

**Epiphany of Our Lord**  
**January 6, 2019**  
**8:30 A.M.**



## **WELCOME TO GRACE**

**Prelude**

**Word of Welcome**

*stand as you are able*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who shines in glory, clothes us in compassion, and bears gifts of mercy for all.

**C Amen**

P Let us confess our sins with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness.  
*silence for reflection and self-examination*

P God, wonderful counselor,

**C we confess that we have turned from your gifts and chosen our own way. We have not made room for you in our hearts or in our world. We have lived in fear; we have not welcomed the stranger; we desire gifts that will not endure. Forgive us our sins, known and unknown, and open us to receive the peace of Jesus dwelling in and among us. Amen**

P God's lovingkindness has appeared to us in Christ our Savior. We are saved, not by anything we have done, but by God's mercy poured out on us richly. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Through the Spirit living in you, God give you faith to

trust Jesus, who is Love born for you, now and always.

**C Amen**

## **Gathering Hymn**

'As with Gladness Men of Old'

**302**

## **Greeting**

**P** God who sent the Light into our world, who shone in the Bethlehem manger, and who spreads the Spirit's rays,  
be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

## **Opening Sentences**

**A** The star shone bright in the Bethlehem sky.

**C We too have a star to guide us.**

**A** The shepherds ran to see the babe.

**C We too have a star to guide us.**

**A** The magi knelt at the child's feet.

**C We too have a star to guide us.**

**A** Christ shines with God's own truth and light.

**C We too have a Star to guide us.**

*please be seated*

## **Prayer of the Day**

**P** Let us pray

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

## **First Reading**

Isaiah 60:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup>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 proclaim the praise of the LORD.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading**

Ephesians 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given

me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*stand as you are able*

**Gospel Acclamation**

'Angels We Have Heard on High' vs 1 **289**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

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

**Holy Gospel** Matthew 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall

come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' ”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*please be seated*

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

'Brightest and Best of the Stars'

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**Nicene Creed**

p. 104

**Prayers of Intercession**

*Petitions end:*

A Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Trusting in the presence of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, we commend all for whom

we pray, dwelling in the light and hope of  
Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen**

**Peace**      *The people greet one another saying:  
"Peace be with you".*

*please be seated*

**Offering**

*stand as you are able*

**Offertory** 'What Child Is This'      vs 3      **296**

**Offering Prayer**

A Holy God,

C **your beauty shines forth from the manger  
and your love flows from the cross. As  
you gather us around these signs of your  
love come among us, warm us to extend  
your care among the hungry and all in  
need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

**Great Thanksgiving**

P Wonderful Counselor!

C **Mighty God!**

P Everlasting Father!

C **Prince of Peace!**

P We bless your Name forever!

C **Light of Light!**

P Lord of Lords!

C **King of Kings!**

P Emmanuel, God with us!

C **We bless your Name forever!**

P True God, Giver of Life, Word of our Creator,  
Spirit of Counsel and Might; God of our essence, be  
with us now as we join in the celebration of your  
love.

## Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

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*please be seated*

### Distribution of Holy Communion

*Communion, this morning, will be by intinction. The ushers will direct you to the front, first the pulpit side and then lectern side. Come up using the center aisle and return by the side aisle. Wine will be in the larger portion and grape juice in the smaller portion of the chalice. Gluten free wafers available by request. Children are invited for a blessing. All are welcome who believe Christ is present in this meal for the forgiveness of sins.*

### Hymns at the Distribution

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| 'The First Noel'                 | vs 3-5 | <b>300</b> |
| 'Bright and Glorious Is the Sky' |        | <b>301</b> |

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### Table Blessing

### Prayer after Communion

A O Morning Star, fair and bright,  
C **you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now – today, tomorrow, every day – that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. Amen**

### Benediction

P The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.  
C **Amen**

## Closing Hymn

'Songs of Thankfulness and Praise' vs 1 & 4 **310**

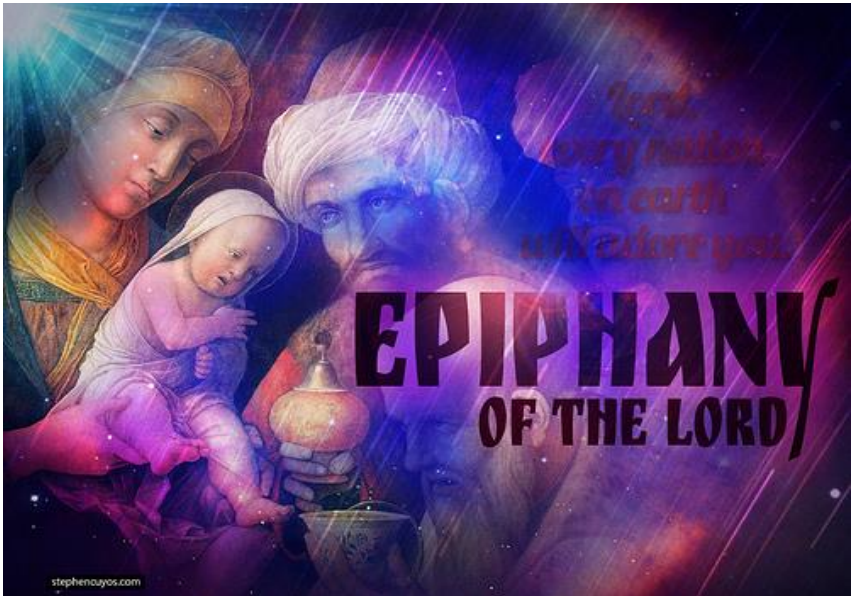
## Dismissal

A Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

## Prayer Huddle





**Worship Assistants: January 6**

**Greeters:** Mason – Mary & Ray Hubers  
East – Karen Miller

**Assisting Minister:** Becky Luett

**Lector:** Becky Luett

**Communion 8:30:** Dennis Pringnitz

**Communion 10:30:** Luann Seidl

**Ushers:** Dennis Pringnitz, Gary Schroeder, Joyce  
Learman

**Organist:** Diane Bailey

**Pianist:** Lois Hilger

**Attendance 12/30/18:** 8:30 - 59 10:30 - 17

**Grilled Cheese Lunch: 12/20/18** – No school

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***Welcome to Grace***

*Whether you are a member or visiting for the first  
time, may God's grace surround you today.  
There is a guest book to sign in the gathering area.  
If you are looking for a church home,  
you are welcome here.*

## ***In Prayer this Week***

***For members on the Care List especially Marian Breitenfeldt.***

***For Healing*** Tom Jensen; Mardie Paalman, Cookie Regal's sister; Winston Augustus Smith, Cheryl Muggenthaler's nephew; Mary Langdon, Cheryl Muggenthaler's sister-in-law; Rev. Jennie Johnson Wrege; Valerie Sieg; Marvin Wrege; Sharon Meier; Margaret Congdon; Jerry Wilharms; Mike VerKuilen; Rylene Houterman; Lloyd Learman; Charlotte Endorf; Kay Elliott; Bernie Hobbs; Marian Breitenfeldt; Bev; Jim Marks.

***For those with cancer especially Ellie; Mark Catlin; Kenny Verdegan; Carol Baumbach; Dottie Frankie; Kristi Meier.***

***“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.”*** Romans 12:12



*If you have a Prayer Chain request, please contact Mary Hubers (731-1428) or Susan Pringnitz (733-7591). Call the church office with requests for prayer to be put in the bulletin and/or to ask for a prayer to be relayed to the Prayer Chain.*

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## **Announcements**

Thank you for **signing the card** each week on the table in the Narthex that are mailed out to the homebound members.

There is a **sign up sheet** on the table in the narthex to sign up to **bring treats** for hospitality time between services. Please help and sign up today.

### **Flowers in Church**

The Altar Guild has a Flower Chart by the Nursery door near the East stairway in the narthex for those who may want to donate an arrangement of live flowers for worship on any Sunday. Please put your name next to the date you would like and contact Karen Krull, 739-3880 or Diane Bailey, 734-9076 to get the details.

Please start using your **2019 Offering envelopes** today. If you have any 2018 envelopes left, please dispose of them. Statement of 2018 giving will be out no later than the end of January.

Are you looking for a creative outlet? Are you willing to lend a hand? **Grace Sunday School** can use additional helpers and teachers. We have a great group of students to work with. Please contact Lois Hilger 920-850-0111 or Pastor Dan if you have any questions. We will be happy to have your participation to help share the responsibility of teaching our young people. God bless you for considering this!

### **Portals of Prayer and Christ in Our Home**

devotional booklets for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2019 are available on the table in the narthex.

## GRACE FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, January 6** ..... 8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:25 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship
- Monday, January 7** .....7:30 pm AA Meeting
- Tuesday, January 8** ..... 8:30 am Quilting
- Wednesday, January 2** .....9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
6:30 pm Worship  
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
- Thursday, January 3** .....10:00 am Grilled Cheese  
10:00 am Salvation Army
- Friday, January 4** ..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- Saturday, January 5** .....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service  
7:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship
- Sunday, January 13** ..... 8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:25 am Sunday School  
9:30 am Second Sunday Conversation  
10:30 am Worship

## SAVE THE DATES

**January 13<sup>th</sup>**- Second Sunday Conversation after 8:30 am Service. Please plan on attending.

The Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will be **January 20<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30 am. The budget will be reviewed and voted on.