

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

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Worship: Thursdays and Saturdays at 6:30pm and Sundays at 9:00am
Online services and materials can be found at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com

January 7, 9, 10, 2021

Epiphany

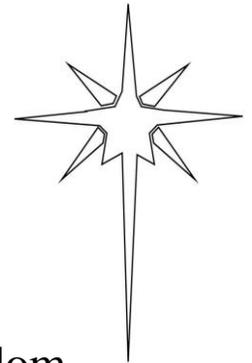
Order of Service: Service Folder

Sermon: Matthew 2:1-12

God's People Know Their Savior King

They seek Him out for the hope He brings

They devote their lives to the service of His kingdom



God's Word this week: Epiphany

The word "Epiphany" means "a showing" or "a revealing." Today, we see Jesus revealed as Savior of the world. But perhaps not in the way we would expect. He is acknowledged but only by Gentile Magi and not the people of God. Angels protect Him but He needs protecting or He would certainly have died. Almost no one sees the glory. But always some, just a few, do.

Welcome to St. Paul's!

- **Seating:** Please sit in the designated pews, socially distancing between families for the comfort of all in attendance.
- **A t-coil hearing loop system** is active for those with hearing aids. Headsets are also available for those without hearing aids. An usher can help if you have questions.
- **Service folders** are on stands near the sanctuary doors. These contain the entire service. *Please take it and the bulletin home with you.* Large print copies are available on the information center.
- Parents, please feel free to use the **child training room** to calm or feed small children.
- **Restrooms** are to the right as you exit the sanctuary.
- **Your offering** may be placed in baskets on stands near the door.

Ushers this weekend are teams 13 (T. Schwefel) and 15 (B. Tabbert). Next weekend (Jan. 16/17) teams 16 (B. Bruss) and 2 (L. Ziemer) will usher. Ushering schedules for 2021 are available in the narthex.

Adult Bible Class: The beginning of a new year is always a good time to reassess our connection with God and His Word. Join us as we dive into *the Book of Luke* in 2021 and get to know our Savior Jesus all the better.

Offering Counters Needed if you would be willing to assist on an offering counting team. We are in need of at least one person to help count and potentially lead a team of offering counters. If you are interested and would like to learn more please contact Pastor Kampman during the week.

Last week's gifts: Current Fund - \$10,921.41; Missions - \$646; Improvement Fund - \$75; Mortgage Fund - \$1089; Christmas Eve - \$85; Christmas Day - \$2630; New Year's - \$2966; Initial Offering - \$306; Audio/Visual Ministry - \$20; Altar - \$25; WLA Tuition Assistance - \$10; St. Paul's Student Aid - \$30 (Electronic funds included in these gifts total \$3548.41).

Offerings: If you are not yet attending worship because of the pandemic, here are some options for sharing Christ's good news with your offering:

- Send it to St. Paul's Lutheran, 1010 Adams Ave., NFDL, 54937.
- Drop it off in the lock box post near the office/school entrance.
- Use Vanco electronic options, including your smart phone. Go to your phone's app store under "Giving Plus." Thank you!

Other worship opportunities:

- Online at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com (Recorded services are available anytime or live-stream it at 9:00am Sundays.)
- WELS Sunday radio: AM1450 (FDL) and AM1280 (Appleton) at 8:00am; AM1430 (Beaver Dam) at 9:30am.
- WELS Sunday TV: *Time of Grace* on Green Bay NBC-26 at 6:30am and Milwaukee CBS-58 at 10:30am.

January 2, 2021 - January 10, 2021

1/9	Sat	6:30pm	Worship
1/10	Sun	9:00am	Worship with Installation of Officers
1/10	Sun	10:00am	Bible Class: The Gospel of Luke
1/13	Wed	8:45am	Bible Class: The Gospel of Luke
1/13	Wed	6:30pm	Church Council
1/14	Thu	6:30pm	Worship with Communion
1/16	Sat	6:30pm	Worship with Communion
1/17	Sun	9:00am	Worship with Communion
1/17	Sun	10:00am	Voter's Meeting

Face coverings: The Lord directs us to obey earthly authorities unless they require us to sin against Him (Rom. 13:1-5; Acts 5:29; 1 Peter 2:13-17). Please wear a mask while inside the building. Please also remember that some are exempt from wearing masks.

Divine Call: Last week in worship we announced that *Pastor Alex Groth*, returned (declined) the call extended to him by our congregation. We wish him and his wife continued blessings as they serve Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. Our plan is to have another call list in hand by our Annual Voter's Meeting next Sunday to continue our calling process.

Voter's Meeting

Our Annual Voter's Meeting is scheduled for Sunday January 17th at 10:00am. At this meeting each year we set our budget and work through any other business as we prepare for the upcoming year. We will also look at our third call packet prayerfully consider who to extend our call for an associate pastor too.

Worship attendance: Members and guests can sign up to attend worship at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com or call 922-1080. If you forget to sign up or have trouble doing so, please come anyway, we have plenty of room.

Envelopes for 2021 are still available on the tables across from the mailboxes. Thank you!

Stewardship Moment:

We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give. Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

Installation of Officers – January 10th

We will be installing our officers for 2021 at our 9:00am service on January 10th. It's always a good opportunity for us to stop and thank them and all our other volunteers who do so much for all of us here at St. Paul's.

Headed off our boards are:

- Trustees – Joel White
- Christian Ed. – Phil Kemnitz & Andrew Rickert
- Elders – Keith Kovalaske
- Properties – none (position was vacant)

Headed onto our boards are:

- Trustees – Dean Preissner
- Christian Ed. – Randy Schoonover & Paul Rivera
- Elders – Ron Wilhelms
- Properties – Dave Jackson

Still serving on our boards are:

- Trustees – Dave Babler & Craig Freiberg
- Elders – Mark Peachy & Jim Laudolff
- Properties – Gary Schwefel & Mark Ewerdt
- Christian Ed. – Joel Mathwig, Alan Ahrens,
Tony Surian, and Tyler Dukelow

We would also like to thank Cindy Hintz, our controller, and Paul Gieschen who was (and has always been) a great help as the trustees formulated the budget for 2021. It's also a good time to once again say thank you for the service given by Pastor Thomas and Karen Behnke for all they have done over the years and to show our thanks to Amy Surian who has stepped into the role of our church secretary and the love she has already been able to display for our congregation and her Savior.

We would also like to thank all in the congregation who have so wonderfully assisted with cleaning, mowing, snow removal, maintenance and repairs, altar and communion preparation, church decorating, lunch prep. and distribution, the list could really go on and on. We sincerely thank you for your love for your church and for the Gospel message that provides us with hope in what is a trying time. God continues to bless us as we work together for the good of His kingdom.

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹ “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. ² See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. ³ Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴ “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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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.

Ephesians 3:2-12

² Surely you have heard about the administration of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³ that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. ⁴ In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God’s grace given me through the working of his power. ⁸ 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, ⁹ and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰ 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, ¹¹ according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, “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.” ³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ 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. ⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶ ‘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.’” ⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ 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.” ⁹ After they 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. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ 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. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.