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**Epiphany**

*Good morning! We appreciate your joining our worship family, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you are looking for an altar at which to commune, please speak to the pastor beforehand. He will be happy to provide you with the information you would want and need.*

**Sunday family worship...8:00 and 10:45 A.M.**  
**Choir...9:10 A.M. Sunday school...9:30 A.M. Bible class...9:45 A.M.**

**Today's Worship**

*"You are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:28).*

**Greeting and prayer:**

**Hymn 136 (red hymnal): Angels From the Realms of Glory**

**Invocation:**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**G Amen.**

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.  
**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**G who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**G and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**



**Benediction**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.  
**G Amen.**

**Closing hymn 127 (red hymnal): As with Gladness Men of Old**

**Announcements**

**Sunday school today**

Today's lesson is "The Birth of John Foretold." God in His mercy promised to send John to prepare sinful people for the coming of the Lord. God in His Word calls us to repentance, declaring us righteous because of His Son, Jesus. In your family discussions ask, "*When have you doubted God's Word? How does God forgive and take away our doubts?*"

**More than words...**

Real prayer is more than simply speaking words. It is heartfelt communication with the one true God. Wednesday's Bible class will look further into what makes for sincere prayer.

**Kindergarten meeting next Sunday**

The Board of Education and school staff will be hosting a meeting next Sunday, January 13th, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the possibility of having kindergarten in the 2019/2020 school year. The meeting is open to all. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please feel free to contact any of the members of the Board of Education.

**Last call**

An orphan crock pot has spent the last several months in the church kitchen. If not claimed, it will be sent to a new home.

**Looking Ahead...**

- ♣ Today:** 12:15 P.M: Public school confirmation class.
- ♣ Monday:** 7:00 P.M: Young Adults.
- ♣ Wednesday:** 7:00 P.M: Bible class.
- ♣ Thursday:** 7:00 A.M: School staff. 7:00 P.M: Bd. of Elders.
- ♣ Next Sunday:** 6:00 P.M: Kindergarten meeting.
- ♣ January 15th:** 5:30 P.M: Bd. of Property. 6:30 P.M: Bd. of Education.
- ♣ January 17th:** 6:30 P.M: Church Council.
- ♣ January 24th:** 5:00 P.M: Pre-bee supper. 6:00 P.M: School Geography Bee.
- ♣ January 27th:** 12:00 P.M: Quarterly voters meeting.



# W E E K



# S E R V I S E

Daily Bible Readings:	
Jan. 6	Reflect on God as Healer
Jan. 7	Gen. 19-22 Ps. 3 Matt. 5
Jan. 8	Gen. 23-25 Prov. 3 Matt. 6
Jan. 9	Gen. 26-27 Ps. 4 Matt. 7
Jan. 10	Gen. 28-31 Prov. 4 Matt. 8
Jan. 11	Gen. 32-34 Ps. 5 Matt. 9
Jan. 12	Gen. Gen. 35-37 Prov. 5 Ps. Matt. 10

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### Agnus Dei (sung)

- C** 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: Hymns 343, 344 (red hymnal)

#### Nunc Dimittis (sung)

*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.*



#### Thanksgiving

- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.
- C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### Salutation and Benedicamus

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

#### Gloria

**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

#### Kyrie

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

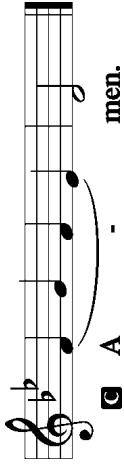
**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

## The Collect prayer:

P: Let us pray:

Almighty God, Your saving purpose was hidden in mystery through the ages and revealed in Your Son, Jesus Christ. As the Magi were brought into the light of His presence by the leading of a star, so bring us now into the light of Your presence by Your Word that we may know Your Son as Savior and Lord and make Him known to those still captive to the darkness of unbelief; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Epistle reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

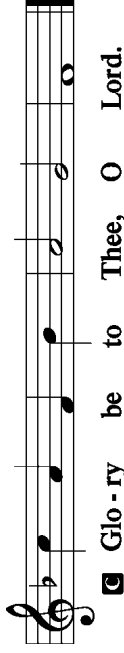
*Like morning sunshine on a brand new day, Jesus came to give hope and joy to all the world.*

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Hallelujah!



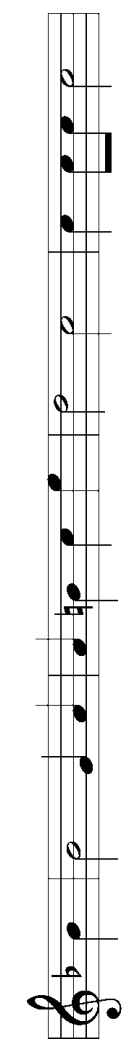
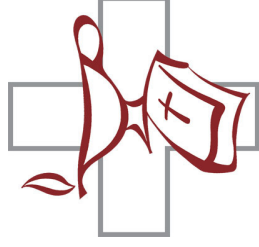
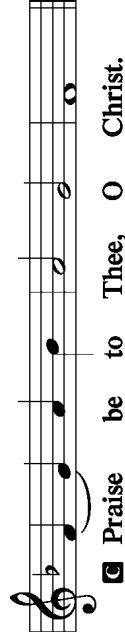
## Gospel Reading:

P The Gospel lesson is recorded in Matthew 2:1-12.

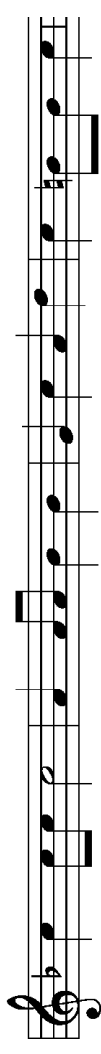


*Jesus is for all people of all time.*

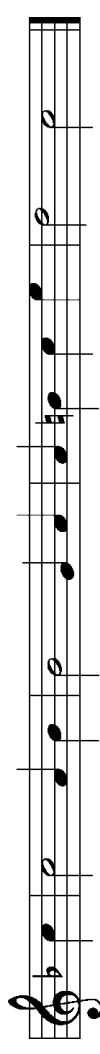
P This is the Word of the Lord.



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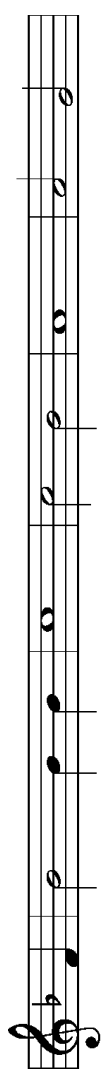
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



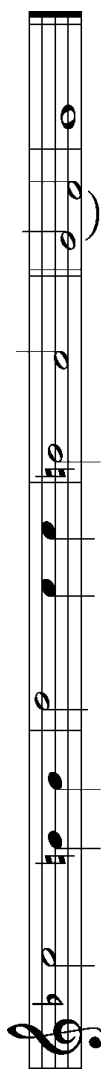
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

P 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



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Words of Institution

### Pax Domini

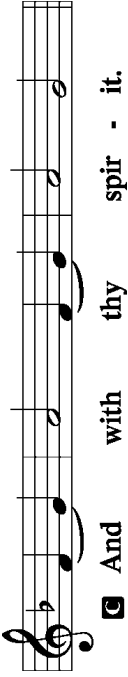
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

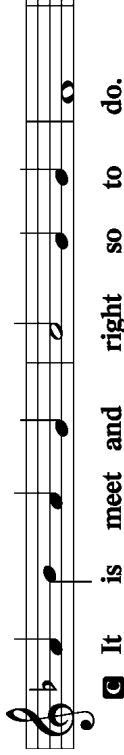
**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.

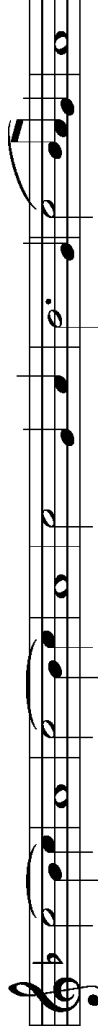


**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

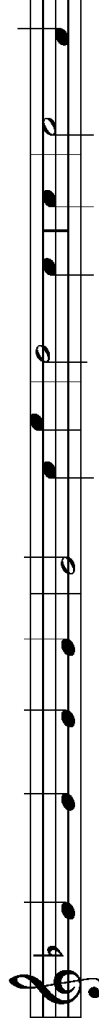


**P** It is our good and pleasant duty to bring You praise and thanksgiving now and always, in the name and for the sake of Him who is the light of the world and the full revelation of Your saving will and purpose. You have made Your Church one people, from many peoples and nations, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whom we join to sing the everlasting song of praise. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

## Nicene Creed (first service)

**C** 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 126 (red hymnal): Arise and Shine in Splendor

**Sermon:** Ephesians 3:1-12

### The Mystery that Unites

- I. Revealed by God in the Word.
  - II. Shared by the Church in the world.
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### Cong (sung):

**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.**



### Offering

#### Prayer of the Church

*Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs...*  
*(Minute of silence)*

P: O blessed Lord, we give You thanks that the mystery once hidden has now been revealed and Jesus Christ is come for all people. Grant us boldness so that we may proclaim with confidence this saving Gospel and prepare the hearts of those who hear so that they may believe in Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Mighty Lord, all nations and those who lead them are accountable to You. Give to us and all people good government and faithful leaders. Bless all those in the armed forces who protect us, and bless all civil servants who serve us for the common good. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Blessed Savior, You have made us Your Church and You bid us welcome all in Your name. Bless our life together around Your Word and Sacrament, and bless those who serve us with this ministry on Your behalf. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious Savior, You shine upon us with the light of forgiveness and life. Lead us so that we may forgive one another as You have forgiven us, and help us walk in Your ways here on earth until we dwell in Your nearer presence on high. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord God, Your Son came to claim all our ills and to grant us healing, comfort, and peace sufficient for all our needs. We cry to You on behalf of those we name before You in our hearts, that their suffering be relieved, their sorrows find comfort, and their hearts know the fullness of Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: O Lord of mercy, You have daily fed us with all that we need for this body and life, and now You bid us come to feast at Your Communion table. Grant us faith, a discerning heart, and repentance that we receive Jesus' body and blood for the assurance of forgiveness and strengthening of our faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Holy Lord, You have set us apart as Your own people by Baptism and granted us faith to walk in Your ways. Keep us faithful so that we persevere in time of trial and temptation and remain in Christ until that day dawns when we shall be reunited with those who have gone before and dwell with You in the life death cannot overcome. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Grant to us all things needful and keep from us all things harmful, O Lord, for we trust in Your goodness and in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn 132 (red hymnal): O God of God, O Light of Light**