

# The Epiphany of Our Lord

COME,  
LET US WORSHIP  
THE KING!

Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Pastor Mark Voss - January 5, 2020

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Father in heaven, I thank you for revealing your Son to me and all believers on the pages of sacred Scripture. Through him you have led me to see my forgiveness, brought peace to my heart, and given me a reason to live a life of joy and praise. As one who has seen the light, lead me to worship you with an undivided heart and guide me to put the lessons I learn today into my daily life. I pray not only for myself, but also for all who are gathered with me today. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

## **INVOCATION, PRAYER AND PRAISE**

P: In the name of the Father, who is the "Father of the heavenly lights," and of the Son, who is the "Light of the world," and of the Holy Spirit, who reveals that light to us through the gospel.

**EPIPHANY CAROL – *"Angels from the Realms of Glory"***

**CW 80**

P: Arise! Shine! Your light has come and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

**C: The darkness of sin surrounds the earth. Nations upon nations are turning away from the Lord.**

P: But you are honored to live in the Light of the Lord.

**C: His glory and grace are shining on us.**

P: The Lord is present.

**C: Look! We are standing on holy ground!**

P: Let us reflect the light of God's love

**C: so that others may live in his light!**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

### SONG OF PRAISE - *"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"*

CW 38 vv 1 & 3

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The musical score is written on three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5. Below the notes are the lyrics: "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come high,". The second staff begins with a treble clef and a 7/8 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, B3, A3, G3. Below the notes are the lyrics: "This is the Christ, our God most high, To bear good news to ev-'ry home; Glad tid-ings of great joy I bring, Who hears your sad and bit-ter cry; He will him-self your Sav-ior be". The third staff begins with a treble clef and a 7/8 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G3, F3, E3, D3, C3, B2, A2, G2. Below the notes are the lyrics: "Where - of I now will say and sing: From all your sins to set you free."

## 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 reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Epiphany Lessons

**Isaiah 60:1-6 – *The glory of the LORD is the baby in Bethlehem***

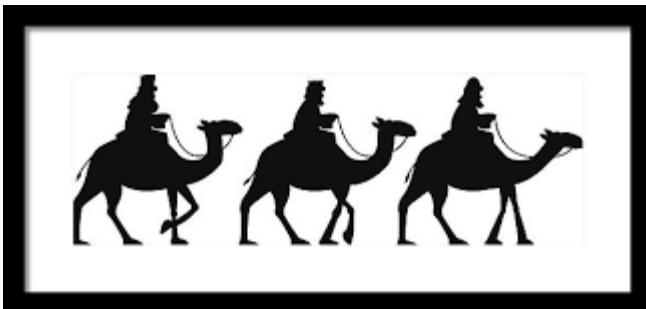
<sup>1</sup> “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. <sup>2</sup> See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. <sup>3</sup> Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup> “Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. <sup>5</sup> Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. <sup>6</sup> Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

## RESPONSE

**Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes,  
And see what in the manger lies.  
Who is this child, so young and fair?  
It is the Christchild lying there.**

**Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,  
Through whom the sinful word is blest!  
You came to share my misery  
That you might share your joy with me.**



## **Matthew 2:1-12 – *The wisemen worship with joy***

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

<sup>6</sup> “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 shepherd my people Israel.”

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

<sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> 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, frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

## **APOSTLE’S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

**EPIPHANY CAROL – *“As With Gladness Men of Old”***

**CW 83**

# Sermon Series

## INQUIRING HEROES OF FAITH

The Magi from the East  
Based on the Epiphany Lessons

### OFFERING AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

HYMN - *"Sing to the Lord a New Song"*

CW 245

### PRAYER FOR EPIPHANY AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## THE SACRAMENT

Our church practices membership communion. We ask that only members of our church body, the Wisconsin Lutheran Synod partake of the sacrament.

### PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord: who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and host of heaven we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,  
Prepare a bed, soft undefiled  
Within my heart, made clean and new,  
A quiet chamber kept for you.**

**My heart for very joy must leap;  
My lips no more can silence keep.  
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue  
That sweetest ancient cradle song:**

**Glory to God in highest heaven,  
Who unto us his Son has given!  
While angels sing with pious mirth  
A glad new year to all the earth.**

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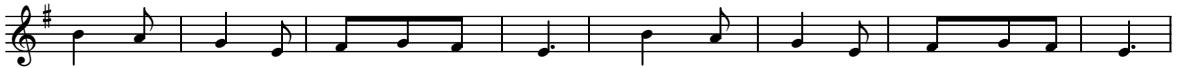
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## CLOSING HYMN - "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

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We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far.  
Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain; Gold I bring to crown Him a - gain,  
Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; In - cense owns a De - i - ty nigh;  
Myrrh is mine, its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom  
Glo - rious now be - hold Him a - rise; King and God and Sac - ri - fice;



Field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, Ov - er us all to reign.  
Prayer and prais - ing, all men rais - ing. Wor - ship - ing God on high  
Sor - r'wing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Sounds through the earth and skies.



O, Star of won - der, Star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright, West - ward



lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light.

## CALENDAR for Week of January 5th

- Today 8:00a Worship with Communion
- 9:15a Fellowship
- 10:30a Worship with Communion
- Monday 6p Sunday School Staff
- Tuesday 6:30-8:00p Facility in Use
- Thursday 8a Breakfast Bible Study
- 7p Worship
- 7:45p Bible Study
- Sunday INSTALLATION OF 2020 CHURCH OFFICERS
- 8a Worship
- 9:15a Bible Class and Sunday School
- 9:00a Child and Family Ministry Board Meeting
- 9:15a Board of Finance
- 10:30a Worship
- 12:00p Catechism

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- A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.
- Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our 10:30a service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.
- Please let an usher know if you require a larger print bulletin.
- Our services can also be viewed online. Go to our website [corchurch.com](http://corchurch.com) and click on Video Broadcast.
- As a member of Christ Our Redeemer we are connected to each other through our unity of faith and the public confession of that faith in Lord's Supper. To read what our profession of faith is, go to [www.corchurch.com](http://www.corchurch.com) and click on "Our Beliefs" or take a copy of the tract "What We Believe" in the Visitor Information Center kiosk. To become a member of our church family, please speak with the pastor.