

† The Epiphany of our Lord †

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WELCOME: to those visiting us this Lord's Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

FELLOWSHIP BOOK: In each pew is our Fellowship book. Please take a moment to fill it out. If you are a guest and would like Pastor Shoemaker to get in touch with you, let him know or make a note in the Fellowship book.

AS WE GATHER: When the Magi arrived in Jerusalem, everyone was surprised and troubled. Few in Israel remembered God's promise through Isaiah that other nations would be attracted to them. They had forgotten that Gentiles would come bearing gifts to a future just and righteous King. Only after God worked faith in Saul/Paul's heart was the message clearly announced that all people share in the promise of Christ. Today, God's Word calls us not only to see the light of God's love in Christ but also to emulate the Magi. With joy, our faith moves us to follow where God leads and to worship our Lord, in whom alone we have boldness and access with confidence to the grace of God. That is, Epiphany is not only a celebration of the past but also a call to shine God's light in our lives today.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SHARING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN *As with Gladness Men of Old* **LSB 397**

- 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 heav'n 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 heav'nly King.
- 4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry 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.
- 5 In the heav'nly country bright
Need they no created light;
 Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
 Thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing
Alleluias to our King.

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INVOCATION

Matt 28:19b

- P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

EXHORTATION

Psalm 124:8; 130:3, adapt.; Luke 18:13

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

- P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

Introit

Psalm 45:6–8a; antiphon: v. 17

I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.
Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your

kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;
you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of
gladness beyond your companions;
your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

Gloria in Excelsis

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**C 1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit**

**Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P 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.
C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

- ¹Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
²For 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.
³And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
⁴Lift 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.
⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
⁶A 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:1–12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which 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. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of 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. ⁸To 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, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

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

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, "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." ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They 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."

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And 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." ⁹After 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. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And 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. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

NICENE CREED

**C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down
from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of
the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the
living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is
worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church,**

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY Songs of Thankfulness and Praise LSB 394

- 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 pow'r divine,
Changing water into wine;
 Anthems be to Thee addressed,
 God in man made manifest.

- 3 Manifest in making whole
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
 Manifest in valiant fight,
 Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will,
Ever bringing good from ill;
 Anthems be to Thee addressed,
 God in man made manifest.

- 4 Sun and moon shall darkened be,
Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
 Christ will then like lightning shine,
 All will see His glorious sign;

All will then the trumpet hear,
All will see the Judge appear;
Thou by all wilt be confessed,
God in man made manifest.

- 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,
Present in Thy holy Word—
Grace to imitate Thee now
And be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we might become like Thee
At Thy great epiphany
And may praise Thee, ever blest,
God in man made manifest.

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SERMON

Truly Wise

Matthew 2:1-12

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER RESPONSE

- P Lord, in Your mercy
C **hear our prayer.**

OFFERTORY

LSB 192

Ps. 51:10-12

- C **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.**

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† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Ps. 136
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, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *LSB 208* IS 6:3 Matt. 21:9

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of
Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are 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.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matt. 6:9-13

- C 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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."**

In the same way also, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

John 1:29

- C **1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**
- 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

DISTRIBUTION O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright LSB 395

- 1 O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God's own truth and light,
Aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's race, King David's son,
Our Lord and master, You have won
Our hearts to serve You only!
Lowly, holy!
Great and glorious,
All victorious,
Rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!
- 2 Come, heav'nly Bridegroom, Light divine,
And deep within our hearts now shine;
There light a flame undying!
In Your one body let us be
As living branches of a tree,
Your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily

Earth's deep sadness
May perplex us
And distress us,
Yet with heav'nly joy You bless us.

3 Lord, when You look on us in love,
At once there falls from God above
A ray of purest pleasure.
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food.
You are our dearest treasure!
Let Your mercy
Warm and cheer us!
O draw near us!
For You teach us
God's own love through You has reached us.

4 Almighty Father, in Your Son
You loved us when not yet begun
Was this old earth's foundation!
Your Son has ransomed us in love
To live in Him here and above:
This is Your great salvation.
Alleluia!
Christ the living,
To us giving
Life forever,
Keeps us Yours and fails us never!

5 O let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gladly blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!

Jubilation!
Exultation!
Tell the story!
Great is He, the King of Glory!

- 6 What joy to know, when life is past,
The Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
Transport us to that happy place
Beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
For the day of Your returning!

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POST COMMUNION COLLECT

- P Let us pray.
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.
- C **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

Ps. 103:1

- P Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

Isaiah 9:6, adapt.; Numbers 6:24–26

- 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.**

HYMN TO DEPART *The Star Proclaims the King Is Here* LSB 399

- 1 The star proclaims the King is here;
But, Herod, why this senseless fear?
For He who offers heav'nly birth
Seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.

- 2 The eastern sages saw from far
And followed on His guiding star;
And, led by light, to light they trod
And by their gifts confessed their God.

- 3 Within the Jordan's sacred flood
The heav'nly Lamb in meekness stood
That He, of whom no sin was known,
Might cleanse His people from their own.

- 4 And oh, what miracle divine,
When water reddened into wine!
He spoke the word, and forth it flowed
In streams that nature ne'er bestowed.

- △5 For this Thy glad epiphany
All glory, Jesus, be to Thee,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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Welcome: Lake George Lutheran Chapel welcomes you and hopes that you find our worship and fellowship open and friendly. Since 1966, The Chapel has served the Lake Community providing the Gospel and human care.

Fellowship after Church: We also gather after every service in the Fellowship Hall, for refreshments and conversations. Volunteers to provide refreshments can sign up on the sign-up sheet in the kitchen.

Birthday: Margie Beebe (1-14)

Sidney Hoover (1-16)

Services online: Weekly services are now online on our web page at www.LakeGeorgeLutheran.org.

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Living the Gospel Fellowship: Meets Friday at **11:00 a.m.**, Pastor Shoemaker is leading our class. We are going to walk through the Bible.

Hannah Circle: The Hannah Circle will meet on Friday, January 21 at noon, right after Bible Class. The presentation event will be "The Twelve Days of Christmas". Each of the subjects in the song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas", have special meaning. All of the ladies of LGLC are considered to be members of the Hannah Circle and are invited to attend. BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch). Please feel free to bring a guest.

We Remember in our Prayers this Week

Anita Dierkes
Shannah Messmann (recovering from surgery)
Marilyn Motz (Karen Kuehnert's mother) (health issues)
Wayne Moughler (health)
Carol Saalfrank (recovering from surgery)
Roger and Nancy Schall

Please Pray for our Members who are at Home

Bob and Margie Beebe
Todd Scherer
Jeff Smith
Jeri and Jerry Thelkeld.



Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request, complete the card in back of church, give it to an usher or email your request to the church for Pastor Shoemaker.

A Word About Epiphany

As we bring to a conclusion our celebration of the nativity of our Lord we focus our attention to the next season in the Church's liturgical calendar. While it is still a part of the Christmas cycle the next season focuses on how Jesus is revealed to us as God and man. This season of the Church Year is called Epiphany.

Epiphany is one of the oldest seasons in the Christian Church Year, second only to the Easter season. The word epiphany comes from a Greek word which means to manifest, to reveal, to make known. What is made known is that this baby whose birth we just celebrated is indeed the Messiah, the Christ of God, and the Savior of the world. Jesus Christ is the Light of the world. You will notice we have one candle burning in the chancel to remind us of this great truth. This candle stands alone on a tall candle stand. It shines brightly for all to see. It reminds us that

Jesus is the Light and there is no darkness in Him. For this reason Epiphany is also called the Season of Lights. We also let our light shine before all.

The earliest Christians called the festival of the Epiphany the "theophany" (revelation of God). Later, Western Christians emphasized the revelation of God to the Wise Men or Magi (Matthew 2:1-12).

Epiphany may include as many as nine Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. The season begins with the Baptism of Our Lord. Included in Epiphany is Jesus' first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding at Cana, which John reports in his Gospel: "He thus revealed ("epiphanied" in Greek) His glory, and His disciples put their faith in Him" (John 2:11). The season ends with the Festival of the Transfiguration, which is a significant and uniquely Lutheran contribution to the Christian calendar and is now celebrated by many churches. This festival commemorates the moment on the Mount of Transfiguration when three of Jesus' disciples glimpsed their Lord in divine splendor, seeing Him as the center of the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah). Thus Jesus was manifested fully to His chosen disciples before He went to Jerusalem for the Passover.

In between the first and last Sundays in Epiphany the readings focus on what Jesus did to reveal His glory. The Sunday readings focus on Jesus' miracles. We see His miraculous power over nature, over sickness, and over death. Jesus delights and astounds the crowds with His teaching. As we move through the season of Epiphany we see more and more how Jesus is manifesting Himself to all. He came from heaven to earth to fulfill all of the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah. He has come to fulfill all righteousness. In the season of Epiphany Jesus fully reveals Himself as the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Above we mentioned that in Epiphany we celebrate Jesus as the Light of the world. Because of that emphasis many see the season of Epiphany as one that offers several excellent opportunities for evangelism emphases. The focus on light and on Jesus' miracles presents numerous possibilities for relating Christ's presence and the purpose of His coming to our world today.

In Epiphany we celebrate the revelation, the manifestation, of Jesus as the Christ, true God and true man who came to take away the sin of the world, yours and mine.