vacant route, carriers may have to double up [on routes] to deliver the mail. So instead of doing just one route, they may deliver to two. Newer carriers don't know the routes as well, so it takes them longer," he said. And, hence, the evening deliveries. It's not just Northeast, however. There's an overall shortage of carriers throughout the Twin Cities.

FINAL 2017 OFFERINGS

The IRS makes it **VERY** clear, for a contribution to be credited to the 2017 tax year, **it needed to be received on our premises, or postmarked, no later than midnight on December 31, 2017.** Dropping it into the offering plate on Sunday, January 7, 2018 with a December 31 date on the check **DOES NOT** qualify. The IRS is very firm about this.

Please Note: Installation of all officers and board members will be held Sunday, January 14th at a special ceremony during our regular worship service.

Tai Ji Quan: Moving For Better Balance

East Side Neighborhood Services is offering Moving for Better Balance. This Tai Chi class reduces risk of falls by improving balance, muscle strength, flexibility, and mobility through mindful movements in a slow, flowing motion. This exercise class meets twice a week on Monday and Wednesday afternoons for 12 weeks from 10:30 – 11:30 am. Classes run January 8 - April 4 (no class January 15 or 31). The cost of this class is based on ability to pay. No one will be turned away due to financial constraints. To register, email TeamEVA@esns.org or call 612-787-4045.

HINGES-Opening Your Church's Doors To The Community

In the past, the doors of the church opened inward, but now people are no longer coming in through Church doors as they once did. Instead, God is calling His Church (you) to open the doors outward as the people of God take the Gospel to the community. Copies of the book we are reading and will have discussion groups in January are available. **Ask Pastor for one!!!**

Catechesis Note for the Week

What is the meaning of Epiphany?

Up until the 19th century, the **Epiphany** was more **important** than Christmas Day, and it was used to celebrate both the three kings' (or three wise men's) visit to Jesus shortly after His birth and also Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist.

The Epiphany takes its name from the Greek *epiphania*, which denotes the visit of a god to earth. The first idea of the feast is the manifestation of Christ as the Son of God. "Begotten before the daystar and before all ages, the Lord our Savior is this day made manifest to the world." The feast unites three events in the life of Christ when His divinity, as it were, shines through His humanity: the adoration of the Magi; the baptism of Christ in the Jordan; and the first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana.

Moreover, at Epiphany the Church looks forward to the majestic coming of Christ on the "youngest day" when His manifestation as God will be complete. The Gospels of the baptism and the marriage at Cana are read on the Octave Day and the Second Sunday after Epiphany, and later Sundays in the Epiphany season continue to show the divine power of our Lord in some of His most striking miracles.

Royal kingship: A second important idea in Epiphany is the extension of Christ's kingship to the whole world. The revelation of Christ to the three kings at Bethlehem is a symbol of His revelation to the whole of the Gentile world. Epiphany presents to us the calling of not merely a chosen few, but all nations to Christianity.

Your Light is Come: Closely linked to both these themes of divine manifestation and world kingship is a third idea of the Epiphany that of light. During Advent, the world was in darkness, and we prayed and waited in the spirit of the Jewish nation which lived in expectation of the Coming Light during thousands of years. At Christmas the Light shone forth, but dimly, seen only by a few around the crib: Mary and Joseph and the shepherds. But at Epiphany the Light bursts forth to all nations and the prophecy is fulfilled: ***"The Gentiles shall walk in Thy light, and kings in the brightness of Thy rising."***

Today's Scripture Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6 For Isaiah the “**Light** [which] **has come**” to Jerusalem is God’s glory which foreshadows the true Light that was to come. The story of the magi in the Gospel reveals that the light is Christ himself, manifested to all nations. From the magi we learn that life-directing choices must also be guided by unexpected in-breakings of wisdom that come from sudden light, the counsel of others, inspiration, insight, dreams.

Ephesians 3:1-12 Paul’s advocacy of Gentiles as full and equal members of the church has led to his imprisonment. In this passage, the author recounts his mission to the Gentiles. The “few words” about the “mystery” are that Jews and Gentiles are both called to join in Christ’s saving activity, as part of God’s plan, to be completed when God sees fit. Paul’s readers need to determine the truth of this revelation for themselves.

Matthew 2:1-12 The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a Savior. Because the Magi represent the entire Gentile world, they also represent our search for Jesus. We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

Lessons for 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10; Ps 139:1-10; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51