

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 5-6, 2019

SATURDAY AT 4:30 PM & SUNDAY AT 9:00 AM

***THIS IS CHRIST'S CHURCH; THERE IS A PLACE
FOR YOU HERE.***



OUR MISSION IS:

TO LOVE, SERVE, AND STRENGTHEN ALL PEOPLE IN CHRIST JESUS.

**OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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THINGS YOU MIGHT WANT TO KNOW...

WELCOME to Our Saviour's. We are glad you have come to join us to give praise and thanks to God, to hear God's word to guide us in love and to receive the Lord's Supper to strengthen us in faith. May you be blessed to be a blessing.

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH in Merrill, Wisconsin is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), a fellowship of churches from around North America who hold to basic Christian beliefs and practices. If you would like to learn more about Our Saviour's or the ELCA, please call our church office or visit the ELCA website at www.elca.org, our synod website at www.ecsw.org, or our website at www.oslcelca.org.

If you are **visiting** us, please sign one of the **Visitor Cards** in the pews and our **guest book**. We invite you to make yourself known to the ushers. If you are looking for a church family, we invite you to consider Our Saviour's as your church home.

"WILLIAMS PERSONAL SOUND SYSTEM" is available from the ushers for those who have hearing impairments.

RESTROOMS are located in the hallway between the staircase and the narthex. There are changing tables in these bathrooms.

WORSHIP HELPS include hearing assist devices and large print bulletins. Please see an usher to use them. Also, if you are not able to come forward for communion, the communion servers would be glad to come to you in your pew. Please let an usher know you would prefer this.

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ELCA Vision Statement

Claimed by God's grace for the sake of the world, we are a new creation through God's living Word by the power of the Holy Spirit;

Gathered by God's grace for the sake of the world, we will live among God's faithful people, hear God's Word, and share Christ's supper;

Sent by God's grace for the sake of the world, we will proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serve all people following the example of our Lord Jesus, and strive for justice and peace in all the world

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ELW, Setting 8 Holy Communion
P=Presider A=Assistant C=Congregation ↓=Sunday only

Welcome to worship. We are glad you are here! If you are interested in joining Our Saviour's, please speak to Pr. Pat following service or throughout the week (715-536-5813 or 920-535-0014) for information.

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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.

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 SONG

Brightest and Best of the Stars

ELW 303

*GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P 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

A A reading from Isaiah, the 60th chapter.

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
³Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
⁴Lift 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.
⁵Then 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.
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 proclaim the praise of the LORD.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

¹Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;
²**that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;**
³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

**⁴Let him defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

⁵May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

**⁶Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**

⁷In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**¹⁰May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute,
and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**

¹¹May all kings bow down before him,
and all the nations do him service.

**¹²For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress,
the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**

¹³He has compassion on the lowly and poor,
and preserves the lives of the needy.

**¹⁴From oppression and violence he redeems their lives,
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

A A reading from Ephesians, the 3rd chapter.

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—
²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for
you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few
words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of
Christ. ⁵In 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: ⁶that is, the Gentiles
have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ
Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of 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. ⁸Although 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, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God
who created all things; ¹⁰so 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. ¹¹This was
in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in
whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12**

P The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "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." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶"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.'"

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then 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." ⁹When 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.

¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On 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. ¹²And 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/SERMON

Pastor Pat Schutz

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Three Kings of Orient Are

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***APOSTLES' CREED**

A Let us confess our faith together using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition

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

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

P We share God's peace with one another.

OFFERING HYMN

In the Bleak Midwinter

ELW 294

*OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

A Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

A Come to the table for all is prepared. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION

*BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

Rise, Shine, You People!

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE