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On
coming to
the house,
they saw the
child with
his mother
Mary, and
they bowed
down and

Worshiped

him.

MATTHEW 2:11

Epiphany

January 8, 2023

9:30 a.m.
Worship Service

Epiphany

St. Timothy Lutheran joyfully welcomes all people of any race, national origin, age, gender, ability, relationship status, political affiliation or sexual orientation, whether you are a believer, doubter or seeker. We welcome all because God welcomes all. Sharing our different experiences and ideas about life and faith, we live the love of Christ together.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude..... “All Glory Be to God on High” *Coe*

Litany

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Nations shall come to your light
and rulers to the brightness of your rising.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God, Alleluia!
Shout to the Lord, all the earth, Alleluia!

O Christ, let your gospel shine in every place where the Word of life is not yet received. Draw the whole creation to yourself that your salvation may be known through all the earth.

The grace of God be with us all.

O Christ, Savior and Lord, extend your church to every place. Make it a place of welcome for people of every race and tongue.

The grace of God be with us all.

O Christ, Master of all, support of the weak and comfort of the afflicted, strengthen the tempted and raise the fallen. Watch over the lonely and those in danger. Give hope to the despairing and sustain the faith of the persecuted.

The grace of God be with us all.

O Christ, light made manifest as the true light of God, gladden our hearts on the joyful morning of your glory; call us by our name on the great Day of your coming; and give us grace to offer, with all the hosts of heaven, unending praise to God in whom all things find their ending, now and ever.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn “As With Gladness Men of Old” #302
(Stanzas 1-3)

Greeting

The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise..... “This Is the Feast”

Refrain


This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

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**

Children’s Sermon

First Reading*Isaiah 60:1-6*

Arise, 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.

Gospel acclamation..... *“Alleluia”*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 2:1-12*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "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." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They 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."

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then 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." ⁹ When 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. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On 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. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon *Pastor Sarah*

Copies of the sermon are available in the narthex on the worship table.

(Please Stand)

Hymn of the Day **"Bright and Glorious Is the Sky"** **#301**

(Stanzas 1-4)

Prayers of Intercession *(Please Stand)*

After each petition, the Assistant says:

Lord in your mercy,

The people respond:

Receive our prayer.

After the final petition, the people say:

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering Anthem “One Small Child” *Meece*
(The Choir)

The offering plates are in the narthex at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Offertory Prayer (*Please Stand*)

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.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right.... praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Distribution of Communion

All people are invited to the Lord's table of grace. We offer Holy Communion by individual glass, the red glasses are filled with wine and the white glasses are grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available from a pastor upon request. Children who have not yet received Holy Communion instruction are invited forward to receive a blessing as well as anyone who doesn't want to receive communion.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
 way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn..... “The First Noel” #300

Post Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer (*Please stand*)

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.

Benediction

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.**

Closing Hymn..... “Drawn to the Light” #593

Dismissal

People of St. Timothy, what have we been called to do?

Live the love of Christ!!

Go in peace, to serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Postlude “Hail the Day So Rich in Cheer” *Pachelbel*