

January 3 & 6, 2019



St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

Juneau, Wisconsin

The Epiphany of Our Lord

COME, LET US WORSHIP THE KING!

OPENING HYMN

“The First Noel”

1. The first Noel the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay:
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep. (Chorus)

2. They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far:
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night. (Chorus)

3. And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from the country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went. (Chorus)

4. This star drew nigh to the northwest;
O'er Bethlehem it took it's rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay. (Chorus)

5. Then entered in those wise men three,
Fell reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense. (Chorus)

6. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind has bought. (Chorus)

(Chorus)
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel.

STAND

INVOCATION AND ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

P: In the name of the Father,

C: **who is the “Father of the heavenly lights.”**

P: In the name of the Son,

C: **who is the “Light of the world.”**

P: In the name of the Holy Spirit,

C: **who reveals that light to us through the gospel. Amen.**

P: Arise! Shine! Your light has come and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

C: **The darkness of sin surrounds the earth. Nations upon nations are turning away from the Lord.**

P: But you are honored to live in the Light of the Lord.

C: **His glory and grace are shining on us.**

P: The Lord is present.

C: **Look! We are standing on holy ground!**

P: Let us reflect the light of God’s love

C: **so that others may live in his light!**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

“SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE” (CW 82:1)

Songs of thankfulness and praise,

Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,

Manifested by the star

To the Magi from afar,

Branch of royal David’s stem,

In your birth at Bethlehem.

Anthems be to you addressed,

God in man made manifest.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

BE SEATED

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Kings 10:1-9 (NIV)

When the queen of Sheba heard about the fame of Solomon and his relationship to the LORD, she came to test Solomon with hard questions.² Arriving at Jerusalem with a very great caravan—with camels carrying spices, large quantities of gold, and precious stones—she came to Solomon and talked with him about all that she had on her mind.³ Solomon answered all her questions; nothing was too hard for the king to explain to her. ⁴ When the queen of Sheba saw all the wisdom of Solomon and the palace he had built, ⁵ the food on his table, the seating of his officials, the attending servants in their robes, his cupbearers, and the burnt offerings he made at the temple of the LORD, she was overwhelmed.

⁶ She said to the king, “The report I heard in my own country about your achievements and your wisdom is true. ⁷ But I did not believe these things until I came and saw with my own eyes. Indeed, not even half was told me; in wisdom and wealth you have far exceeded the report I heard. ⁸ How happy your people must be! How happy your officials, who continually stand before you and hear your wisdom! ⁹ Praise be to the LORD your God, who has delighted in you and placed you on the throne of Israel. Because of the LORD’s eternal love for Israel, he has made you king to maintain justice and righteousness.”

CHILDREN’S DEVOTION

PSALM 72

Printed on page 93 in the front of the hymnal. Please sing in unison.

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12 (EHV)

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, when Herod was king, Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, ²“Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was alarmed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴He gathered together all the people’s chief priests and experts in the law. He asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, because this was written through the prophet:

⁶You, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are certainly not least among the rulers of Judah: because out of you will come a ruler, who will shepherd my people, Israel.”

⁷Then Herod secretly summoned the Wise Men and found out from them exactly when the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you find him, report to me, so that I may also go and worship him.”

⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. Then the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them, until it stood still over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced with overwhelming joy. ¹¹After they went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²Since they had been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY 94

“O Jesus, King of Glory”

SERMON

Ephesians 3:2-12 (EHV)

²Surely you have heard of the administration of God’s grace given to me for you, ³namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation (as I have already written briefly). ⁴When you read this, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ. ⁵This mystery was not made known to people in past generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets. ⁶This mystery is that in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and people who also share in the promise through the gospel.

⁷ I became a servant of this gospel, in keeping with the gift of God’s grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸ To me—even though I am the very least of all the saints—was given this grace: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ ⁹ and to enlighten everyone about the administration of this mystery. In past ages this mystery remained hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰ He did this so that, through the church, the multifaceted wisdom of God in the heavenly places might now be made known to the rulers and authorities. ¹¹ This was done according to the eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² In him we can freely approach God with confidence through faith in him.

STAND

SERMON RESPONSE (CW 82 v. 5)

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

**Grant us grace to see you, Lord,
Mirrored in your holy Word.
May our lives and all we do
Imitate and honor you
That we all like you may be
At your great epiphany
And may praise you, ever blest,
God in man made manifest.**

BE SEATED

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN 83 vv. 1 & 3

“As With Gladness Men of Old”

Please stand and sing as the ushers bring the plates forward.

**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 your followers be.**

**As they offered gifts most rare
At your cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin’s alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to you, our heav’nly King.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: In the *morning/evening*, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH - EPIPHANY

M: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

C: **You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.**

M: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

C: **You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**

M: Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

C: **Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**

M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

C: **Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph and we join together and pray

C: **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.**

M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED

HYMN 84

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

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Announcements



Faith and Fitness will be starting up for the next 8-week session starting this week, Wednesday, January 9th at 6pm in the church basement. This session will run through February 27th. We will be doing circuits for these sessions. Please join us!

Spread the news about New Friends: Our next afternoon is Sunday, January 20, 1-3 pm at Lakeside. Do you have any special needs friends in your life? Let them know about Lakeside's "New Friends" events where LLHS students spend the afternoon with special needs individuals, playing games and doing projects. Call Ruth Hirschfeld with any questions (920-648-2321 x2210 or rhirschf@llhs.org) See fun photos of past events at llhs.smugmug.com/Events/New-Friends-Oct-2018/

Undecorating Church: Please join us as we take down our Christmas decorations. The undecorating will take place Saturday, January 12th at 9:00 AM.

Offering Envelopes: The 2019 St. John's Offering Envelopes are available for pickup in the church basement. Please discard your 2018 envelopes and only use your 2019 envelopes going forward. Thank you!

Ladies Aid Christmas Party: Reminder that the Ladies Aid Christmas Party will be held in the church basement on Sunday, January 6 at 3:00pm. Please bring a dessert to pass.

2018 St. John's Pictorial Directories: Our 2018 Pictorial Directories have arrived! Please pick yours up in the narthex today. There is a \$10 suggested donation per book to help cover the cost of printing. Thank you!

Snow Removal: Would you be willing to help with snow removal this upcoming winter? If so, this year our Trustees are looking to recreate a rotation of volunteers to be "on-call" for a few weeks during the winter season (similar to the lawn mowing schedule). If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up in the narthex.

Upcoming Organization of WELS Seniors (OWLS) event:

Our Dodge County Rock River Chapter of OWLS will have their upcoming meeting on Tuesday, January 15th from 1:30 – 5:00 PM. It will be hosted here at St. John's. You are invited to attend!

What is OWLS?

The Organization of WELS Seniors (OWLS) offers an active alternative to inactivity for people retired and/or 50 years old. To hundreds of members throughout the United States, this organization provides a sense of active purpose. Through involvement, fellowship, mutual support, life enrichment activities and service to others, OWLS members are encouraged and helped to be all that they can be. For more information, please see the January Welcome Newsletter.

Church Attendance

December 23rd

410 (54, 217, 139)

Christmas Eve Services

725 (260, 465) plus 100 school kids

Christmas Day

285 (37 Horicon, 248 Juneau)

December 30th

295 (59 Horicon, 163, 132)

This Week at St. John's

Sunday (1/6)

Worship 8 & 10:30 AM

Sunday School 9:15 AM

Confirmation 9:15 AM

Elders 11:30 AM

Ladies Aid Christmas Party 3:00 PM

Tuesday (1/8)

BIC @ Clearview 10:00 AM

Jesus Cares 1:30 PM

Trustees 6:30 PM

Wednesday (1/9)

Confirmation 5:00 PM

Faith & Fitness 6:00 PM

Choir 7:00 PM

Thursday (1/10)

Worship 6:30 PM

Saturday (1/12)

Undecorate the Church 9:00 AM

Horicon Worship 5:00 PM

Euchre Night 6:30 PM

Offerings given to our Lord the weekend of December 23rd

General	\$17,101.21
Debt	\$303.00
Improvement	\$55.00
Lakeside	\$137.50
Missions	\$7,883.00
Total	\$25,479.71

Offerings given to our Lord December 24th

General	\$7,353.78
Debt	\$10,000.00
Lakeside	\$200.00
Missions	\$682.50
Total	\$18,236.28

Offerings given to our Lord December 25th

General	\$10,618.81
Debt	\$91.00
Missions	\$987.50
Total	\$11,697.31

Offerings given to our Lord the weekend of December 30th

General	\$11,822.17
Debt	\$222.00
Improvement	\$188.00
Lakeside	\$175.00
Missions	\$960.00
Total	\$13,367.17

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

We are so glad you joined us to worship our Lord Jesus today. St. John's is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We are happy to answer your questions about our service, our beliefs, or communicant membership in our congregation. Please join us again soon!

INFORMATION

- Our ushers are here to point you in the right direction and assist you in any way. Please ask.
- Restrooms: our first restroom is located inside the comfort station/children's room by turning right outside the sanctuary doors. A second restroom is located left in the narthex, across from the elevator. Additional restrooms are in the basement.
- We have two comfort stations/children's rooms if your little ones need a moment. Proceed left out of the sanctuary doors and turn either right or left.
- Children's activity bags are available and are located in the comfort station/children's room. Proceed out of the sanctuary doors and turn right. We also have Children's Bulletins. Please ask an usher for assistance.

PERSONAL PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Heavenly Father, I have come to worship you. Draw near to me in your gracious Word and assure me of your loving kindness. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear your voice and sing your praise. Amen.



Pastors:

David Brandt
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Services in Juneau:

Thursday 6:30pm
Sunday 8 & 10:30am

Service in Horicon:

Saturday 5:00pm

Bible Class:

Sunday 9:15am
Select Tuesdays 7:00pm

Sunday School:

Sunday 9:15am

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