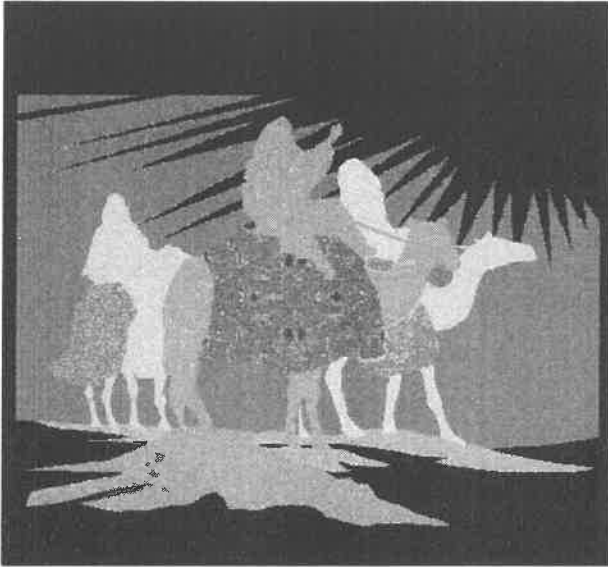


# St. John Lutheran Church



***“Worship Christ the  
Newborn King!”***

## **The Day of Epiphany**

Sunday MORNING WORSHIP @ 8:00 AND 10:30 A.M.

Sunday School and Bible Classes @ 9:15 A.M.

Holy COMMUNION CELEBRATED EVERY SUNDAY AT BOTH SERVICES

**January 6, 2019**

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## St. John Lutheran Church



“One in the Spirit: United in Christ and with Each Other”

‘... that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God’s mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.’  
(Colossians 2:2-3)

# *The Epiphany of Our Lord*

January 6, 2019 - 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

*"Worship Christ the Newborn King!"*

## **AS WE GATHER**

The star that once led the Magi to the Christ Child is a type of the light that God has caused to shine so that all of us may know Christ Jesus as Savior and Redeemer. We would not have known Him except that the Lord made the light to shine in our darkness to reveal Jesus Christ to us and to lead our fearful hearts to faith. The star still shines through the light of God's Word and leads us into the presence of Him whom the Father sent to be our Savior. The glory of God is His steadfast love and mercy, which He has revealed in Jesus Christ. In Him we have been bidden, and in Him we come. Like Luther put it in the explanation of the Creed, the faithful response is to serve, praise, thank, and obey the Lord whom God has sent. And by the power of the Holy Spirit, that is exactly what we have come to do today — worship Christ, the Lord of the world.

The Day of Epiphany is observed on January 6<sup>th</sup> according to the Church Year Calendar.

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## **+ DIVINE SERVICE +**

*Setting One, LSB (pp. 151 ff.)*

**In the Name of Jesus**

## **+ PREPARATION +**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY:** *"Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light"*  
– F. W. Marpurg

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN:** *"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"*  
LSB # 400

## **INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**People:** Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Based on Psalm 117:2; Isaiah 60:3*

**Pastor:** Great is the steadfast love of the LORD toward us,  
**People:** **and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

**Pastor:** Nations will come to His light,  
**People:** **and kings to the brightness of His rising.**

## **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

*(Silence for meditation and self-examination.)*

**Pastor:** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.  
**People:** **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.**

**Pastor:** According to God's eternal purpose, the Lord Jesus Christ was incarnate of the Virgin Mary to suffer and die for you and to bring you into communion with the Father by the power of the Holy Spirit. In Christ, the mystery long hidden has been revealed for all to know that we might be brought to faith and life in Him. In the name of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**Pastor:** The peace of Christ be with you always!

**People:** **And also with you!**

**Pastor:** Let us greet one another with the sign of Christ's peace!

## **+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**INTROIT** (*"Entrance" Psalm*)

(*Ps. 45:6-8a; antiphon: v.17*)

**Pastor:** I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;

**People:** **therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.**

**Pastor:** Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;

**People:** **You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.**

**Pastor:** Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

**People:** **your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.**

**All:** **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.**


**All:** **I will cause your name to be remembered in all**

generations; therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

**KYRIE** ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

(pp. 152-153, LSB)

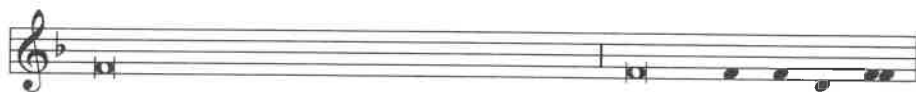
Mark 10:47




**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.




**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



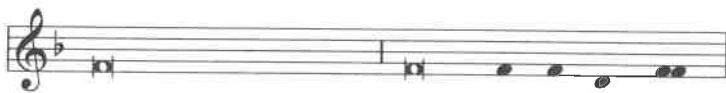
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



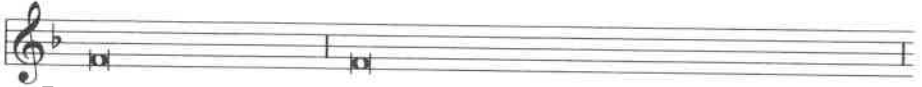
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



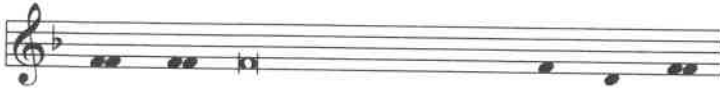
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

  
*Kyrie Eleison*

LORD, HAVE MERCY

**HYMN OF PRAISE** ~ *Glory to God in the Highest* (pp. 154-155, LSB)

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.



## PRAYER FOR THE DAY



**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



**C** And al - so with you.

**Pastor:** Let us pray to the Lord: O God, by the leading of a star  
You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles.  
Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the  
fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus  
Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

### **OLD TESTAMENT:** Isaiah 60:1-6 (*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. (ESV)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE:** Ephesians 3:1-12 (*The Mystery of the Gospel Revealed*)

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles---assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, 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. 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.

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. 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, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that He has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in Him. (ESV)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

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(10:30 a.m. only)

**ANTHEM:** "O How Beautiful the Sky" - Danish Carol  
(Adult Choir, Dr. Lewis P. Porter, Choirmaster.)

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# ALLELUIA and VERSE

(p. 156)

Common

John 6:68

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12 (*The Visit of the Wise Men*)

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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.

(ESV)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *"The Star Proclaims the King Is Here"*

LSB # 399

**SERMON:** "Wise Guys, or Wise Men?"

*(Matthew 2:1-12)*

**NICENE CREED**

*(spoken by all)*

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 at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory  
to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will 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 in 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  $\text{\textcircled{x}}$  of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*(Please be seated.)*

**Pastor:** Bidden by the Spirit, let us approach the throne of light on behalf of all who sit in darkness and the shadow of death and that the people of God may walk in the light.

O blessed Lord, we give You thanks that the mystery once hidden has now been revealed and Jesus Christ is come for all people. Grant us boldness so that we may proclaim with confidence this saving Gospel and prepare the hearts of those who hear so that they may believe in Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Mighty Lord, to You all nations are accountable and all who lead them. Give to us and to all peoples good government and faithful leaders who will heed Your Word and do Your bidding. Bless all servicemen and servicewomen who protect us near and far and bless all civil servants who serve us for the common good. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** Blessed Savior, You have made Your Church to be the home of all people and bid us welcome the stranger in Your name. Bless our life together around Your Word and Table and bless those who serve us with this ministry on Your behalf. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Gracious Savior, You shine upon us with the light of forgiveness and life. Lead us so that we may forgive one another as You have forgiven us and help us to walk in the way of life here on earth until we dwell in Your nearer presence on high. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Loving God, Your Son came to claim all our ills and to grant us healing, comfort, and peace sufficient for all our needs. We cry to You on behalf of those among us who are sick, hospitalized, recovering from ailments, and temporarily and permanently homebound, [*especially .... and*] those we name before You in our hearts, that their suffering be relieved, their sorrows find comfort, and their hearts know the fullness of Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Lord of mercy, You have daily fed us with all that we need for this body and life, and now You bid us come to feast upon the flesh and blood of Your Son. Grant us faith, a discerning heart, and repentance that we receive without hindrance all Your gifts in this blest communion. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Holy Lord, You have set us apart as Your own people by Baptism and granted us faith to walk in Your ways. Keep us faithful so that we persevere in time of trial and temptation and remain in Christ until that day dawns when we shall be reunited with those who have gone before and dwell with You in the life death cannot overcome. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant to us all things needful and keep from us all things harmful, O Lord, for we trust in Your goodness and in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**People: Amen.**

## **GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Voluntary at the Offertory:**

*"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"*

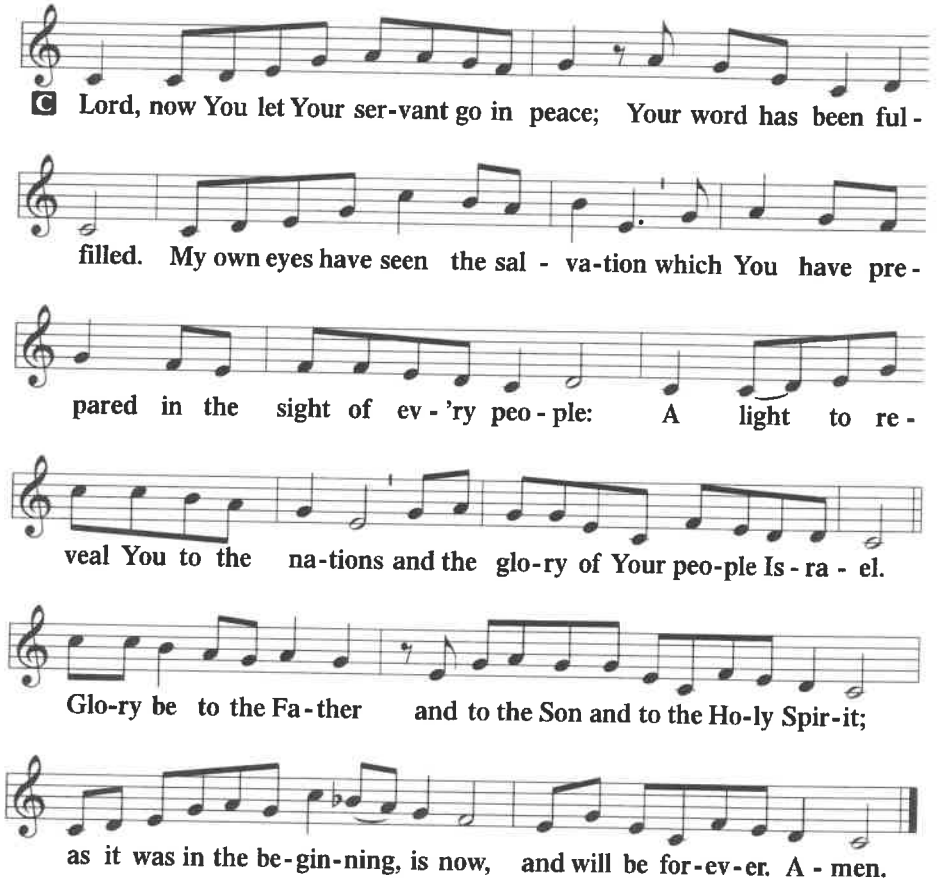
– Samuel Scheidt

### **+ SACRAMENT +**

<b>OFFERTORY:</b> <i>"What shall I render to the Lord ..."</i>	(pp 159-160)
<b>PREFACE &amp; PROPER PREFACE</b>	(pp. 160-161)
<b>SANCTUS</b> ~ <i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	(p. 161)
<b>PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING</b>	(p. 161)
<b>LORD'S PRAYER</b>	(p. 162)
<b>WORDS OF OUR LORD</b>	(p. 162)
<b>PAX DOMINI</b> ~ <i>The Peace of the Lord</i>	(p. 163)
<b>AGNUS DEI</b> ~ <i>Lamb of God</i>	(p. 163)
<b>DISTRIBUTION HYMN:</b>	
<i>"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"</i>	LSB # 395

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE ~ Song of Simeon (p. 165)

Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

  
*Nunc Dimittis*

SONG OF SIMEON



## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

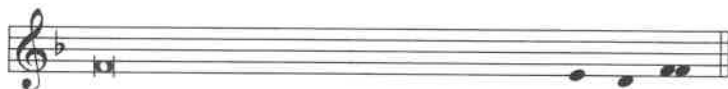
**Pastor:** Let us pray: In Your light, O Lord, do we see light. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we see clearly Jesus Christ and trust in Him only. Bring us with those of every generation and tongue to make our common confession of faith and to walk together as children of the light. Bless us with the many gifts of Your grace that we walk in Christ, who is our light and our life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

(p. 166)

Numbers 6:24–26



**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  $\text{†}$  give you peace.



**C** A - - men.

**CLOSING HYMN:** *“As with Gladness Men of Old”*

LSB # 397

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY:** *“All Glory Be to God on High”*

– Zachow/Vetter

**To God Alone the Glory!**

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**WELCOME** to all worshipers, especially visiting friends. If you have come seeking blessings this morning, God's Word is proclaimed and sung on the Lord's Day here as we observe the Epiphany of Our Lord and the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem to worship the newborn King and Savior, Jesus! If you are a visiting friend, please sign the guest register in the narthex. If you have no church home, we invite you to worship with us again!

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**THE LORD'S SUPPER** is celebrated here in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION PROCEDURE:** *The Pastor will distribute the Host (bread) by placing it in the open, cupped hands of the communicant. A Lay Server will then offer the individual cups, and an Elder will immediately follow with the common cup. People who receive the individual cups should keep theirs visible so that the Elder can tell whether they have communed.*

**SPECIAL COMMUNION NOTICE:** Do you need assistance in walking to the communion rail or desire to commune at your pew? Please ask an usher who will be happy to provide assistance.

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**LARGE-PRINT HYMNALS** are available at the west end of the narthex. They come in 7-volume sets. Ask an usher for a copy.

**NURSERY** (*Family Room*) is available in **Room # 104** in the main hallway for family needs (*nursery or private area*).

**"BUSY BAGS FOR TOTS"** are available in the narthex for parents with young children for use in the sanctuary during the worship service. After the service, please return the Busy Bag to the basket! (Note: We kindly request that parents use these items and refrain from allowing children to write on the offering envelopes and Communion cards in the pew racks. Thank you!)

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Sherrie Zagorc in appreciation to the leadership and parishioners of St. John Lutheran Church. Our sincere thanks!

**RED POINSETTIAS** adorning the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by:

Mary Foulks

Mike and Mickey Krnach

Bill and Linda Parker

Larry and Sharon Meyer

Pastor John Telloni

Al and Pat Prazniak

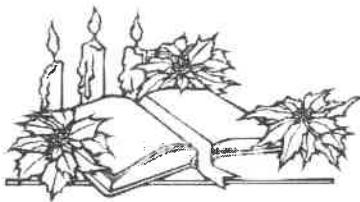
Mary and Cal Shunk

Glen Tissot Family

Mike Halco Family

Dr. Lewis P. Porter

Gayle Zeck



**WISE MEN FIGURINES** placed in the chancel for Epiphany are a donation from Carol Hartline, to whom we render our thanks!

**SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR HEALING** will be offered this morning for the following: Karen Fisher, who is now a patient at Amherst Meadows in Massillon; Jim Mizeres, recovering from surgery; Mark Sturm; Richard Bednar and Tricia Parker, at Altercare of Navarre; Jon McFarren; Jeff Houston; Betty Minch; Russ Halco; David Fisher; Steve and Debbie Marker; and Mildred Telloni of Lorain, Pastor Telloni's mother, who is a patient at University Hospital Amherst Health Center in Amherst. Also we pray for Betty Slinger and her family, who are awaiting word about Betty's missing daughter, Christine Slinger. Please remember these folks with your prayers and cards!

**YOUTH ACOLYTES:** Kids in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up who would like to serve as acolytes in our worship services are encouraged to sign up now! An Instruction Booklet will be handed out, and a training session conducted by Mike Krnach will soon be scheduled. This is a wonderful opportunity for service!

**2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available on the table in the narthex. If you cannot find yours, or you would like a box of envelopes for your use, please contact Barb Leffler or the Church Office (330-837-46545).

**RESOURCES AVAILABLE:** **January Lutheran Beacon**, the monthly periodical of the SELC District - LC-MS; and the **Portals of Prayer** for the January - March quarter; and other interesting material for your edification, all located on the desk in The Gathering Place; and **2019 Calendars**, courtesy of the Paquetet Funeral Home & Crematory, are located on the table in the narthex.

## *Spiritual Growth . . .*

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**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS!** Pastor Telloni is leading a study and conversation of the SUNDAY GOSPELS . In class we take a look at the real people, places, and events, and their connection to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you would like to become familiar with the truths surrounding and supporting our faith in Christ, please feel free to join the discussion as we search the Scriptures and consider the truth and history of God's action in our world to rescue sinful mankind from sin, death, and the devil. The session begins around 9:15 and ends at 10:15 a.m. each Sunday. Today's Focus is today's Epiphany Day Gospel, **Matthew 2:1-12**. Next Sunday: Luke 3:15-22.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is available for kids of all ages at 9:15 a.m. Please go to Room 109 for an hour-long Bible lesson – it's all about Jesus! We have two teachers ready to lead: Mary Kay Pershing, for preschool and primary grades; and Janet Graber, for intermediate grades. Questions? Please see Superintendent Rosemary Sedjo.

**LIFE WITH GOD** is a brief program led by Pastor Telloni to assist those who would like to participate more in the worship and service life of our congregation. Resources used are the Scriptures and Luther's Small Catechism. A new group of get-together's is planned if there is enough interest. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the front bulletin board. Please include a phone number in addition to your name! Thank you!

**MONDAY BIBLE STUDY** on Jeremiah resumes **tomorrow, January 7<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am**. The second session this month will be Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Debbie Stocker if you have questions.



**NEW BOOK!** *“Why Am I Joyfully Lutheran? Instruction, Meditation, and Prayers on Luther’s Small Catechism,”* by **Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison**, President of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. This devotional treatment of the Six Chief Parts of the Small Catechism centers on joy, specifically identifying what it means to be fully Lutheran, and joyfully so—Joy:fully Lutheran. If you would like a copy, please contact Pastor Telloni or the Church Office. Cost: \$14.99.

**PRAYER GROUP** continues to meet each **Thursday at 10:00 a.m.** in Room 104. Please feel free to come and participate in their sessions. Join Mickie, Debbie, Bonnie, Janet, and Marchaela.

**FELLOWSHIP:** As a sign of our Christian hospitality, refreshments are served in the “*Gathering Place*” all morning. Please stay and enjoy the fellowship!

**PRAYER CHAIN:** For prayer requests, please call the church office or Gloria Pavelzik (832-7379). For those who face hospitalization or in emergencies, please call the Church Office (837-4645) or Pastor Telloni’s home (830-2179).

**PASTOR TELLONI** extends his thanks to all those who remembered him and his family this Christmas with their cards, gifts, and other acts of kindness. They are all deeply appreciated. He also prays that all members of our family of faith and our other brothers and sisters in Christ a blessed and blissful New Year in the Name of our Savior Jesus!

**BOARD OF ELDERS** will hold its regular monthly meeting this **Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.**, in Rooms 112-113. At this session will be welcomed new Elders, Dennis Lillich and Steve Marker.

**THE MOBILE SNACK COMMITTEE** will mobilize again on **January 23<sup>rd</sup>** with the help of our baker, Jeanette Tennant. If you would like to help in the kitchen or make home deliveries, please see Debbie Stocker or Rosemary Sedjo.

**PIPE ORGAN:** Our church’s Pipe Organ is in need of some minor and expected maintenance. Contributions to the on-going *Pipe Organ Fund* are greatly appreciated!

**CABBAGE ROLL SALE:** Phone orders will be taken by phone on **Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**, from 10:00 am to 1 pm at 330-837-1982. They will also be selling loaves of white and rye bread. Pick up will be Saturday, Jan 26 from 4 - 5:30 pm.

**LEADERSHIP SUMMIT** will be held on **Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.**, in Rooms 112-113. Members of the Board of Directors, Elders, and Vision Team, and the Organist/Choirmaster are urged to attend as discussions continue regarding St. John’s mission and ministry. Please make plans to come! To Directors: A brief meeting afterwards may be held to deal with some issues and decisions.

**QUARTERLY VOTERS’ ASSEMBLY MEETING** will be held on **Sunday, January 27, 2019**, in the Fellowship Hall. The agenda will include regular reports of officers and boards, presentation of the 2019 Work Ministry Program (budget), the election of a congregational delegate for the electronic election of the LC-MS President in March, and a special report from the Leadership Summit. All are invited to attend; communicant members 18 and above are eligible to vote.

## *Mercy Notes . . .*

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### **JANUARY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:**

Pasta and Pasta Sauce, Canned fruit cocktail, Applesauce, canned Pineapple chunks, Canned chicken or canned tuna. **THANK YOU!**



**Food Pantry Needs**

**LWML MITE BOXES** were due **December 30th**. You can still drop off and pick up boxes for the next quarter in the Gathering Place. Thank you for your offerings to the LWML to help in their "mission" to proclaim the Gospel through our SELC district and LCMS Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

## *This Week at St. John's ...*

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		<b>DAY OF EPIPHANY</b>
<b>Today</b>	8:00 am	Divine Service
	9:15 am	Education Hour
	10:30 am	Divine Service
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 am	Jeremiah Bible Study
	9:00 am	Pastor @ Pastors' Bible Study, Norton
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 pm	Board of Elders Mtg.
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 am	Prayer Group
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 am	Catechism Class
	8:00 pm	AA Group
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	Divine Service
	9:15 am	Education Hour
	10:30 am	Divine Service

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## *Other Notes of Interest ...*

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**ISSUES, ETC.**, is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

**LUTHERAN HOUR: "The Word Turned Toward"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler People use their words to build bonds of trust with people they love. In Jesus, God does the same-He turns His Word toward us. (John 1:1-18)

The Lutheran Hour is available on the following stations:

WTAM Cleveland, OH 106.9 FM Sun 6:30 AM

WTAM Cleveland, OH 1100 AM Sun 6:30 AM

WBTC Uhrichsville, OH 1540 AM Sun 6:04 AM

**"WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS"** has a new name - **"WORSHIP ANEW"** is broadcast on TCT Network on MCTV channel 13 and TWC channel 13 every Sunday from 11:30 to 12 noon and also on their website Page 24 hours a day.

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:** "For Christians, then, 'too many people' is impossible. Each additional person affords another opportunity to love and give in the way that brings God Himself the highest joys. And in the neediness of every neighbor more, we encounter and embrace Christ Jesus (Matthew 25:40)." Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

### **DEBT REDUCTION FUND**

**Goal: \$ 50,000.00**

**Special Gifts Received to Date: \$28,030.00**

(Note: The Board of Directors will keep this fund open for anyone who would like to give a kind donation. Thank you for your prayers and gifts to date! We are grateful to the Lord for entrusting our family of faith to serve Him in bringing the Gospel of Jesus to many! Deadline for Gifts was November 30<sup>th</sup>, although gifts will still be happily received.

## Stewardship Notes ...

“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.” Worship and the giving of gifts go together. This makes sense because God is the great Giver of every good gift, and we worship Him and desire to grow into His image. We receive His gifts in worship and then, being conformed to the likeness of His image, we imitate His generosity. **Matt. 2:11**

### The Lord's Accounts: Time and Treasures

<b>Attendance:</b>		<b>Offerings:</b>	12/25/18
12/25/18	30	General Fund	\$392.00
12/30/18	27/34(61)	Pipe Organ Fund	\$50.00
01/01/19	20	Missions	\$50.00
<b>Communion:</b>		<b>Offerings:</b>	12/30/18
12/25/18	28	General Fund	\$2615.00
12/30/18	23/27(50)	Adult Sunday School	\$23.00
01/01/19	19	Care and Share	\$193.00
<b>Sunday School:</b>	17	Seminary Scholarship	\$25.00
<b>Year-to-date Offering:</b>			
2017 Total:	\$204,332.22		
2018 Total:	\$213,096.29		

### Serving The Lord With Gladness In Worship

<b>GREETERS:</b>	* Mike and Mickey Krnach	** Mike and Mickey Krnach
<b>ELDERS:</b>	* Cal Shunk	** Steve Marker
<b>LAY SERVERS:</b>	* Keith Kleve	** Dennis Brown, Sr.
<b>LAY READERS:</b>	* Cal Shunk	** Steve Marker
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Ushers (both services)	
<b>USHERS:</b>	* Mike Krnach, David Fisher, Keith Kleve, Bill Ray, Wayne Sand, Nick Moauro	
	** Dennis Lillich, Dennis Brown, Sr., Frank Pershing, Luther Russert	
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	* Mike and Mickey Krnach	
	** Rosemary Sedjo and Betty Minch	
<b>TELLERS:</b>	Graber/Ribaudo	