

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 3, 2010

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist

* = Stand

C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN** *The Old Year Now Has Passed Away*

- 1. The old year now has passed away: We thank You, O our God, today
That You have kept us through the year When danger and distress were near.**
- 2. We pray You, O eternal Son, Who with the Father reign'st as One,
To guard and rule Your Christendom Through all the ages yet to come.**
- 3. Take not Your saving Word away, Our souls' true comfort, staff and stay.
Abide with us and keep us free From errors, following only Thee.**
- 4. Oh, help us to forsake all sin, A new and holier course begin!
Mark not what once was done amiss, A happier, better year be this.**

***INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. (Sung)

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord. And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

C: Almighty God maker of all things, judge of all people, I admit and confess my sinfulness. I have done the evil You forbid, and have not done the good You demand. I do repent and am truly sorry for these my sins. Have mercy on me, because of the obedience of my Savior, Jesus Christ. Forgive me all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, move me to serve You faithfully in the year ahead. Set my feet upon a new path, through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

***THE ABSOLUTION**

C: Amen. (Sung)

***THE GLORIA PATRI** (Taken from LSB, page 186)

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (Sung)

***THE KYRIE**

C: Lord have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. (sung)

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And with Thy spirit. (Sung)

L: Let us pray.

C: Amen. (Sung)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING for the Epiphany of our Lord is from Isaiah 60:1-6, page 619: (5:00, 8:00 & 10:30)

¹ Arise, 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. 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. 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. (Sung)

THE EPISTLE READING is from Ephesians 3:6-12, page 977:

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. 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. 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.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Sung)

*THE HOLY GOSPEL - according to St. Matthew, the second chapter, verses 1-12, page 807-808:

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord. (Sung)

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.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ. (Sung)

***THE NICENE CREED**

(8:00 & 10:30)

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 *Father, Let Me Dedicate*

1. **Father, let me dedicate All this year to Thee
In whatever earthly state Thou wilt have me be.
Not from sorrow, pain, or care Freedom dare I claim;
This alone shall be my sprayer: Glorify Thy Name.**

2. **Can a child presume to choose Where or how to live?
Can a father's love refuse All the best to give?
More Thou givest every day Than the best can claim
Nor withholdst aught that may Glorify Thy name.**

3. **If in mercy Thou wilt spare Joys that yet are mine:
If on life, serene and fair, Brighter rays may shine,
Let my glad heart while it sings, Thee in all proclaim
And, whate'er the future brings, Glorify Thy name.**

THE SERMON "Look for the Star" (Matthew 2:9)

THE OFFERING - *During the offering all worshipers are asked to fill out the blue or ivory cards found in the pew rack. Please pass cards down to center aisle. They will be collected immediately after the offering.*

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***THE OFFERTORY** (LSB pg 192)
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.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH/*LORD'S PRAYER**

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**
L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: Amen. (Sung)

***THE AGNUS DEI (sung)** LSB page 198
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 397, 412, 733, 732, 760

NUNC DIMITTIS (Sung) - Song of Simeon Luke 2:29-32 LSB page 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

L: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: **and His mercy endureth forever. (Sung)**

L: Let us pray.

C: **Amen. (Sung)**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit. (Sung)**

L: Bless we the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God. (Sung)**

*THE BENEDICTION

C: **Amen, amen, amen. (Sung)**

*THE CLOSING HYMN *For Thy Mercy and Thy Grace*

1. **For Your mercy and Your grace, Faithful through another year.
Hear our song of thankfulness; Savior and Redeemer, hear!**
2. **Lo, our sins on You we cast, You, our perfect Sacrifice,
And, forgetting all the past, press unto our glorious prize.**
3. **In our weakness and distress, Rock of strength, oh, be our Stay;
In the pathless wilderness Be our true and living Way. Amen.**

*SILENT PRAYER / POSTLUDE + + + + +

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Liturgist 5:00, 8:00 & 10:30 - Pastor Jon C. Furgeson; 9:20 - Rev. E. Winker

Organist: Alice Kastens

NEWS AND NOTES:

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TODAY'S EDUCATION HOUR: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons) Foundations: The Lutheran Difference

Adult Bible Class (Commons conference Room): "How We Got the Bible"

Women's Bible Class (Office Conf. Rm.): led by Janice McCreary

Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE

8th Grade Youth: led by Rick Goodman

7th Grade Youth: led by Greg Wirtel

ALTAR FLOWERS New altar flower orders may now be placed for 2010, starting with Sunday, January 10th. To order for anniversaries or other special occasions you may have, please call Marion Weihe. Also poinsettias may be picked up following Sunday's worship services (today). Thank you!

STUDY BIBLES - Previously ordered ESV Study Bibles will be available for pick up next weekend, Jan.

10th, in the Commons. See Ginnie Baese.

HELP NEEDED TODAY at 1:00 to undecorate the church. The more help we get, the faster we will get finished. Thank you! - Couples' Club

GIVING TREE gifts for 79 persons (20 family units) were distributed, giving many a wonderful Christmas! Thanks for all your gifts! - Joyce Sorth, Social Ministry

ANNA FELLOWSHIP for widows will meet Wed., Jan. 13th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commons for Bible study and fellowship.—Virginia Dinyer.

USHERS NEEDED for all services (Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 8:00, 9:20 & 10:30). Contact Fred Seiller, if you are interested in serving.

MISSION OUTREACH DINNER / CONCERT/ AUCTION is Sun., Jan. 31st featuring “The Barn Again Gang” music, delicious dinner, silent auction and mission presentations. Free tickets available on Jan. 10th at the Mission Outreach Table in the Commons or in the Church Office.

2010 LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTION Please enter our subscription to The Lutheran Witness at \$15, due by the end of Jan. There is an envelope in your packet if you wish to use it. Make check payable to *Peace Lutheran Church*.

YOUTH NEWS: All Youth visit our homebound members TODAY. Meet after church at 11:30 for free pizza lunch and then we'll make our visits, returning around 2:30 p.m. Jr. Youth FUN sign up today to go ice skating this Fri., Jan. 8, 6:30-10:45 p.m., \$7. Jr. Youth are going to Youth Quake in St. Louis Jan. 22-24. We'll stay at the Millennium Hotel downtown. Cost is \$100. You MUST be signed up by Jan. 6!

ADULT INQUIRY SERIES for those desiring membership, begins January 19, 7-8:30 p.m., with sessions on Tuesdays. Sign-up posted.

WEDNESDAY EVENING Bible Class resumes 7 p.m., January 6 with a six-week study of the book of Micah. Bring a friend and join us.-Rev. Eldon Winker

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2010:

Today: 11:30 Youth Service Project
1:00 HS Boys B-ball
Mon: 4-yr-old Pre-K Classes Resume
9:30 Berean Careciples
3:30 GP B-ball Practice
5:00 Glocken Ringers
5:00 GP Boys 3rd & 5th Gr B-ball
6:15 Celebration Ringers
6:30 Council
Tue: 3-yr-old Pre-K Classes Resume
9:00 Quilters
3:30 GP B-ball Practice
5:00 GP B-ball Practice
6:30 Bear pack 584
6:30 Men's Volleyball
7:00 Alleluia Ringers
Wed: 4:00 5/6 Gr Confirmation Class
4:00 7/8 Gr Confirmation Class
5:35 Chantichor Choir
6:30 HS Boys B-ball
7:00 Wed. Bible Study
Thu: 9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study
3:30 GP B-ball Practice
5:00 GP B-ball Practice
6:30 ESL
7:30 Chancel Choir

Fri: 3:30 GP B-ball Practice
5:00 GP B-ball Practice
6:30 Jr Youth "FUN" - Ice Skating
Sat: 7:00 Boys Scout Leader Training
8:30 K-2 Gr B-ball Program
9:00 Brass Choir
11:00 HS Boys B-ball
12:00 Peace / CYC B-ball
5:00 Worship Service
Sun: 11:30 Youth Board Mtg.
1:00 HS Boys B-ball
7:00 Sr. Youth Small Groups
7:00 Peter Careciples—Schuessler's