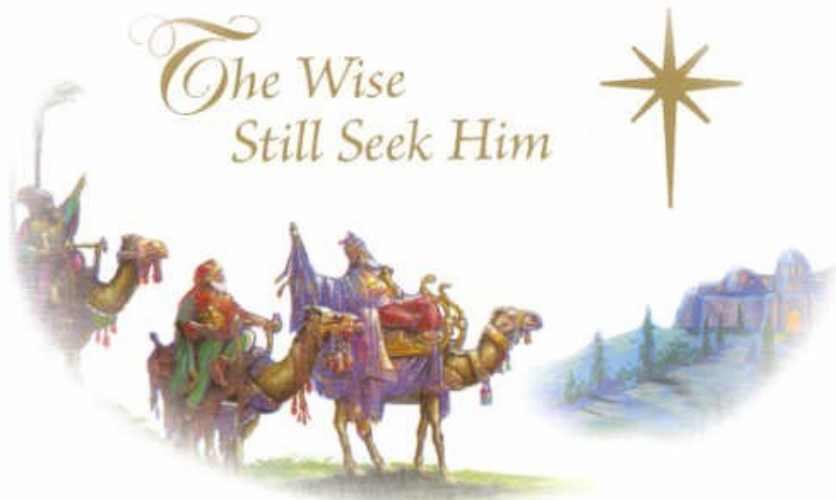


January 8, 2012

Epiphany 1

Alter cloths are white; symbolizing for us the glory of God revealed in the humanity of Jesus.



Luther Memorial Church & School

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION

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Welcome to all! This week's focus:

The Epiphany (revealing) of God's love for fallen mankind.

Today's order of service and hymns: Red Hymnal pg. 15

126 ♦ 718:1-4 ♦ 127:1,2,5 ♦ 718:5

Bells – Opening Prayer

OPENING HYMN: #126 [Red Hymnal]

THE INVOCATION

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

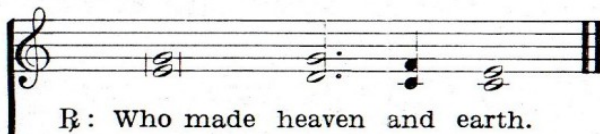
Pastor: We begin our Savior's worship service in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



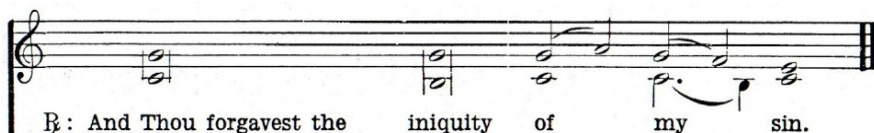
CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, begging Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. For our help is in the name of the Lord!



Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He calls them "children of God," and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.



THE INTROIT

Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often a Psalm.

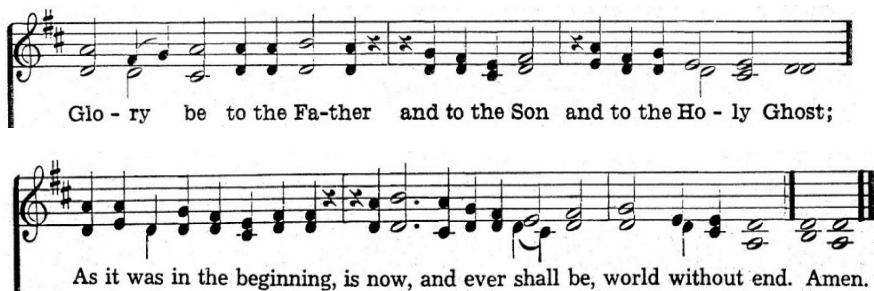
P: I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne:

C: High and lifted up, And I heard the voice of a great multitude, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!

P: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, serve the Lord with gladness.

THE GLORIA PATRI

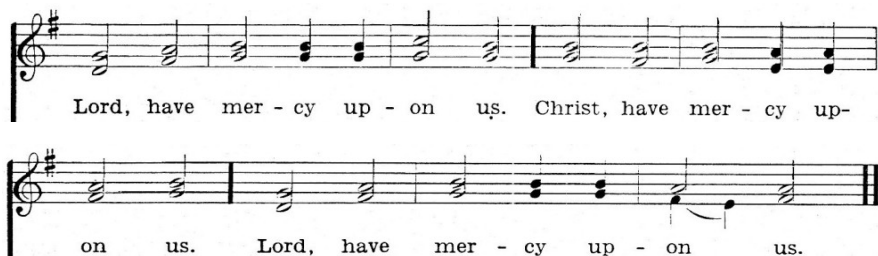
Latin for "Glory to the Father" (Hymnal, page 6)



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life. (Hymnal page 7 - sing)



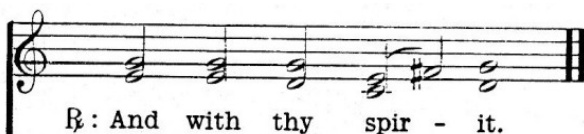
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

"Glory to God in the highest" (131:5 to the tune of Hymn 237)

**All glory, Jesus, be to Thee... For this Thy glad epiphany;
Whom with the Father we adore and Holy Ghost forevermore.
Now let Thy Word within me shine, and love Thy precious Name
Divine, my faithful King and Savior.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.



R: And with thy spir - it.

C: He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.

P: Those who dwell in the wilderness will bow before Him,

C: And His enemies will lick the dust.

P: The kings of Tarshish and of the isles will bring presents; the kings of Sheba and Seba will offer gifts.

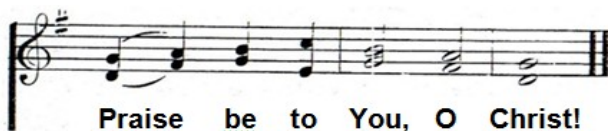
C: Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him. Amen!

2ND SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ EPHESIANS 3:14-21



In the **Epistle**, Paul describes how God in mercy has reached out to the Gentiles to bring them into His covenant of grace.

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— ¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹ to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.



CONFESSION OF FAITH ~ 3RD ARTICLE AND LUTHER'S EXPLANATION

The 3rd Article of the Apostles' Creed reminds us of the work of the Holy Spirit revealing God's Word to us and by His grace, bringing us to faith in all our Triune God has done!

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.

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified, and kept me in true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

I believe in this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

EPIPHANY HYMN: #718:1-4 [Tan Supplement]

CHILDREN'S SERMON

But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." ~Matthew 19:14

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Jesus said, "...Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" ~Luke 11:28

Matthew 2:1-11 NKJV

¹ 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.

Theme: **Epiphany Ambition to Follow!**

1. Of the wise men?
2. Of king Herod?
3. Of the Child?

THE OFFERTORY ~ TLH PG. 22

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence;
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

SERMON HYMN: #127:1,2,5 [Red Hymnal]

OUR OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." ~ 2 Corinthians 9:7

WE GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD: [Red Hymnal #127:3,4]

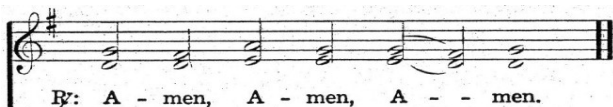
**As they offered gifts most rare, At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee our heavenly King!
Holy Jesus, every day, Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glory hide.**

SPECIAL PRAYERS ~ GENERAL PRAYER ~ LORD'S PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

Pastor: 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 His peace.



CLOSING HYMN: #718:5 [Tan Supplement]

Silent Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all! Guests, please sign our guest book in entryway and we hope you will come and join us again! Questions? (920) 922-7421

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE "If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

Today: 9am Study/Sunday School; **10am** Worship (TLH)
Youth/Adult CHOIR– no practice after service today

***DE-DECORRECTING FOLLOWING THE SERVICE TODAY IF YOU'RE ABLE!**

School Committee meeting

7:30pm Chimers

Tues: 6:30pm Council Meeting

Fri: 7pm Gym Night at Theisen Middle School

Sat: 1-6pm Called Workers Christmas Party (Middleton, WI)

Sun: **9am** Study/Sunday School; **10am** Worship (WS)
Youth/Adult CHOIR– practice after service - for Lent

1pm Annual Voters meeting

7:30pm Chimers

THIS SUNDAY Usher Team 2 = Don Seibel, Ed Jacobs, Gene Mielke, Don Gescheidle, Ron Snow

Organist: Mrs. Fillmore

NEXT SUNDAY Usher Team 3 = Lowell Boelk, Rodney Kern, John Scheberl, Larry Stubbs, Craig Youngerberg

Organist: Mr. Hay

THE LM CALLED WORKERS (Miss Meyer, Osbornes, Bernthals and Radichels) would like to express their deep thanks and appreciation for all the Christmas gifts that were so graciously given. The support and encouragement is a tremendous blessing as we all continue to work together to support the Gospel of Christ's Kingdom! The Lord continue to richly bless you and keep you all in His care!

USED CHRISTMAS CARDS can be recycled in the red bin in the entryway. The cards are sent overseas and are happily used there!

FRUITS OF FAITH – Last Sunday

Attendance: Bible Class – N/A Church – 75

Local (Home)	Received / Budgeted	'12 Budget set next Sunday
Budgetary	\$1852	N/A
<u>Non-Budgetary</u>		
Debt reduction	\$60	Maint. & Improvement \$26
CLC Missions	Received / Budgeted	'12 Budget set next Sunday
Budgetary	\$494	N/A
<u>Non-Budgetary</u>		
Project Kinship	\$100	

New Year's Resolution #1 – I resolve gladly to hear and learn God's Word in church and at home. I will not without good reason stay away from divine services. I will faithfully devote myself to the searching and meditation of God's Word, for it is the means by which the Holy Spirit nourishes and keeps me in my saving faith. I will also commune often, for this too, is a means by which he strengthens my faith and comforts me with forgiveness when I fail.