

The Epiphany of Our Lord
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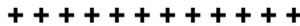
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

We Welcome All who are worshipping with us today. All guests please fill in your complete address. Peace be with you in Christ.

Attention Visitors: Thank you for joining us in Worship today. We invite you to pick up a gift bag, found by both entrances into our church.

Communion is Served at the 7:30 AM Worship Services on the 1st & 3rd Sundays and at the Sunday 10:00 AM Service on the 2nd & 4th Sundays

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Our Savior in the belief that here God offers His very Body and Blood in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. We are happy to welcome to the Lord's Table those who embrace this understanding of the nature of the sacrament, repent of sins, and seek to forgive and love as Christ forgives and loves us. We believe that such participation is a statement of fellowship and agreement with our church body and its teachings. As the bread and wine are distributed, white grape juice is also available in the individual cup tray for those that prefer an alternative to the red wine. If you have any questions, we ask that you talk with the pastor or one of the elders prior to the service.



HEARING ASSISTANCE: Our church is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an elder for a receiver. **Large Print Orders of Service with Hymns** are available.

YOUR CHILDREN MATTER TO GOD AND US! A cry room is available for **infants and toddlers** if needed during worship services. The cry room is located close to the front door of the church next to the sanctuary. **A staffed nursery for ages 6-36 months is available during the education hour in the cry room and during the 10 am worship service in the lower level.** **Young children** can choose one "Jesus Bag" to take with them into church. Please return the bag to the narthex after worship. Children may take a **children's worship bulletin** as they enter church. The yellow bulletin is for ages 3-6 and blue is for ages 7-12.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – All children ages 2 to grade 6 are invited to join us for Sunday school from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. in our lower level. We look forward to seeing you! For more information call Marlene Rieck at (715) 891-0991.

YOUTH BIBLE CLASS – Youth (7-12th graders) are invited to our youth Bible class in our youth room located in our lower level. For more information call Rick Behrens at (715) 617-0114.

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

We Have Come to Worship Him

January 6, 2019

AS WE GATHER

The star that once led the Magi to the Christ Child is a type of the light that God has caused to shine so that all of us may know Christ Jesus as Savior and Redeemer. We would not have known Him except that the Lord made the light to shine in our darkness to reveal Jesus Christ to us and to lead our fearful hearts to faith. The star still shines through the light of God's Word and leads us into the presence of Him whom the Father sent to be our Savior. The glory of God is His steadfast love and mercy, which He has revealed in Jesus Christ. In Him we have been bidden, and in Him we come. Like Luther put it in the explanation of the Creed, the faithful response is to serve, praise, thank, and obey the Lord whom God has sent. And by the power of the Holy Spirit, that is exactly what we have come to do today—worship Christ, the Lord of the world.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN "What Child is This" LSB 370

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. *John 10:9*

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Based on Psalm 117:2; Isaiah 60:3*

Pastor: Great is the steadfast love of the LORD toward us,

People: **and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

Pastor: Nations will come to His light,

People: **and kings to the brightness of His rising.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: According to God's eternal purpose, the Lord Jesus Christ was incarnate of the Virgin Mary to suffer and die for you and to bring you into communion with the Father by the power of the Holy Spirit. In Christ, the mystery long hidden has been revealed for all to know that we might be brought to faith and life in Him. In the name of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “The People That in Darkness Sat” LSB 412

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 60:1–6* (Arise and shine for Your light has come.)

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ² For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³ And nations 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 carried on the hip. ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, and the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalms 72:1–11*

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son! ² May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice! ³ Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness! ⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor! ⁵ May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations! ⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth! ⁷ In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more! ⁸ May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth! ⁹ May desert tribes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust! ¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts! ¹¹ May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!

EPISTLE *Ephesians 3:1–12* (The mystery long hidden has been revealed in Jesus Christ.)

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— ² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was according to the eternal

purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 2:1–12*

(The star leads the Magi to Bethlehem, where Jesus Christ was born for all.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

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

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 saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶ “And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.” ⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” LSB 395 v. 1, 2, 4, 6 .

SERMON A Message for "Them" Ephesians 3:1-12

CREED Apostles’ Creed (*Creed can be found on the back cover of the hymnal.*)

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

At the end of the prayer:

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: **Amen.**

HYMN “As With Gladness Men of Old” LSB 397

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

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IN HIS SERVICE

<u>Elder/Helper</u>	Early – Gary Fawcett Late – Brad Anderson
<u>Ushers</u>	Early – Dick Cherney, Debbie Holewinski, Dave Goddard, Kris Secord Late – Jack Toivonen, Dave Liedtke, Dave & Lynn Parker
<u>Greeters</u>	Early – Debbie Holewinski Late – Lynn Parker, Joan Holdmann
<u>Readers</u>	Early – Debbie Holewinski Late – Jan Toivonen
<u>Acolytes</u>	Early – Russell Klein Late – Hunter Behnke
<u>Media Operators</u>	Early – Steve Favorite Late – Shele Fawcett
<u>Altar Care</u>	– Bev Ginnow, Dawn Shantz

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***THE MISSION OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IS TO EQUIP AND ENCOURAGE FOLLOWERS
OF CHRIST TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IN THE
WORLD SO THAT ALL MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.***
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This week at Our Savior:

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| Monday | 07 | |
| Tuesday | 08 | 9:00 am Bible Study
9:30 am Quilters |
| Wednesday | 09 | 10:30 am Martha Board
11:30 am Martha Meeting
5:30 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm Elders Meeting |
| Thursday | 10 | |
| Friday | 11 | Office Closed |
| Saturday | 12 | 7:00 am Men's Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation |
| Sunday | 13 | 7:30 am Worship
8:45-9:45 Sunday School, HS Bible Study, Adult Bible Study
10:00 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion |



God's richest blessings to you on YOUR special day!

Birthdays:

6 – Fred Wiedenbauer, Nancy Steenport **7** - Bill Reckling, Karen Hassey **8** – Kim Sauer, Ralph Schessler
9 – Joseph Chopp **10** – Mark Rose **11** – Carl Gromoll, Patricia Chopp, Richard Behrens, Richard Steinke
12 – Scott Lea

Anniversaries:

6 – Chuck & Lois Schlueter **12** – Richard & Wendy Pluedeman



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SCRIP sold on
Sunday between services

Prayers For Our Families – Without a doubt, one of the most important aspects of our relationship with the Lord our God is our prayer life with Him. We are instructed to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17), and to pray for one another (James 5:16). For we are under attack from the devil and his minions constantly, and we need the best protection we can get! At Our Savior, we are blessed to be surrounded by families whom our Lord has called to walk together in the light of Jesus. Each one of our families has good days and bad, and each one of our families deserves our prayers. Each Sunday we will be praying for members of Our Savior. Those whom we will be praying for are selected at random from our membership roster, and don't be surprised if you will be receiving a phone call from Pastor Kufahl to let you know that your family will be in our prayers this week. We encourage you to use this list in your personal, daily prayers as well. Each one of us is precious in God's sight. May our Lord open our eyes to see the gift that each family is!

*Brad Anderson, Al & Sandy Fager, Deborah Holewinski, John & Mary Lederer,
Dave & Shari Mohrman, Lolly Rose, Joneil Tess*

Our Savior Email List - If you have not yet subscribed to our email list, follow the link on our website to sign up. If you are signed up and did not receive it, please check you spam folder and then make sure oursavioreagleriver@gmail.com is in your address book. Gmail users – these emails will appear in your “promotions’ tab.

2019 Offering Envelopes are on the table in the narthex. Please be sure to pick yours up today.

Financial Secretary – Steve Kolling announced the appointment of Grant Meyer to serve as Financial Secretary. Grant replaces Dave Kopanski, we thank Dave for his many years of service

Thank you! - On behalf of our family, thank you so very much for the Christmas cards and gifts you have extended to us over the past few weeks. Each family here at Our Savior is such a great blessing to us, our church, and our community. I give thanks to our heavenly Father for the blessings of His light shining through each one of you! - Pastor Kufahl

A Quick Trip - Due to schedules falling in place, we are taking a quick trip over to Minnesota to celebrate Christmas with Amy's family. Thank you to Mike Rieck and our tech crew for putting our service together today. I will be back in the office on Monday and we will install officers at both services next Sunday. Thank you for your understanding. - Pastor Kufahl