

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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## THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD—January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Order of Service: (LSB) Page 184, Divine Service, Setting Three

Hymns: 396, 385, (395, 400, 401, 389), 402

Psalms: 24

Catechetical Review: The Office of the Keys

Q: What is the Office of the Keys?

**A: It is the peculiar church power which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of penitent sinners, but to retain the sins of the impenitent as long as they do not repent.**

**"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."**

**OUR LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US!** One of those great things is the giving of His own body and blood in Holy Communion. We ask guests who desire to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. We practice what is known as "closed communion" because of the Bible's teaching that doctrinal unity is central to its common reception.

**AS WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP** and center our thoughts and minds on God's Word, the organists will be playing 10 minutes of pre-service/prelude music. Please observe silence once the music begins. A few good spiritual disciplines to prepare for worship during this time include: reading the lessons, the hymns of the day, the psalms, and the Catechism (p.321 in the hymnal); examining your life and your sins and giving thanks for receiving God's forgiveness; and, of course prayer. Because of Jesus, we can approach our heavenly Father in confidence that He is tender and merciful. However, and we have all been in this situation, sometimes we do not know what to pray for or cannot find the words. Remember that the Holy Spirit is already praying for you, and that through the Word of God, He guides us in prayer. Specific prayers for worship are found on the first page of the hymnal, additional prayers for many concerns are found on pages 305-318, and of course, there is the prayer that our Lord taught us, the Lord's Prayer.

**REMINDER:** Please remember to sign the record of fellowship during the offering. It is located in the binder at the end of each pew. Thank you.

**FOR PRAYER REQUESTS** for the Prayer Partners, call Cathie Mann at (262) 994-7371, or email: cmann5@wi.rr.com. You can also contact the church office.

**FRIENDS AND VISITORS:** Enjoy coffee, treats and fellowship after the early service downstairs and stay for Bible Study. If you are visiting with us today, please sign the Guest Book in the Narthex.

**SERVING THE LORD IN WORSHIP THIS WEEK:** **Elder:** New Year's Eve – ; Sunday: 8:00 – Todd Wilks and Randy Verbeten; 10:30 – Bob Katterhagen and Jerry Nigro; **Organist:** New Year's Eve: Lora Heinz; Sunday: 8:00 – Lora Heinz; 10:30 – Sharon Mueller; **Altar Guild:** Wednesday – Lori Arnold; Kevin Steffens and Bernice Steffens; Sunday: 8:00 – Kathy Culshaw; 10:30 – Tobie Nigro. **Acolyte:** Wednesday – ; Sunday: 8:00 – ; 10:30 – .

### PRELUDE FOR 10:30 SERVICE:

**ATTENDANCE:** Last Week: New Year's Eve – 20; Sunday: 8:00– 78; 10:30– 51; TOTAL: 149. Sunday School- 12.

**OUR GIVING:** Last Week: General Fund - \$13,948.00; Sunday School – \$10.00. TOTAL - \$15,283.00. Needed each week to meet budget - \$5,450.00.

Memorial for Doris Bodden - \$1,000.00

Memorial for Marvin Sax ` \$325.00

**THANK YOU!** To all those who bought Poinsettias. They may be taken home now. There is wrapping paper in the Good Shepherd room to cover the plant. Any left after TODAY will be given away or thrown out.

**HELP REQUESTED:** Please come help us take down the Christmas decorations. We will be tackling this task TODAY directly after the late Service. Thank you.

**EPIPHANY CHORAL VESPERS** will be on Sunday, January 6, 2019, at 3:00 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church, 7877 N. Port Washington Road, Glendale, WI 53217. There will be a free will offering.

**DISHES:** There are still dishes from various luncheons and dinners that would like to go home. If you are missing your dish, chances are it is waiting for you on the kitchen counter. Please stop by and see if you have a dish there waiting for you. Thank you.

**EVANGELISM MEETING:** Please join us as we study "What About ... Confession and Absolution.", on January 7th at 6:00 PM.

**ABOUT THE COVER:** The Wise Men were led by the star to the revelation of the Son of God in the flesh of Jesus Christ. The Christ Child was, as Simeon said when Jesus was brought to the Temple, "a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel."

