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Worship 10:00am
Bible Class 9:00am

January 7, 2017



Epiphany Sunday



Pre-Service Devotion: Hosea 2:23

“I will say to those called 'Not my people,' 'You are my people'; and they will say, 'You are my God.'”

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

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

The Invocation

We invoke (“call upon”) the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

- P** We begin our Savior’s worship service today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen!

The Confession and Absolution of Sins

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

- 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!

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing *Gloria in Excelsis*

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the
2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ the ev - er -
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of
new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild
last - ing Lord: Late in time be - hold him come,
Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you
Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his
na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
God - head see: Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,
glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,
With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.
Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

The image shows eight staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff is followed by three numbered lines of lyrics. The subsequent staves contain the melody for the remaining lyrics. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, you once revealed your Son to strangers and foreigners by your Word and led them to your Son by means of a star. Be merciful to us whom you have called out of darkness, and lead us by the light of your Word to the full enjoyment of your glory in heaven. We ask this for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 60:1-6*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ² 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. ³ And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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.

The Epistle Reading: *Ephesians 3:1-12*

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles-- ² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the

saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things,¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

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



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Nicene Creed

We boldly confess what we believe.

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 on the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge
 both the living and the dead,
Whose kingdom shall 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 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.

Installation of Church Officers for 2018

President <> Randy Wittorp

Vice President/Treasurer/Elder <> Matt Fobear

Secretary/Trustee <> Steven Fobear

Financial Secretary <> Nathan Fobear

Hymn 718 (tan supplement): *O Jesus, King of Glory*

The Sermon: *Matthew 2:1-12*

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, ² 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." ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the

prophet: ⁶ "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." ⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ 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." ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ 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. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

The Wise are Led by Faith to Jesus

I. Faith which overcomes obstacles (1-8)

II. Faith which gives its best (9-11)

III. Faith which obeys God (12)

The Offertory

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
 not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
 Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
 Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

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

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.

Prayer of the Church – The Lord’s Prayer

The Service of the Sacrament

Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.

P The Lord be with you.

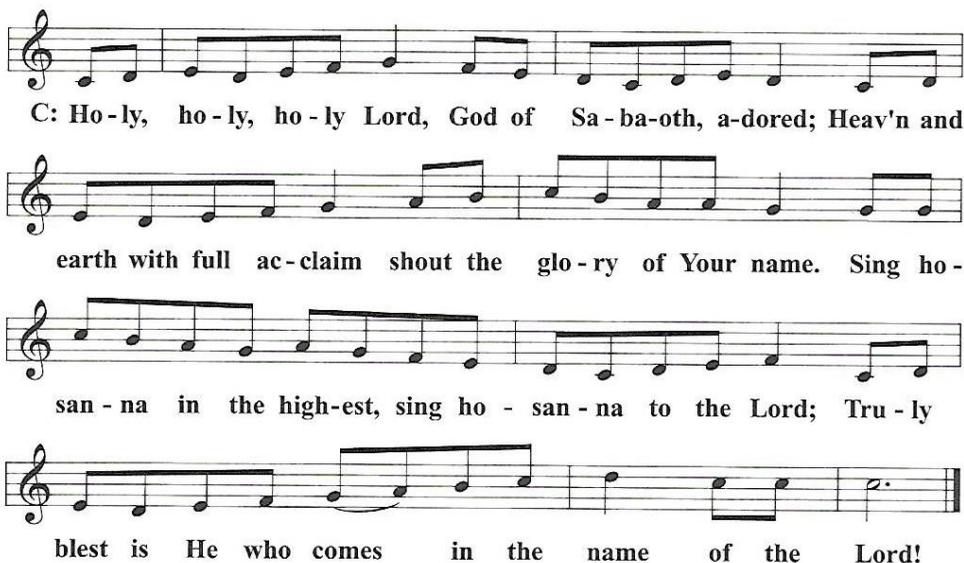
C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

P It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying...

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Sa - ba - oth, a - dored; Heav'n and
earth with full ac - claim shout the glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho -
san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

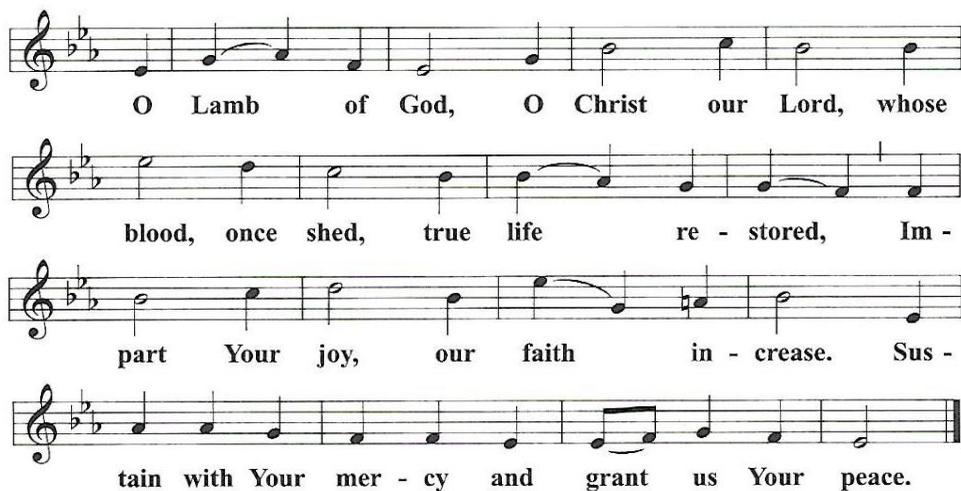
Words of Institution

☐ Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*



O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

Distribution of the Sacrament

Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon the Bible passages listed below. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

- **1 Corinthians 1:10** "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."
- **1 Corinthians 11:26-30** "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant Nunc Dimittis



C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For

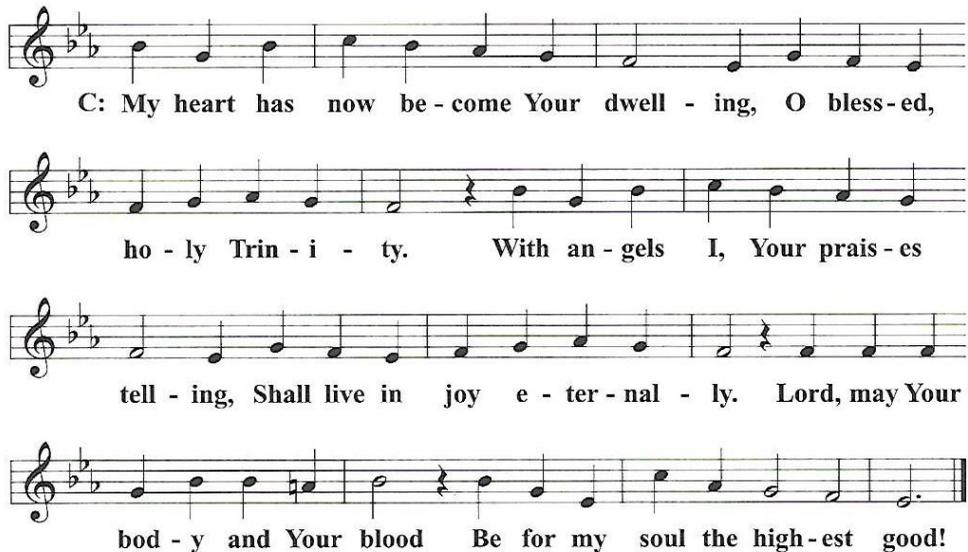
light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

Thanksgiving



C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

The Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen!

Closing Hymn 87:1,4 (red hymnal): *Joy to the World*

Announcements

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

Welcome Everyone! Especially any visitors who may be with us. We are glad you are here and invite you to join us again soon in our worship of the One true God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. If you'd like to become a member, we offer a FREE "Information Course" in which the Pastor will meet with you at your convenience to study and discuss the Bible's teachings. Just ask!

Outreach Committee Statement of Purpose: At their December meeting, Mt. Zion's outreach committee approved a statement of purpose concerning its goals and objectives. Copies of the statement can be found pinned to the bulletin board near the church mailboxes.

Annual Voters Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 21 after service. Board Chairmen are asked to please submit their 2017 annual reports to President Wittorp by January 14 so that he can compile the congregation's annual report for the meeting on the 21st.

Church Game Night: Our last church game night was so much fun that we thought we should do it again! The Fobear's will be hosting the next church game night at their home in Troy on Friday, January 26 at 7pm. If anyone has a conflict with this date, we can probably move it to a Friday in early February.

Two Delegates Needed: Two voting age men from our congregation are needed to represent Mt. Zion at the 33rd General Convention of the CLC in Eau Claire, WI June 21-24. Please speak to the Pastor if you would like to be considered for this important work of the LORD's Kingdom.

CLC Call News: Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato, MN as called the Rev. Neal Radichel, pastor of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI to be its co-pastor.

Important Dates at Mt. Zion

Today	11am	Church Council Meeting
Sun. 1/14	9am	Bible Class
	10am	Worship Service with Communion
Sun. 1/21	11am	Annual Voters Meeting
Wed. 1/24	7pm	Outreach Committee Meeting
Fri. 1/26	7pm	Church Game Night at Fobear's Home
Sun. 1/28	4pm	Cleveland Woship Service
Wed. 2/14		Ash Wednesday

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