# January 8, 2023 The Epiphany Of Our Lord



# The Wise Still Seek Him!

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#### Pastor's Greeting:

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1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je sus, Lord, to 2 Man i - fest Proph - et, Priest, Jor - dan's stream, at and 3 Man i - fest in mak - ing whole Pal - sied limbs and 4 Sun Stars and moon shall dark - ened be; shall fall. the raise, Man i - fest - ed by you we the star King preme, And Wed su at Ca na, ding Guest, faint - ing soul; Man i - fest in val iant fight, heav'ns shall will then flee. Christ like light ning shine; To the Ma - gi from a far, Branch of rov - al In your God - head man - i fest; Man i - fest in the dev - il's Quell - ing all might; Man i - fest in All glo - rious will see his sign. All will then the Da - vid's stem, In your birth Beth - le at hem. pow'r di vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in to wine. gra - cious will, Ev er bring - ing good from ill. . trum - pet All will hear; see the judge ap pear. An - thems be ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest. to you An - thems be ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest. to you ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest. An - thems be to you con-fessed, God in man made man - i - fest. You by all will be

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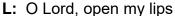
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Hymn: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise ...... CW93 82 (NCW 386) Stz 1–4

#### **Confession and Absolution**

**L:** The Grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also, with you.





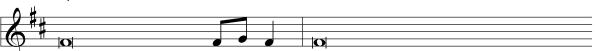
C: And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.

L: Hasten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick-ly to help me.

**L:** Praise be to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit: let us worship him.



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



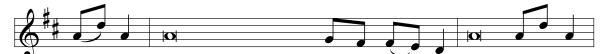
great God and a greatking a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



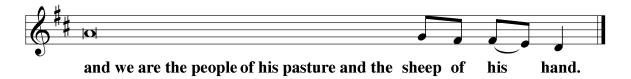
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



**L:** O Lord, you are the King of heaven and earth.

#### C: We give you praise and thanks. Alleluia!

**L:** 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.

All: 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.

**L:** 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

**Prayer of the Day:** Lord God, by the leading of a star you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith, to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

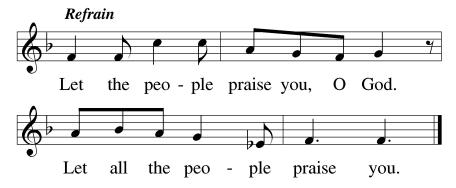
#### C: AMEN!

First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1–6

- "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.
- <sup>2</sup> See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.
- <sup>3</sup> Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- <sup>4</sup> "Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm.
- <sup>5</sup> Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come.
- <sup>6</sup> Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD. (The Word of our God)

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Endow the King with your justice, O God,\* the royal Son with your righteousness.

He will defend the afflicted among the <u>people\*</u> and save the children of the needy.

He will endure as long <u>as</u> the sun,\* as long as the moon, through all gener<u>a</u>tions.

He will be like rain falling on a <u>mown</u> field,\* like showers watering the earth.

#### Refrain

All kings will bow <u>down</u> to him,\* and all nations will <u>serve</u> him.

All nations will be <u>blessed</u> through him,\* and they will <u>call</u> him blessed.

Praise be to the LORD God, who alone does mar<u>vel</u>ous deeds.\* May the whole earth be filled with his <u>glory</u>.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son\* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,\* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

#### Refrain

- <sup>2</sup> Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup> that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly.
- <sup>4</sup> In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup> which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets.
- <sup>6</sup> This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.
- <sup>7</sup> I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power.
- <sup>8</sup> Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.
- <sup>10</sup> His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, <sup>11</sup>according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- <sup>12</sup> In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. (The word of the Lord)

Hymn: As with Gladness Men of Old...... CW93 83 (NCW 372) Stz 1-4



- 1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold, 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Say-ior, to your low-ly bed,
- 3 As they of fered gifts most rare At your cra dle, rude and bare,
- 4 Ho ly Je sus, ev 'ry day Keep us in the nar row way;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright, There to bend the knee be-fore You whom heav'n and earth a - dore, So may we with ho - ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al - loy, And, when earth - ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev - er-more your fol-lowers be.

So may we with will - ing feet Ev - er seek your mer - cy seat.

All our cost-liest treas - ures bring, Christ, to you, our heav'n-ly King.

Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds your glo - ry hide.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1–12

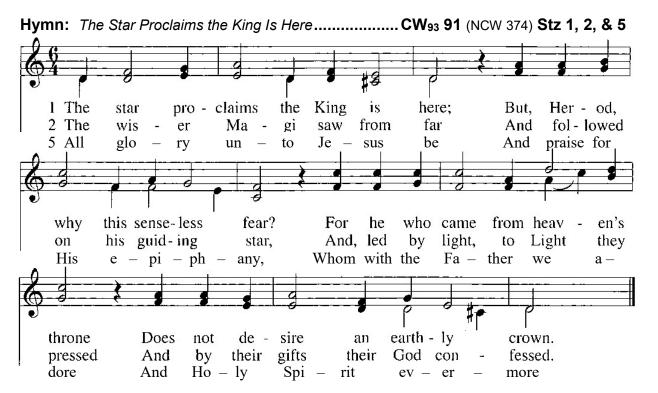
**L:** After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked,

- C: "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."
- L: <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

  <sup>4</sup>When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born.
- C: <sup>5</sup> "In Bethlehem in Judea, for this is what the prophet has written: <sup>6</sup> 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.'"
- L: <sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."
  - <sup>9</sup> After the Magi had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.
  - <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord

#### C: Praise be to you, O Christ!



#### Sermon:

#### **Matthew 2:1-12** (Pg 8)

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The Nicene Creed: (together we confess)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,

and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Today, Sunday, January 8th, the 2023 Council will be installed.

Mark Fostervold, President and in-reach

**Matt Wolf**, Vice President and out-reach

**Paul Taylor,** Treasurer

Dan Meister, Christian Education Scott Schweitzer, Property Chairman **Prayer:** Preserve your truth among us, O Lord, and by that truth protect us until you come again in dazzling splendor and bring us to the glory of your heaven. Let our anticipation of your kingdom guide our thinking and speaking, enrich our conduct and actions, and increase our joy in all aspects of earthly life. These things we ask in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer: (traditional)

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,

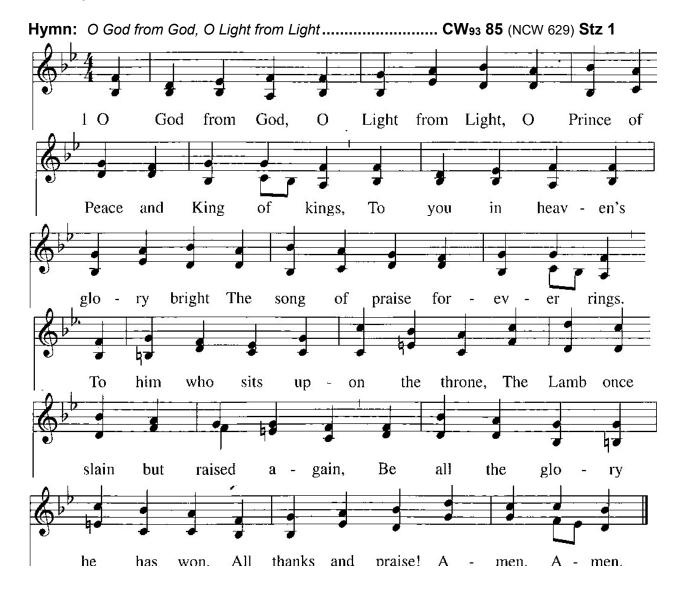
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen!

**L:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

#### C: Amen



**Hedy Vincent** gives thanks to the Lord for saving, restoring, and comforting her. At a recent visit with her doctor, she was informed that the tumors in her brain continue to rapidly grow. Hedy will continue the good fight as long as the Lord gives her strength. Let us ask the Lord to give Hedy and her family wisdom and peace.

#### Un-decorating the Church and Hall at 9:00am Saturday, January 14

#### Looking Ahead

Date		Time	Streaming	Music	Usher #1	Comm.
January 2023						
Sun Epiphany	8	9:30 AM	Dan M	Jessica O.	Gil P.	Mark F
Sun Baptism	15	9:30 AM	Jessica O	Paul T.	Scott S	
Sun Epiph 2	22	9:30 AM	Mark F	Jessica O.	Bob B	Mark F
Sun Epiph 3	29	9:30 AM	Megan K	Jessica O.	Gil P	

#### January 2023, Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 Bob Baur
- 7 Nick Carne
- 10 Tom Legg
- 21 Addison Wittmershaus
- 23 Lindsey Backes
- 24 Ray Williams
- 25 Henry Kassebaum
- 27 Ryan & Keely Taylor 6 years
- 28 Sam Meister
- 31 Fay Jones