

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

EPIPHANY & THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JANUARY 10, 2021

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Sunday Worship suspended www.bethlehemlutheranrenton.org

Our Intentional Interim Pastor - David Blair
Our Organist and Choir Director - James Hing
Our Elder Team Serving Today - Art Wolf and Ron Muller

Pre-Service Worship Preparation

Ringing of Church Bells

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn (WOV) #646 We Three Kings of Orient Are

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 light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. [**Refrain**]

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high. [**Refrain**]

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

Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. [**Refrain**]

This Morning we celebrate our 50th worship via Zoom with Divine Service Setting #1

Confession and Absolution page 151

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who has begun this good work in us,

bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Kyrie ~ *Lord, Have Mercy* page 152

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise - *Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory to God in the Highest* page 154

P: Glory To God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

♪SING♪ **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give you thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation page 156

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

P: Father in Heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His Name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Isaiah 60:1-6 (ESV)

The Future Glory of Israel

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A 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 bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Psalm 72:1-11 (ESV)

P: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

C: May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!

P: Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!

C: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!

P: May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

C: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!

P: In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

C: May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!

P: May desert tribes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust!

C: May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!

P: May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!

**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.**

Epistle Romans 6:1-11 (ESV)

Dead to Sin, Alive to God

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse page 156

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel Matthew 2:1-12 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Visit of the Wise Men

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

♪Hymn of the Day♪

“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

Wash O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart’s delight.

Refrain: Make us clean; Make us new; Make us all; More like you!
Make us pure; Make us right; Wash, O God, Your every child

We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs. [REFRAIN]

Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you, water washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer, Recreate us, God transform. [REFRAIN]

Sermon “Jesus’ Baptism and Ours” Mark 1:4-11/Romans 6:1-11 - per attachment

Installation of 2021 Officers

Newly (Re) Elected for 2021

President: Carl Stockamp
Vice President: Gary Jordanger
Secretary: Sharon Buechler
Elders: Pat Eskam
Ron Muller
Dick Taylor
Stewardship: Hannelore Payne
Carolyn Troseth

Apostles’ Creed

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I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.

♪Hymn♪

#397 As with Gladness Men of Old

As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold;

As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet Ever seek Thy mercy seat.

Saviour Jesus, every day Keep us on the heavenly way;
And, when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

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

Prayer of the Church

♪Lord's Prayer♪

Our Father which 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 debts as we
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for-e---ver... **A---men!**

Benediction

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P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **C: Amen.**

♪Closing Hymn♪

#395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

“O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God’s own truth and light,
Aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob’s race, King David’s son, Our Lord and master,
You have won Our hearts to serve You only! Lowly, holy! Great and glorious,
All victorious, Rich in blessing! Rule and might o’er all possessing!

“Come, heavenly Bridegroom, Light divine, and deep within our hearts now shine;
There light a flame undying! In Your one body let us be As living branches of a tree,
Your life our lives supplying. Now, though daily Earth’s deep sadness
May perplex us And distress us, Yet with heavenly joy You bless us.

“Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls from God above A ray of purest pleasure.
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood Refresh our souls with heavenly food.

You are our dearest treasure! Let Your mercy Warm and cheer us!

O draw near us! For You teach us God’s own love through You has reached us.

“Almighty Father, in Your Son You loved us when not yet begun Was this old earth’s foundation!
Your Son has ransomed us in love To live in Him here and above; This is Your great salvation.
Alleluia! Christ the living, To us giving Life forever, Keeps us Yours and fails us never!

“O let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all with music crowned, Our voices gladly blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—Today, tomorrow, every day! His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story! Great is He, the King of Glory!

“What joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love is first and last, The end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace, Transport us to that happy place Beyond all tears and sinning!

Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness!

We are yearning For the day of Your returning!”

Postlude

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE:

Elder Team: Art Wolf and Ron Muller

NEEDING PRAYERS: The Family of Kathy Zable, Regina Schmidt (Begalka's friend), Jon Bush (Wolf's friend), Ada (Debbie Porter's friend), James Hing's sister, The Call Team, Gerhard & Sabine and the Stafford Staff & Residents, the Staff & Residents in the Bethesda Homes, Juanita Reynolds, Joel & Karen Jackman, to our friends and relatives who have tested positive for COVID-19 (including Ken, Sharon, Jacob and Calise Troseth (Carolyn Troseth's son's family), Georgina Wicklund (Sharon Troseth's mom) Pastor Blair & Cindy, Pete & Hannelore Maas, and Karen Begalka's brother, Mark and the members in his congregation), and for the essential workers (including Debbie Porter-Mason), who put their lives in jeopardy during this pandemic.

Please see the current newsletter for the complete list of prayers

Those who can't be with us today - Pat Boydston, Wanda Brooks, Betty Cowan, Gretchen Engum, Elden Fischer, Gerhard & Sabine Muller, Virginia Preston, Bud Reynolds, Jean Shaw, Carolyn Warns, and David Willett.

PRAISES: Linda Sheets received a vaccine and we pray for great success.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: January 13th Jessica Rogers

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: no anniversaries this week

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-Council Meeting via Zoom will begin at 11:45.

-VOTERS' MEETING via ZOOM is next week, January 17th.

-Midweek Bible Class will be held every Wednesday, at 9:30am via Zoom, beginning January 20th.

-Callings Trees for 2021 will be sent by the middle of the month along with your 2020 Contribution Statements.

-January 28th is the deadline to drop off any baby shower gifts to be donated.

-While we are not meeting together physically, our church's financial needs are ongoing.

Offerings can be dropped off to the church office or sent by mail. Thank You!

Pete & Hannelore Maas would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, messages, and phone calls during Hannelore's time in the hospital and now while they are home together recovering from COVID-19.

ATTENDANCE via ZOOM: Last Sunday 73.

STEWARDSHIP:

Mark 1:7 – “And (John) preached, saying, ‘After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.’ ”

John is right. Jesus is immensely greater than any of us yet behold how He came to serve! That is the upside down, outlandish grace of God. The innocent Jesus takes our sinner's place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know. The Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.