

TRINITY EV LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship Service Times

Saturday - 5:30pm
Sunday - 8:15 & 10:45am
Monday - 6:30pm

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"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." (Matthew 2:9)

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 6, 2015 + 6:30pm

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Waukesha, WI

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“ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME!”

WELCOME TO TRINITY

The word ‘epiphany’ comes from a Greek word meaning “to show forth,” referring to the appearance of Christ as the Savior (Titus 3:4). The Feast of the Epiphany is actually older than Christmas on the Christian calendar. The roots of Epiphany go all the way back to the late 100’s A.D. In the Western Church (of which Lutheranism is a part), the Feast of the Epiphany was adopted as the day to recall the coming of the Magi to worship the infant King. Their visit came six months to two years after the birth of Jesus, when Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were in a home. This is recognized on the Church calendar on January 6th. Let us celebrate the light of our Lord piercing the darkness of this present age! We welcome all of our Trinity and Grace, Waukesha members, guests, and visitors to worship this evening, on this twelfth day of Christmas!

HYMN ENLARGEMENT INSERTS

Hymn enlargement inserts with the texts to the chosen hymns for today’s worship, printed in larger print on cream-colored paper, are available from the ushers upon request.

OUR FACILITIES

Our restrooms are located to the left as you leave the sanctuary. They are located near the coat room. The members of Trinity believe that families should be encouraged to worship together. If your young child needs to be quieted, we have an audio-equipped children’s room just outside of the church doors to your right. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.

NOTES REGARDING OUR SERVICE

All lines marked with an **M**: will be spoken by the presiding minister.

All lines marked with a **C**: will be spoken or sung by the congregation.

Our Candlelight Service begins in darkness. Christ, the Light of the World, has entered into the darkness of human history!

The congregation’s candles will be lit from the flame of the Christ candle. The Light of Christ has come to his people! Please light your candles by tipping the unlit candle into the lit candle. Once all worshipers have lit their candle, then the bells will ring and worship will begin.

The candles will be lit once again later in the service for the Rite of Candle Lighting, closing liturgy, and closing hymn, “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”.



*Magi, leave your contemplations;
Brighter visions beam afar.
Seek the great desire of nations;
You have seen the Savior’s star.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ the newborn King.*

– Christian Worship 80:3 –

Wise Men & Women Still Seek Him!



**Just Added:
A SECOND
BIC SESSION
Starting
Sundays
9:40-10:30 am**

Come & Find Jesus

Bible Information Classes 2015 Winter Session (A 12-Week Course)

Do you find yourself searching for the right answers in life? Does it ever occur to you there's more to life than bowling, big-screen tvs, and bargain hunting? The Wise Men knew where to go — they went to the Bible to uncover God's sacred secrets. Do you know where to go? Try this new session of Bible Classes, taught by the *Trinity* pastors, and discover God's secrets aren't hard to find.

These classes are great for people who are new to the Bible or are a great review for those who haven't studied the Bible for a while. Ask any question, get straight answers. Participate or just listen. This class is fun, free, and Biblically informative. Start out the new year with a resolution for a stronger relationship with God. The search for Jesus has taken some across the world. Will it take you across town? This trip is worth it! Be wise in God's eyes!

When: Starts Wednesday, January 21, 2015 from 7-8:30 pm
Where: Trinity Lutheran Lower Church Conference Room
Who: Everyone who has questions. Invite a friend or family member!

Pre-register now by calling the Trinity Church Office (262-547-5350) or sign up online at www.trinitywels.com/bic or soelhafen@trinitywels.com

Everyone who attends these free classes, receives a free Bible
Free Child Care is also provided ... call for details!
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ORDER OF SERVICE

*Please light your candle by tipping the UNLIT candle into the flame.
At the direction of the presiding minister, please stand and face the back of church.*

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

based on John 1

M: In Christ is life; the life which is the light of the world.
C: **The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.**

M: There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe.
C: **He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.**

M: The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.
C: **Jesus Christ is the light of the world. Whoever follows him will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Jesus Christ is the light of the world and through him God has manifested the fullness of his saving glory.
C: **But we have loved the darkness instead of the light and we are afraid of the light, because it exposes our sin.**

M: Let us confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.
C: **Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. 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.**

M: You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a holy people, belonging to God by Baptism and faith, that you may declare the praises of him who called you from the darkness of sin and death to the marvelous light of forgiveness and life. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Remain standing to sing the hymn. Follow the procession as it passes by.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star
Lutheran Service Book 872

Sung as follows: v.1 – Cantor; v.2 – All; v.3 – Men; v.4 – Women; v.5 – All



1 Come, Thou bright and Morn - ing Star, Light of Light with -
2 Let Thy grace, like morn - ing dew Fall - ing soft on
3 May Thy fer - vent love de - stroy Our cold works, in
4 Ah! Thou Day - spring from on high, Grant that at Thy
5 Light us to those heav'n - ly spheres, Sun of grace, in



out be - gin - ning; Shine up - on us from a - far
bar-ren plac - es, Com - fort, quick - en, and re - new
us a - wak - ing Ar - dent zeal and ho - ly joy
next ap - pear - ing We who in the graves do lie
glo - ry shroud - ed; Lead us through this vale of tears



That we may be kept from sin - ning.
Our dry souls and dy - ing grac - es;
At the pur - ple morn's first break - ing.
May a - rise, Thy sum - mons hear - ing,
To the land where days un - cloud - ed,



Drive a - way by Thy clear light Our dark night.
Bless Thy flock from Thy rich store Ev - er - more.
Let us tru - ly rise ere yet Life has set.
And re - joice in our new life, Far from strife.
Pur - est joy, and per - fect peace Nev - er cease.

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.



1 I want to walk as a child of the light;
2 I want to see the bright - ness of God;
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ;



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world;
Clear Sun of Right - eous - ness, shine on my path
When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark - ness at all; The



night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Tune: HOUSTON (10 7 10 8 and Refrain)
Text, Tune: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934 © 1970, 1975 Celebration. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

Lord of light, you created light to reflect your glory and sent forth your Son to bring Light to the world made dark by sin and death. We give you thanks for His light, uniting all the peoples into one people in Christ, who is the light of the world. As the Magi followed the light of the star, guide us by the light of your Word to know Christ, the only true light, and to proclaim Him to those still captive to darkness, sin, and death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: The almighty and merciful God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Christian Worship Supplement 771
See next page

After the closing hymn, candles may be extinguished.

POSTLUDE & DISMISSAL

SERVING AT WORSHIP

Presiding Minister	Pastor Aaron L. Christie
Preacher	Pastor Jason C. Hacker Grace Lutheran Church, Waukesha
Principal Organist	Mark D. Davidson
Director of Choral Arts	Jonathan A. Laabs
Choir	Trinity Mixed Choir
Instrumentalists	Adam Sipe, <i>trumpet</i> Amy Donovan, <i>violin</i>

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

Candles may be extinguished.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6
The nations come to Zion's light

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

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds. (*Psalm 72:18*)

RESPONSE

As with Gladness Men of Old
Christian Worship 83:1

C: ♪ 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.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 72:1-15
Give the King your justice

M: Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness. He will judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice. The mountains will bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness.

RESPONSE **As with Gladness Men of Old**
Christian Worship 83:2

C: *♪* **As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to your lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before You whom heav'n and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet Ever seek your mercy seat.**

M: He will defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; he will crush the oppressor. He will endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations. He will be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth. In his days the righteous will flourish; prosperity will abound till the moon is no more. He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. The desert tribes will bow before him and his enemies will lick the dust.

RESPONSE **As with Gladness Men of Old**
Christian Worship 83:3

C: *♪* **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.**

M: The kings of Tarshish and of distant shores will bring tribute to him; the kings of Sheba and Seba will present him gifts. All kings will bow down to him and all nations will serve him. For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help. He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death. He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight.

RESPONSE **As with Gladness Men of Old**
Christian Worship 83:4

C: *♪* **Holy Jesus, ev'ry day Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds your glory hide.**

ANTHEM

A Carol for Epiphany
Carl F. Schalk

Through desert and mountain they came from afar
To seek a new King as they followed a star.
They followed the star as they traveled the way
That led to the Christ Child, once born in the hay.

They brought Him their treasure: myrrh, incense, and gold;
All signs of a story that yet would unfold.
They brought Him their gifts as they knelt to adore
Then went on their way to be heard of no more.

Do wise men still journey from near and from far?
Do wise men still seek Him and follow the star?
O come, let us hasten with hearts full of love
To worship the Christ Child, God's Son from above.

O who are the wise men who seek Him today?
The poor and the lowly or those who hold sway?
Let all come and worship, come kneel and adore
God's Son in a manger, our Lord evermore.

What gifts do we offer? What gifts do we bring?
What myrrh, gold, or incense? Of whom do we sing?
We offer our finest, we sing of our Lord:
Creator, Redeemer Incarnate, the Word.

RITE OF CANDLE LIGHTING

M: Rejoice! The Light of the world has come. That light transforms us with the brightness of His glory. This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaimed to you: that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C: **If we say we have fellowship with Him but still walk in darkness, we lie, and do not live according to the truth.**

M: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another;

C: **And the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sins.**

M: You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and then cover its light. Instead they set the lamp on its stand, set up high, and it lights everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before everyone, that they may see your good works and give praise to your Father in heaven.

Stand

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 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.**

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

Silent prayer.

M: Finally, bring us and all 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.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Be seated

During the choral anthem, the presiding minister takes the light of the Christ candle to the assistants.

The assistants pass the light on to the congregation.

Please tip only the unlit candle to prevent wax from dripping.

M: Long may he live! May gold from Sheba be given him. May people ever pray for him and bless him all day long.

RESPONSE

As with Gladness Men of Old
Christian Worship 83:5

C: **♪ In the heav'nly country bright Need they no created light;
You its light, its joy, its crown, You its sun which goes not down.
There forever may we sing Alleluias to our King!**

M: Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds. *(Psalm 72:18)*

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 3:1-12
The mystery of the Gospel revealed

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

Stand to sing.

RESPONSE

Thy Strong Word
Christian Worship 280:4,6

C: **♪ From the cross thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth
All thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia without end!**

**God the Father, light-creator,
To thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light from Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the Holy Trinity!**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12
The wise men worship the Christ-child

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 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." When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 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. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: '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.'" Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 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." 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. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 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. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

M: The Gospel of the Lord!



Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star
Christian Worship 79
Setting by Charles Ore

Sung as follows: v.1—All; v.2—Women; v.3—All; v.4—Men; [Interlude] v.5—All

SERMON

Matthew 2:1-12
Pastor Jason C. Hacker

"A MOST REMARKABLE PLACE!"

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated

OFFERING

Please take a moment during the collection of the offering to sign the Friendship Register in each of the pews. We encourage you to take a moment after the service to get to know those seated around you!

MUSICAL OFFERING

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star
Allan Mahnke

Stand

OFFERING PRAYER

C: 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. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.