

EPIPHANY

JANUARY 7, 2018

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 Hath Passed Away*

**TLH 125**

- 1. The old year now hath passed away: We thank Thee, O our God today  
That Thou hast kept us through the year When danger and distress were near.**
- 2. We pray Thee, O eternal Son, Who with the Father reign'st as One,  
To guard and rule Thy Christendom Through all the ages yet to come.**
- 3. Take not Thy saving Word away, Our souls' true comfort, staff and stay.  
Abide with us and keep us free From errors, foll'wing 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.**

BAPTISMS (10:30)

L: Our help is in 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.**

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

C: **✠ 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.**

**\*THE KYRIE**

C: **✠ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**\*THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **✠ And with thy spirit.**

L: Let us pray.

C: **✠ Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING for the Epiphany of our Lord is from Isaiah 60:1-6, pages 619-620: (5:00, 8:00 & 10:30)

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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. <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 bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: ♪ Thanks be to God.**

10:30 Chancel Choir

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

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

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to teach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone 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 manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in 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.**

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

**C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>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, <sup>2</sup>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." <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>"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."<sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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 be to Thee, O Christ.**

**\*THE NICENE CREED**

**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**

*Father, Let Me Dedicate*

**TLH 118**

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 prayer: 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 ev'ry day Than the best can claim  
Nor withholdest 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**

“Redeeming the Time”

(Psalm 90:10, 12)

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.*

**VOLUNTARY**

**\*THE OFFERTORY** LSB page 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** (Found on the inside back cover of the hymnal.)

**\*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **♩ Amen.**

**\*THE AGNUS DEI**

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 HYMN**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

**LSB 368**

1. **Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains;  
And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

2. **Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heav'nly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**
3. **Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**OTHER DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**LSB 397, 396, 715**

**NUNC DIMITTIS** - 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.**

L: Let us pray.

C: **♪ Amen.**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **♪ And with Thy Spirit.**

L: Bless we the Lord.

C: **♪ Thanks be to God.**

\*THE BENEDICTION

C: **♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.**

\*THE CLOSING HYMN

*Let Us All With Gladsome Voice*

**LSB 390**

1. **Let us all with gladsome voice Praise the God of heaven,  
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice, His own Son hath given.**
2. **To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sadness,  
That with Him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in gladness.**
3. **Christ, our Lord and Savior dear, Be Thou ever near us.  
Grant us now a glad new year. Amen, Jesus, hear us.**

\*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 - Sem. A. Mussell

Organist: 8:00, & 10:30: Burnell Hackman; 5:00 & 9:20: Alice Kastens

Choir Dir: Burnell Hackman, DMM

KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Bob Uthoff/Dennis Gerfen

NEWS AND NOTES:

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

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): Hebrews

Bible Study for 18 - 25 Year Olds (Former Sanctuary Overflow Room)

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 and Mike Renner

7th Grade Youth: led by Greg Wirtel and Louise Oster

**PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES.**

**HEARING ASSIST TRANSMITTERS** are available from the ushers. Ear pieces are available although we suggest you bring your own.

**FOOD & DRINK consumption** should be kept inside the Gym.

**BAPTISMS** (10:30) Vivian Ann Prange, daughter of Benjamin R. and Brittany A. née Lincoln Prange. Sponsors: Philip D. A. Prange and Emily E. Lincoln. Evelyn Grace Rawlings, daughter of R. Theodore and Lindsey née Knoll Rawlings. Sponsors: Andrew W. Knoll and Julie M. Glenn.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are from Mark and Louise Mullen in memory of Dale Mullen; and from Don Chapman in loving memory of Norma.

**THE COUPLES' CLUB** asks you, starting after 10:30 a.m. service **today**, to assist in un-decorating the sanctuary.

**GREEN PARK AUCTION** poster in the Commons seeks donation items by January 10, 2018. Auction is Friday, February 16, 2018 at Royale Orleans. Tickets are available online now for the event.

**GREEN PARK STAY-N-PLAY DATES** The dates for the Green Park Stay-n-Plays are Thurs., 1/11, 2/8, & 3/8 (for ages 5 & under). The Baby Playdates are Mon., 1/8, & 3/5 (for ages 2 & under). Playdates are 9:00—10:30a.m.

**SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST** at 9:00a.m. **this Thursday** at Bob Evans. Contact Joyce Schutte for more information.

**YOUTH NEWS:** High School Seniors & Parents Bible Class begins TODAY. It's not too late to join us! High School Ski Trip at Hidden Valley, Sun. Jan. 21, 2-9:00 PM. Cost \$35. Jr. Youth Laser Tag at The Edge Sat., Jan. 27, 5:15-10:30 PM Cost \$15. Sign up on the Youth bulletin board by Jan. 21st.

**FORWARD 2018:** With reception of 92 new members in 2017, the past year marked signal membership outreach for Peace by transfer, baptism, adult confirmation, and profession of faith. Weekend worship attendance approaching 790, alongside 38 confirmations, 8 weddings, 28 baptisms, and 35 funerals seeing souls welcomed into God's eternal presence, marked the year.

**2017 NEW MEMBERS** to be acknowledged January 13/14, 2018: **ANDERSON**, Paula; **BOSTON**, Lisa; **BRIGGS**, Loretta; **COLEMAN**, Judith; **COOK**, Lorraine; **DECKER**, Gayle, Casey, Gretchen; **DOYLE**, Shawn/Yvette; **DOYLE**, Timothy; **FEGAN**, Joey, Haydin, Rosalie; **FITHIAN**, Clark/Judy; **GAMBINO**, Giavanna; **HARDIN**, John/Elizabeth, Jack; **HARRIS**, Hannah; **HUTCHINS**, Trena; **KIPP**, **KLANN**, John/Kimberly, Branden, Brittany, Breanna; Anita; **KOCH**, Robert; **KOELMEL**, Brent/Lindsay; **LONG**, Todd, Audrey, Avery; **NEFF**, Tamara; **PAVELSKI**, Rev. Gregory/Suzanne; **RAWLINGS**, Ted/Lindsey; **REINITZ**, Kathryn; **REISEL**, Bryan; **SANDERSFELD**, Donna; **SCHWARTZ**, Leo Jr./Kathleen; **SOLOVIC**, Gary; **STINE**, Robert Jr./Donna; **THOMPSON**, Michael; **WALKER**, Joan; **WARD**, Brent/Cindy, Derrik, Devon, Kelsey; **WESSLING**, Todd/Eileen; **WIESEHAN**, Nathasha; **WOLTERS**, Curt; **ZIEGELMEYER**, Sandra

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES** for those interested in joining Peace or wishing to audit, will be held on Sundays, 6:00-8:00 p.m., starting January 14. A sign-up sheet is posted, or indicate registration on your attendance card today.

**GPLS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM** Green Park is looking to develop a list of volunteers to be called upon from time to time that might assist teachers/staff, help with building/grounds needs. We are looking for parents and/or grandparents of current or previous Green Park students, as well as members of our congregations that would like to help. To be a part of this program please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Mrs. Michele Noser.

**ALL LADIES ARE INVITED** to Ladies Guild Thursday, January 18 at Noon. Christina Stackle, DCE, will share news and information about our Youth Group.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 7, 2018:

Today: 11:15 Life Ministry Team  
6:30 Sr. Youth Small Groups  
Mon: 3:30 GP Practice  
6:30 Council  
Tue: 9:00 Quilters  
7:00 Eagle Board of Review  
Wed: 11:15 Preschool Chapel  
4:00 5/6/7/8 Gr. Conf. Class  
7:00 Wednesday Bible Study  
Thu: 9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study  
3:30 GP Practice  
6:00 St. Trinity Cemetery Board  
6:30 ESL Classes  
7:00 Financial Peace University  
Fri: 3:30 GP Practice  
6:00 Boy Scout Troop 584 Lock-in  
Sat: 6:00 Boy Scout Troop 584 Lock-in  
8:30 PLAA B-Ball  
5:00 Worship Service  
Sun: 6:00 Adult Inquiry Class  
6:30 Sr. Youth Small Groups