

**THE EPIPHANY  
OF OUR LORD**

**JANUARY 6, 2019  
IMMANUEL  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
Missouri Synod**



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***Sunday*  
9:00 AM  
Worship Service**

**10:30 am  
Adult Bible Class  
Sunday School**

**Holy Communion:  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

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**And when they had come into the house,  
they saw the young Child with Mary His  
mother, and fell down and worshiped Him.  
(Matthew 2:11)**

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**WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are the 3x5 white cards located in the pew racks in front of you.

This week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

**A Prayer Upon Entering Church** - Almighty God, Your saving purpose was hidden in mystery through the ages and revealed in Your Son, Jesus Christ. As the Magi were brought into the light of His presence by the leading of a star, so bring me now into the light of Your presence by Your Word that I may know Your Son as Savior and Lord and make Him known to those still captive to the darkness of unbelief; through Jesus Christ, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**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.

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)

**DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR**

**PAGE 203**

**OPENING HYMN**

*Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*

**LSB 400**

**INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and**  
**<sup>2</sup> cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**



## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. 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.

**C** 4 **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

(Arise and shine for Your light has come.)

P Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. 2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. 3 The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. 4 “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 nursed at your side. 5 Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. 6 The multitude of camels shall cover your land, The dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba shall come; They shall bring gold and incense, And they shall proclaim the praises of the Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

## PSALM

*Psalm 72:1-11; antiphon: v. 18*

P Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, Who only does wondrous things!

**C Give the king Your judgments, O God, And Your righteousness to the king's Son.**

P He will judge Your people with righteousness, And Your poor with justice.

**C The mountains will bring peace to the people, And the little hills, by righteousness.**

P He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy, And will break in pieces the oppressor.

**C They shall fear You As long as the sun and moon endure, Throughout all generations.**

P He shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing, Like showers that water the earth.

**C In His days the righteous shall flourish, And abundance of peace, Until the moon is no more.**

P He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.

**C Those who dwell in the wilderness will bow before Him, And His enemies will lick the dust.**

P The kings of Tarshish and of the isles Will bring presents; The kings of Sheba and Seba will offer gifts.

**C Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; All nations shall serve Him.**

P Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, Who only does wondrous things!

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### EPISTLE

*Ephesians 3:1-12*

(The mystery long hidden has been revealed in Jesus Christ.)

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles— 2 if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, 3 how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, 4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), 5 which in 5

other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: 6 that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, 7 of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power. 8 To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; 10 to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, 11 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### ALLELUIA and VERSE



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 2:1-12*

(The star leads the Magi to Bethlehem, where Jesus Christ was born for all.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise  
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men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

6 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
Are not the least among the rulers of Judah;  
For out of you shall come a Ruler  
Who will shepherd My people Israel.' "

7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." 9 When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. 11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

#### **NICENE CREED**

***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 of the world to come. Amen.***

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

**LSB 397**

**SERMON**

*“Our Gentile Christmas”*

(Matthew 2:1-12)

**OFFERTORY**

*What Child Is This*

**LSB 370; v 3**

3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
The virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

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**OFFERING**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** 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,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** 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,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** 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,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** 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,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** 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 [names . . . 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,

**C hear our prayer.**

P 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,

**C hear our prayer.**

P 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,

**C hear our prayer.**

P 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.

**C Amen.**

## **PREFACE**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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## SANCTUS



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, for in Your goodness You have made all things and by Your mercy You have redeemed Your fallen creation with the obedient life and Lifegiving death of Your Son, Jesus Christ. He is the revelation of Your saving will, and in Him all the world rejoices to know Your mercy. Equip us with the grace of Your Holy Spirit that we meet Him who sets His Table among us and gives Himself to us in this blest Communion. For He is the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and in whom we are fed the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Amen

## LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

**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.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

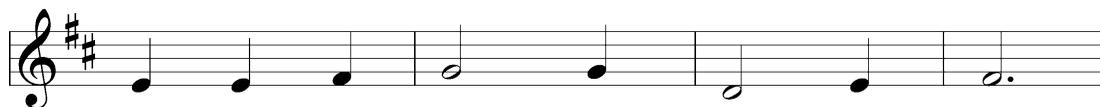
## AGNUS DEI



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

# NUNC DIMITTIS



**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

**BENEDICAMUS**

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

**BENEDICTION**

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 give you peace.

C **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

**LSB 367**

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## From Pastor's Desk

Portals of Prayer for January to March are available in the Narthrex.

### ***Sunday School is for Everyone!!!!***

#### ***SUNDAY SCHOOL:***

After service in the Fellowship Hall @ 10:30 a.m.

Enrich your spiritual life with the Word.

**Pastor Weber** will be leading the Adult Bible Study.

**Children's Sunday School is available**

with lots of fun activities.



#### **Confirmation Class**

Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.

Pastor's Office

#### ***Elders' Meeting***

*Tuesday, January 8th, 2019*

*@ 7:30 p.m.*

### ***GAME NIGHT***

*Come and join the fun on Friday, January 11, 2019*

*@ 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.*

*Bring your favorite finger foods and also your card games, dominoes, and board games.*

***See you there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!***

<b>12/24/2018</b>		<b>12/31/2018</b>	
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>New Year's Eve</b>	<b>22</b>
Plate:	\$ 517.45	Plate:	\$ 52.00
Envelopes:	\$ 210.00	Envelopes:	\$ 10,215.00
		Donations:	
		AC Fund	\$ 1,000.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 727.45</b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 11,267.00</b>
 <b>12/25/2018</b> 			
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>33</b>		
Plate:	\$ 314.00		
Envelopes:	\$ 307.00		
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 621.00</b>		

<b>Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule</b>	
	January Sunday Servants:
Elder:	Joe Winston
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez
Music:	Bonny Winston
This Week	The Epiphany of Our Lord
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service 9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am
<b>Next Week</b>	The Baptism of Our Lord (First Sunday after Epiphany)
Usher:	Ken & Bob Eilers
Sunday:	Worship Service 9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 am

## The Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son

The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a “Thirteenth Day” of Christmas; yet, it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. While Christmas has focused on the incarnation of our Lord — that is, on God becoming flesh — the season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. The Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1-2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth — not only to the Jews but also to Gentiles (Eph. 3:8-10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5-11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3-6). With gold, they confess His royalty; with incense, His deity; and with myrrh, His priestly sacrifice (Matt. 2:11).

12/30/2018

<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>56</b>	
Plate:		\$ 381.00
Envelopes:		\$ 1,267.00
Donation:		
AC Fund		\$ 500.00
Memorial:		
	<b>TOTAL;</b>	<b>\$ 2,148.00</b>
Bible Class:	<b>17</b>	<b>\$ 24.00</b>

*The Baptism of Our Lord*  
First Sunday after Epiphany  
*Readings:*

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm 29

Romans 6:1-11

Luke 3:15-22



## WITNESS, MERCY, LIFE TOGETHER.

In Christ, for the Church and the World