

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

(observed)

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church
One Church - Two Campuses
January 8, 2017 | 8:30, 11am
Mission Campus

Reading Overview

In our worship services this weekend we celebrate The Epiphany of Our Lord. (Epiphany actually falls on January 6 every year, but we often celebrate it on the closest Sunday.) Epiphany is frequently referred to as the “Gentile Christmas” because the focus is on the biblical truth that Jesus came as the Messiah or Savior for all people. In the Old Testament lesson from Isaiah 60, Isaiah prophesies about how “the nations” will come to Jerusalem to see the light and glory of God revealed there. St. Paul carries forward the Epiphany theme in the Epistle lesson from Ephesians 3. Paul speaks of the “mystery” now revealed—that Gentiles have become fellow heirs with Jews, “partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel” (Ephesians 3:6). The traditional Gospel lesson for Epiphany is the story of the wise men as recorded in Matthew 2. The coming of these strange visitors from the east is seen as a fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy. God provides a star to guide the wise men to the place where they find Jesus. Clearly the coming of God’s Messiah is intended to be good news for all people. God has revealed his salvation to us and now calls us to let the light of Christ shine in our daily lives!

Additional Readings

Genesis 12:1-3
Isaiah 66:18-23
Acts 15:1-21
Galatians 3:26-29

To Our Guests: Please add your voice and heart to the worship: sing the music and pray the prayers. Everyone is welcome at God’s House, and everyone’s voice is needed to tell the Good News of God’s love in Christ. Please help others find a place near you, and greet the person next to you as we prepare to worship together. Please be sure to fill out an attendance card located in the plastic folder.

Nursery Available: We love children at Trinity and are so pleased you and your children are worshipping with us today! We firmly believe the most important people influencing the faith formation of a child are found in the home – parents, grandparents, guardians. One of the key ways children learn about God is by watching their parents worship. We encourage you to keep your children with you in church to worship as a family. We also offer a staffed nursery for children 6 months to 3 years of age. At Mission, the nursery is staffed during the 9:45am and 11am services and available to parents at 8:30am. The Mission nursery is around the corner from the Sanctuary. At Shawnee, the nursery is staffed from 8:30-noon downstairs in room 103.



Prelude..... *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*
Johann Pachelbel

Call to Worship

- L** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
- C** The light has shined on the nations who live in the shadow of death.
- L** The true light that enlightens every person is coming into the world. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.
- C** The Lord is our light and our salvation. We shall not be afraid.

Processional Hymn *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*
WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET | LSB 395:1- 3, 6



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
 2 Come, heav'n - ly Bride-groom, Light di - vine, And deep with - in
 3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls



own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!
 our hearts now shine; There light a flame un - dy - ing!
 from God a - bove A ray of pur - est plea - sure.



Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -
 In Your one bod - y let us be As liv - ing branch -
 Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!
 es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing.
 with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,
 Now, though dai - ly Earth's deep sad - ness May per - plex us
 Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!



Rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
 And dis - tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy You bless us.
 For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.



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!

Invocation

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- L** Almighty and merciful God,
C we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in the shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness which shrouds our lives. Illumine us by your Word so we may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

- L** Though we sit in darkness, the Lord is our light and promises that "if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)
C Thanks be to God. Amen!



Hymn of Praise *As with Gladness Men of Old*
DIX | LSB 397



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;
5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,
And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.
So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.
All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.
There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

Prayer of the Day

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- L** Let us pray. Lord 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 Lesson.....Isaiah 60:1-6 ESV

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
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.
And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
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.



Then 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.
 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson..... Ephesians 3:1-12 ESV

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, 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. 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.

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. 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, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in 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.

Children's Message



Gospel Processional..... The First Noel, St. 1
THE FIRST NOWELL

1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
Refrain
night that was so deep. No - el, No - el, No -
el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:1-12 ESV

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, 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.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

“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.”



Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. 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." 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. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 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. And 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 to you, O Christ.

Gospel Recessional **The First Noel, St. 6**
THE FIRST NOWELL

Then entered in those wise men three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there, in His presence,
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

Sermon **"Your Light Has Come"**
Based on Matthew 2:1-12

There are a lot of _____ stories in the Bible.

This story is really a _____ of Isaiah's prophecy. -Isaiah 60:1-6

It is easy to focus on the "_____."

Jesus, the Light of the World, _____ the "darkness." -John 1:5; 2 Corinthians 4:6

Jesus said: "_____ are the light of the world." -Matthew 5:14

A _____ story . . .



The Nicene Creed

☐ We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



Hymn of the Day *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*
HOUSTON | LSB 411



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.



Refrain

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Offering..... *Of the Father's Love Begotten*
arr. Larkin | Emily Lehl, soprano

Prayer of the Church



THE LORD'S SUPPER

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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.

Communion Hymn *What Child is This?*

GREENSLEEVES | LSB 370



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
 2 Why lies He in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are
 3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
 own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
 lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
 pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
 song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction

- L** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Closing Hymn..... *Brightest and Best of the Stars*
MORNING STAR | LSB 400: 1, 2, 5

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;

Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;

Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,

Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.

5. Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Dismissal

- L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
C Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*
Egil Hovland

Announcements

Congregational Assembly



Plan now to join us for the January congregational assembly, which will take place in the fellowship hall at the Mission campus on Sunday, January 29, at 1pm. The

meeting will be preceded by a meal. Agenda items include both written and verbal updates on Trinity's ministries, a vote to extend a Call to Vicar Ben, the rollout of our Life Measures discipleship assessment, and a vote on three amendments to the Missouri Synod constitution.

Preschool Open House



Friday, January 13, 9:30am - 2:30pm, Shawnee Campus. The event will feature

tours, enrollment packets, children's activities, and refreshments. We hope to see you at this come-and-go event! Can't make the Open House? Tours are available by appointment—call 913.563.5280. Enrollment forms will be available through the website under the Preschool tab on January 17, 2017.

Lutheran World Relief Coffee and Tea Sale



Mission Campus between worship services, Sunday, January 8.

Be sure to stop by the table to select from the wide variety of flavors available, including two new flavors of coffee. Selected varieties are also available for purchase in the gift shop between sale dates. The large purple and white mite box will be available on the coffee table to deposit your loose change. One of the many mission projects being supported by your donation is "In Their Hands and Upon Their Hearts," Lutheran Bible Translators working in several African countries. Learn more about this project from the poster behind the mite box. Thank you for your support!

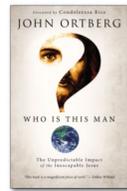
Whimsical Mystery Dinner



Saturday, January 14, 3-5 pm, Mission Fellowship Hall. Hosts Linda and Bill Guerry have a number of "surprises" in store

for us. Bill Millsap will sing a song or two and fun will ensue. We already have about 40 signed up but we need an accurate count. The dinner is free for our seniors. Let Tom know by January 7 if you are coming or sign up by the Welcome Center.

Who is this man? Shawnee Men's Bible Study



The Shawnee Men's Bible Group will study a powerful video series titled "Who is this man? The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus" by John Ortberg in January and February.

This group meets weekly on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8pm in room 201 at the Shawnee campus and is led by Al von der Linden and Steve Bialek. Come join us!

The Miracles of Jesus Bible Study



Sundays 9:45 to 10:45am, Shawnee campus in Pastor Phil's office, January 8 through February 12. Jesus not only preached the kingdom of God in word, but he demonstrated it in power through his miraculous

deeds. This unique, in-depth look at the miracles of Jesus will open your eyes to their impact on the lives he touched, what they reveal about God's heart, and their significance for us today.

Weather and Worship



With the onset of winter weather, we want to take this opportunity to remind you of Trinity's long-standing policy regarding worship services: services will be held as scheduled regardless of the weather conditions. As always, please exercise your judgment regarding your participation. God's blessings!

Worship Leaders - Mission

Preaching: Pastor Mark Schulz
Director of Music and the Arts: Ben A. Spalding
Organist: Dr. Lara West
Soloist: Emily Lehl, soprano

Stewardship Corner

...lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called...

Ephesians 4:1 (NRSV)

Giving Update: Dec. 31*

Fiscal Year to Date

Received	Budget
\$710,917	\$694,321

*Preliminary data

2017 Flowers

The 2017 flower chart is posted. Sign up now to provide flowers to beautify the services. The cost is \$45 per bouquet, made payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church." No prepayment is needed.



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