



# EPIPHANY

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**OUR SAVIOR EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**

*(Wisconsin Synod)*

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**VERSICLE:** "We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

Matthew 2:2

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** *Lord God, by the leading of a star you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith, to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**WORSHIP NOTES:** We welcome you to worship and to a new phase in our worship cycle. Today is the beginning of "Epiphany" which means "a showing" or "a revealing." Our service is designed to reveal Jesus as Savior of the world. So bright is the dawning of the Son, so great is the fullness of his glory, that his light not only fills the dark streets of Bethlehem, but illuminates to the very ends of the earth. Jew and Gentile alike gather to worship him who is born ruler of Judah and Shepherd of all Israel. Notice that Gentiles ARE INCLUDED in his flock.

*Participation in the Lord's Supper is a privilege Jesus extends to persons who adhere to his Word and have publicly confessed their oneness in the faith. This biblical teaching is the basis for our practice of "close communion" at Our Savior. Members of other WELS or ELS congregations are invited to commune with us. Other guests are asked to speak with the pastor if they wish to commune.*

**Guests: Welcome to all who are visiting with us today! Please note:**

**Restrooms:** far side (south) of the entry. **Hearing Help:** enhanced hearing units available.

**Parent's Room:** far left (southwest). **Large Print Bulletin:** Please contact an usher



**OPENING HYMN**

"Angels from the Realms of Glory" (p.12)

CW, #80

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

CW, p. 26

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

**P:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**P:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

### **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**P:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



**C:** Christ, have mer - cy.

**P:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



**C:** A - men.

**P:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



**C:** O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in

all the earth. Al-might - y God, mer-ci - ful Fa - ther,  
 you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;  
 you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
 ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,  
 but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,  
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.  
 O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,  
 you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;  
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the  
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,  
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.



## **FIRST LESSON 1 Kings 10:1-9**

*The Queen of Sheba arrives with opulence in her train, but a seeking in her heart. In the court of Solomon she sees the faithfulness of the God of Israel. Her joy is evident as she offers praise to the eternal Lord. She typifies all the Gentiles nations who would hear of the mystery of Christ and come to the brightness of his dawn.*

When the queen of Sheba heard about the fame of Solomon and his relation to the name of the LORD, she came to test him with hard questions. Arriving at Jerusalem with a very great caravan—with camels carrying spices, large quantities of gold, and precious stones—she came to Solomon and talked with him about all that she had on her mind. Solomon answered all her questions; nothing was too hard for the king to explain to her. When the queen of Sheba saw all the wisdom of Solomon and the palace he had built, the food on his table, the seating of his officials, the attending servants in their robes, his cupbearers, and the burnt offerings he made at the temple of the LORD, she was overwhelmed.

She said to the king, “The report I heard in my own country about your achievements and your wisdom is true. But I did not believe these things until I came and saw with my own eyes. Indeed, not even half was told me; in wisdom and wealth you have far exceeded the report I heard. How happy your men must be! How happy your officials, who continually stand before you and hear your wisdom! Praise be to the LORD your God, who has delighted in you and placed you on the throne of Israel. Because of the LORD’S eternal love for Israel, he has made you king, to maintain justice and righteousness.”

## **PSALM**

Psalm 72

(p. 13)

CW, p. 93

## **EPISTLE Acts 13:46-49**

Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: "We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For this is what the Lord has commanded us: " 'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.' " When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed. The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.

## VERSE OF THE DAY & RESPONSE

CW, p. 30

**ALL: "We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."**

Pastor: Alleluia, Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

### **Matthew 2:1-12**

*The Magi learn of the new-born King and come to worship him as their Lord and Savior. God kept them from reporting back to Herod because the king was jealous and dangerous for baby Jesus. So they returned to their home by a different route.*

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel." Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## HYMN OF THE DAY

"As with Gladness Men of Old" (p.14)

CW, #83

## SERMON

### **Acts 13:46-49**

"WE ARE GLAD TO BE APPOINTED FOR LIFE"

## NICENE CREED

CW, p. 31

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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.  
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,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian 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.

### **OFFERING**

*To honor God and to remind each other that our offerings are part of our regular gathering and worship, we bring the offering baskets up to the altar at this time. Please sign in on the Friendship Register (in each bench) or fill out a guest card at the Welcome Center.*

### **OFFERING HYMN** "Take My Life and Let It Be"

CW, #469:4

Take my silver and my gold;  
Not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.







The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.  
 You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.  
 I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -  
 va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
 The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

**O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD**

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you  
 take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; grant us your peace. A - men.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

“The Star Proclaims the King is Here”

(p.15)

CW, #91

**SERVICE CONTINUES**

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.  
 Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.  
 He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with  
 shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**P:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



**CLOSING HYMN** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

CW, #93:1

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
Great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression,  
And rule in equity.



**SILENT PRAYER**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## 80

## Angels from the Realms of Glory

1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er  
 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your  
 3 Ma - gi, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; Brigh - ter vi - sions  
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in

all the earth; Once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry;  
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing -  
 beam a - far. Seek the great de - sire of na - tions;  
 hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

*Refrain*

Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 You - der shines the in - fant light. Come and wor - ship,  
 You have seen the Sav - ior's star.  
 In his tem - ple shall ap - pear.

come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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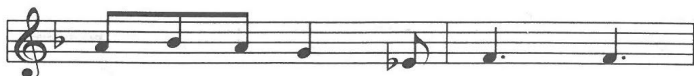
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# Psalm 72

## *Refrain*



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

## *Psalm tone*



Endow the King with your justice, Ó God,\*  
the royal Son with your righteousness.

He will defend the afflicted among the people\*  
and save the children of the needy.

He will endure as long as the sun,\*  
as long as the moon, through all generations.

He will be like rain falling on a mown field,\*  
like showers watering the earth.

## *Refrain*

All kings will bow down to him,\*  
and all nations will serve him.

All nations will be blessed through him,\*  
and they will call him blessed.


Praise be to the LORD God, who alone does marvelous deeds.\*  
May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**


## *Refrain*

## 83


## As with Gladness Men of Old



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 your low-ly bed,  
 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At your cra-dle, rude and bare,  
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright,  
 There to bend the knee be-fore You 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



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more your fol-lowers be.  
 So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek your mer-cy seat.  
 All our cost-liest treas-ures bring, Christ, to you, our heav'n-ly King.  
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds your glo-ry hide.

- 5 In the heav'nly country bright  
 Need they no created light;  
 You its light, its joy, its crown,  
 You its sun which goes not down.  
 There forever may we sing  
 Alleluias to our King!

# 91 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,  
 2 The wis - er Ma - gi saw from far And fol - lowed  
 3 With - in the Jor - dan Riv - er stood The pure and  
 4 At Ca - na - mir - a - cle di - vine — When wa - ter

why this sense - less fear? For he who came from heav - en's  
 on his guid - ing star, And, led by light, to Light they  
 ho - ly Lamb of God; The Fa - ther's voice, the Spir - it -  
 red - dened in - to wine, The faith - ful saw his glo - ry

throne Does not de - sire an earth - ly crown.  
 pressed And by their gifts their God con - fessed.  
 dove, Con - firmed the Sav - ior from a - bove.  
 shown And put their trust in him a - lone.

- 5 All glory unto Jesus be  
 And praise for his epiphany,  
 Whom with the Father we adore  
 And Holy Spirit evermore.



## THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (1/2)	<b>8:00 AM</b> <b>Worship Service w/communion</b> 9:15 AM    Adult Bible Class <b>10:30 AM</b> <b>Worship Service w/communion</b>
Tuesday	10:30 AM    Senior Bible Study
Wednesday	8:30 AM    Children’s Chapel 4:00 PM    Public School Confirmation Class 6:00 PM    Outreach Meeting
Thursday	<b>7:00 PM</b> <b>Contemporary Worship Service</b>
Sunday (1/9)	<b>8:00 AM</b> <b>Contemporary Worship Service</b> 9:15 AM    Sunday School 9:15 AM    Adult & Teen Bible Class <b>10:30 AM</b> <b>Contemporary Worship Service</b>

Next Week’s Readings

First Lesson	1 Samuel 16:1-13
Second Lesson	Titus 3:4-7
Gospel	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Psalm	Psalm 2

## **THIS WEEK’S WORSHIP SERVICE**

EPIPHANY  
Service Theme

**PASTOR:** Mark Wagner

**ORGANIST:**  
Ann Peterman

**HYMNS:** 80, 83, 469:4,  
91, 93:1

**FIRST LESSON:**  
1 Kings 10:1-9

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