

EPIPHANY

JANUARY 6, 2019

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service I LSB pages 151-166

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE 8:00 & 10:30 Bells of Peace

*In The Bleak Midwinter
We Three Kings*

CRANHAM
arr: Cynthia Dobriski

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.**

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

L: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

***THE ABSOLUTION**

C: **✠ Amen.**

***THE KYRIE**

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **✠ Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: **✠ Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: **✠ Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: ♪ Amen.

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And also with you.

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)

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.

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. 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 reach 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 Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

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.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise to you, O Christ.

***THE CREED (Luther's Explanation of the 3rd Article)**

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. Amen.

SERMON 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 every 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

“Adoration of the Magi”

(Matthew 2:11-12)

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 8:00 & 10:30 Bells of Peace

O Come Rejoicing

POLISH CAROL

***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 163**

♪ Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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. (2x)

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. (2x)**

3. **Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, our newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. (2x)**

OTHER DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 397, 396, 715

***THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** LSB page 164

♪ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; Tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, Alleluia.

L: Let us pray.

C: ♪ Amen.

***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 8:00 & 10:30 Bells of Peace

O Sing A Song of Bethlehem

KINGSFOLD

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Liturgist: 5:00 - Rev. Jon C. Furgeson; 8:00, 9:20, 10:30 - Sem. A. Mussell

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

Choir Dir: Burnell Hackman, DMM

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

NEWS AND NOTES:

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CHRIST'S TRUE BODY AND BLOOD, given and shed in His passion for the forgiveness of sins, are really present in, with, and under the bread and the wine in the Sacrament of the Altar and are given to and received by those who commune. Confirmed church members who are of one faith with us are invited to the Lord's table. Please register by marking the attendance card in the pew rack.

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

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): Gospel of Luke

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

Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE

8th Gr: Rick Goodman & Mike Renner 7th Gr: Greg Wirtel & Louise Oster

POINSETTIA PLANTS may be picked up after the 10:30 service today.

THE COUPLES' CLUB asks you, starting at 1:00 p.m. **today**, to assist in un-decorating the sanctuary. Also, mark your calendar and join them for Family Game Night & Pot Luck Dinner, Sunday, January 20 at 5:00 p.m. at Church. More details to follow.

ALASKA MISSION 13th ANNUAL DINNER/AUCTION JANUARY 27th - Tickets now available at the Welcome Center in the Commons starting this weekend (Jan. 5/6). Dinner is at 5:30p.m., doors open at 5:00p.m. We will again have the delicious chicken dinner, silent auction, and presentation of the mission work in Hooper Bay, AK last summer. The mission team is already busy planning to return again in July 2019. All proceeds will help fund this mission work. Ticket cost is \$5 (children are free). Auction items donations are welcome!

ADULT INQUIRY SERIES for those desiring membership, begins January 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m., with sessions on Sundays. Sign-up posted.

SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST at 9:00a.m. this Thursday at Denny's. Contact Joyce Schutte for more information.

2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for IRS purposes, to be in mail slots no later than January 20.

NEW YEAR, NEW BIBLE STUDY Join us for a study of the Gospel of Luke, beginning today at 9:15 a.m. in the Lower Commons. All are welcome!

YOUTH NEWS: Jr. Youth event is to go to Rock 'n Jump on Saturday, January 19. Watch for more information. Sr. Youth is going to Hidden Valley on Sunday, January 20. Sign up by January 13th to attend.

2018 NEW MEMBERS to be welcomed January 12/13, 2019: **ATENCIO**, Megan, Sofia; **ATWOOD**, Jeri; **AUSTIN**, Larry; **AX**, William/Carla; **BAGY**, Deborah; **BAKER**, Ralph/Judith; **BEUTELMANN**, Diana; **BORCHERDING**, Kathleen; **BRINKMANN**, Dawn; **DANIELS**, Amanda, Payton; **DESSAU**, Debra, Eric; **DOUGLAS**, Grace; **FOERSTER**, Joseph/Toni; **GORDON**, Rachel; **GRISSER**, Paula; **HILGERT**, Todd/**WEBB-HILGERT**, Allison; **HOOSS**, Robert; **JEFFCOTT**, Jack Jr./Paula, Alexander, Shawn; **KASSEL**, Sarah; **LOWRY**, Susan; **MEYER**, Kenneth/Barbara; **MEYER**, David; **MORGAN**, Chester/Diahann, Allie, McKenna; **PORATH**, Matthew/Jennifer; **REISEL**, Jacob; **RUTLEDGE**, Luke; **SCHAEFFER**, Gregory/Hayley; **SCHWEIKERT**, Marvin/Janice; **SMITH**, Craig/Jennifer, Emma, Ethan; **TURLEY**, Ronald/Cheryl; **WHITE**, Haley; **WHOBREY**, Victoria; **WILKE**, Michael/Tracy; **WOHLSCHLAEGER**, Ronald/Verlene, **WOHLSCHLAEGER**, Wayne, Mark, Allen; **ZEHNER**, Sherry

VALENTINE DANCE AND CHOCOLATE BUFFET On Saturday, February 9, from 7:00-9:00p.m., the Peace Gym will host a very special Valentine Dance and Chocolate Buffet. The Missouri Big-Band will provide music for dancing. A dessert buffet of Chocolate specialties will be enjoyed at intermission. Tickets are \$20 per person and are available after each service until February 3. This is the major fundraiser for our Music Ministry in 2019.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 6, 2019:

Today: 11:30 Life Ministry Team
Mon: 3:30 GP Practice
5:00 Chimes of Peace Rehearsal
6:30 Council
7:15 Orchestra of Peace Rehearsal
Tue: 9:00 Quilters
3:30 GP Practice
5:00 GP Practice
6:30 GP Practiced
7:00 Eagle Board of Review
Wed: 4:00 5/6/7/8 Grade Confirmation Class
7:00 Bells of Peace Rehearsal
7:00 Wednesday Bible Study
Thu: 9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study
3:30 GP Practice
6:00 St. Trinity Cemetery Board Mtg
6:30 ESL Classes
6:30 College Girls' Bible Study
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Fri: 3:30 GP Practice
Sat: 5:00 Worship Service
Sun: 11:30 Youth Board
6:00 Adult Inquiry
6:30 Sr. Youth Small Groups