

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD ~ JANUARY 2, 2022



Epiphany

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"Being Transformed By God's Grace To Love And Serve."

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

please stand as you are able

Epiphany Call to Worship

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

**The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,
making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!**

O come, let us worship the Lord,

for God has done wondrous things!

Opening Hymn

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

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Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

"Glory to God"

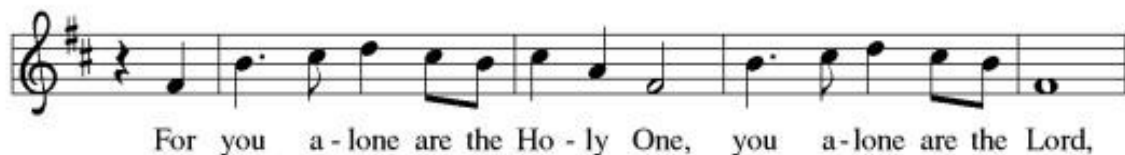
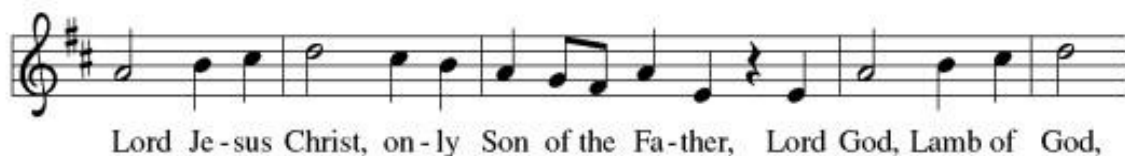
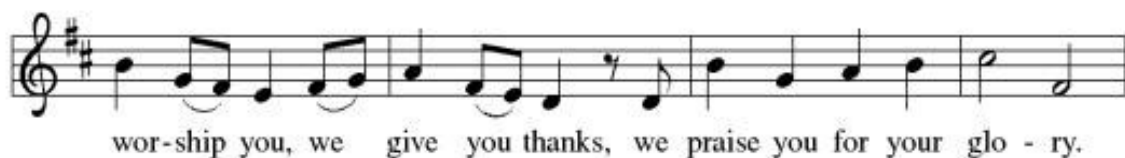
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Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**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. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1 - 6

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 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.
⁴**Let 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.
⁶**Let 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.
¹⁰**May 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.
¹²**For 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

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

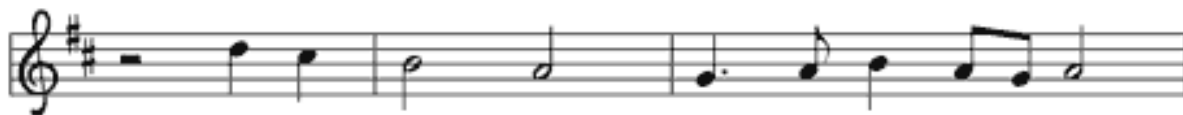
Children's Sermon

Pastor Sandy Schlesselman

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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Al - le - lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia.

please stand as you are able

Gospel

Matthew 2:1 - 12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 2nd chapter.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Sandy Schlesselman

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Hymn of the Day

"As With Gladness Men Of Old"

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Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Our Offerings to God

*Your offering and offering card (yellow sheet) can be placed
in the offering plate near the entrance of the Sanctuary.*

Offertory

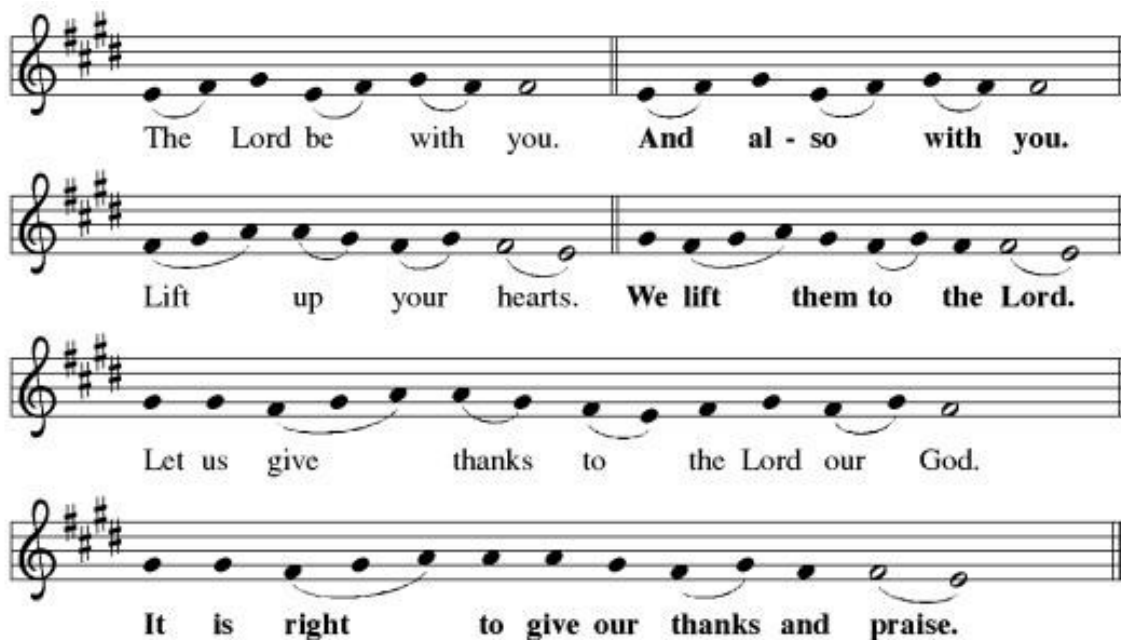
"Love Has Come"

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth.
As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth
you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our
Savior. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Words Of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught us to pray.....**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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

at the Altar

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.

Red wine or white grape juice is available.

Our first table for Holy Communion this morning will be for those who do not
wish to climb the stairs. Please watch for direction from the ushers.

please be seated

Communion Hymns

"The First Noel"

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"What Child Is This"

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"We Three Kings"

- 1 We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain

Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

- 2 Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again;
king forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. *Refrain*

- 3 Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising, gladly raising,
worshipping God Most High. *Refrain*

- 4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *Refrain*

- 5 Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
heav'n sings alleluia:
alleluia the earth replies. *Refrain*



KEEP SEEKING HIM

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820-1891, alt.

please stand as you are able

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Blessing

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Brightest and Best of the Stars"

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

Thanks be to God.

"WE ARE PEOPLE OF HOPE"



Welcome: Happy New Year! And a blessed Epiphany Sunday and season! We have come to worship the King, just as the wise men did so long ago. Welcome.

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Rocky Goyette, Jon Beckman, Kevin Tatum, Margie Gerken, Irene Viebrock, Kyle Luetjen, and Greg Ives.



Hear Our Prayer...

John & Erin McCoy (nephew & niece of Paul Fuelling), Dianne Eschellman, Tim Berendzen, Nancy Webb (sister-in-law of Glen Webb), John Turley, Pat Arline (friend of Taylor Vanderlinden), Rebecca Heimsoth (friend of Norma Schlesselman), Dieter Knowle (brother of Kim Knowle-Zeller), Debbie Viebrock (daughter-in-law of Delbert Viebrock), Ronnie Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marlin & Ruth Lackas (sister & brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling), , Reagan Phillips, Greg Wright (family of Jim & Kim Gumbel), Rick Osborne (friend of Gale Logan), Bill Russell (friend of Florence VonHolten), Gina Smith, Baby Emma Ruth Eckhoff, Bill Hamilton, Marvin Bockelman (brother of Margie Gerken), Alex Stevens (friend of Tina Ives), Jeffery Jones (son of Bonnie Bohling), Joyce Jones (sister of Connie Gerken) and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling, Margie Gerken: *Ambrose*. Luella Viebrock, Marie Viebrock, Florence VonHolten & Cecelia Wiedemann: *GSCC*. Kathy Hallauer: *Loving Arms*.

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: ENS David M. Gardner (son of Pam Balke), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in-law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, Cpt. Joseph Strathman, Sgt. Russell J. Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann) and Cpt. Wayne Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann).





With Sympathy: We also pray for those families who have lost loved ones; family and friends of Rev. Don Marshall (Executive Director of Oaks).

Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.



New Birth: Travis and Rachel Goosen want to announce a baby boy born on December 21st. He was named Reid William and welcomed home by his sister, Ember.

Thank You: Ambrose Park residents want to say a big thank you to St. Paul's members for all the awesome presents at Christmas. Thanks for making our Christmas a whole lot brighter.
Ambrose Park Residents



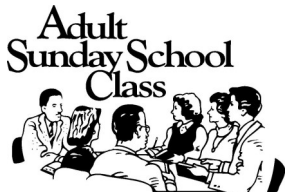
LBPS: Little Blessing Preschool will be in session on Tuesday, **January 4th** and Wednesday, **January 5th** from 8:00am until 11:15pm in the church basement.

WELCA: Women of the ELCA will be holding their quarterly meeting on Wednesday, **January 5th** at 7:00 p.m. We will be determining our year-end donations and make plans for serving at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 16. Hope to see you there!!



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **January 6th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.

Adult Sunday School: Come join the Adult Sunday School class at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings beginning on **January 9, 2022**. After we finish up a lesson or two of our Genesis Bible study, we will then immediately begin a study of the book of Daniel in January. The book of Daniel contains some well-known Bible stories, but also some perplexing prophecies and visions. Come join us as we walk through Daniel chapter by chapter and gain insight into the message of Daniel. Participants will have a study guide from several references to enhance our study. Come join us as we explore Daniel and discuss lessons learned we can apply to our lives.



Christmas Program: The Children's Christmas Program on Christmas Eve was cancelled due to illness. However, we will get to hear the story of Christmas from the Children on Sunday, **January 9th** during worship service.



New Members: We are planning to welcome a group of new members to St. Paul's on Sunday, **January 9th**. If you are interested in joining the membership of this church, we would love to have a conversation with you. Please speak with Pastor Stephen to let him know of your interest.

Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting is right around the corner. It will be held on Sunday, **January 16th** at 12:15pm after a meal of soup & chili. Do you have reports that you would like to include in the Annual Report? Please submit them to the church office by Tuesday, January 4th.



Chili & Pitch: Luther League will be hosting a chili and soup cook off followed by a pitch tournament on **January 23rd**. We invite everyone to join us for lunch and to cast your votes. Hotdogs and desserts will be provided by Luther League. This event will be a free-will offering. At 1:00pm we will start the Pitch Tournament and encourage as many teams to participate. There will be a signup in the fellowship hall for anyone interested in competing in the cookoff and pitch tournament to help us plan accordingly, or you may call or text Cathy Bailey 660-351-0309 to sign up or for additional information.

Secret Sisters 2022: Just a reminder to sign up to join the fun with our yearly tradition of Secret Sisters. The sign-up sheets can be found on the ushers' stands. Please sign up by **January 16th**. Any questions contact Janice.



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, January 2:	10:00am	Worship Holy Communion at the Altar
Tuesday, January 4:	8:00am	LBPS
Wednesday, January 5:	8:00am	LBPS
Thursday, January 6:	8:00am	BCHD
Saturday, January 8:	5:30pm	Casual Worship
Sunday, January 9:	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Holy Communion by Stations Children's Christmas Program Welcome New Members



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

January 9	Children's Christmas Program
January 9	Welcome New Members
January 16	Annual Meeting
January 23	Chili Cook-off and Pitch Tournament

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister Pastor Sandy Schlesselman
Organist Lois Viebrock
Pianist Jeannette VonHolten
Altar Guild Janice Gerken & Teresa Viebrock
Ushers Kelly Viebrock, Assistant Head Usher
..... Jim Gumbel, Mark Oelrichs, Justin Tinney & Bruce Wienberg



Epiphany Of Our Lord ~ January 2, 2022

Assisting Minister Janice Gerken
Communion Assistants At the Altar
Reader Sara Jackson
Children's Sermon Pastor Sandy Schlesselman
Acolytes Logan Jackson & Grant Kullman
Flowers Susan Goosen
Fellowship Hour



Baptism Of Our Lord ~ January 9, 2022

Assisting Minister Anne Goosen
Communion Assistants Debbie Eckhoff & Sharel Wienberg
Reader Ethan, Ben & Freddie Goosen
Children's Sermon None
Acolytes Kaelyn Keith & Shelby Nash
Flowers
Fellowship Hour

*Happy
New
Year!*

