

E p i p h a n y S e a s o n W o r s h i p



The Visit

January 6, 2019
8:08 and 11:08 am

St. John's Lutheran Church, Sweet Air
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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those with illness:

Shirley Alexander
Harvey Blevins
Pastor Boliek
Grace Caldwell
Ruth Chicknoski
Cindy Christopher
Scott Clem
Ava Daniels
Evan Davis & family
Iona Dorn & family
Tom Dreisch
Benton Gatch
Mitchell Greene
Mark Habicht
Tiffany Henning
The Hobbs family
Orville Hughes
Mary Johnson
Emma Knicely
Vicki Kalabokes
John Kuchar III
Kelli M. Miller
Fred Meise
Jo Morrison
Bob Rigger
Hitch Roland
Richard Spahr
Melanie Vohs
Ruth Welkner
Sophie Wittlesberger

Special needs:

Violence in our society
Please keep the family of Jeff Lauer in
your prayers, son-in-law of Orville
Hughes.

Current ministries:

Empowerment of the Holy Spirit in:
† Country Fair Day Team
† Food Pantry Team
† Funeral Buffet Team

Our mission partners:

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
– Prs. Gary Dittman & Carol Perlie
Prs. Mercedes & Isaias Nelson (Dom. Rep.)
Pr. Tyrone Smith (New Orleans)
National ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
Delaware Maryland synod Bishop Bill Gohl
Nicole & Kevin Fuhr, serving Guatemala
Crucified Church in Johnstown, PA
– Pr. Josh Knipple
Freestate ChalleNGe Academy

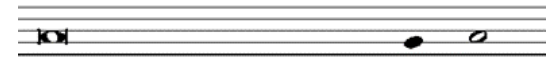
Prayers of thanksgiving:

Tom & Sandy Lentz
Gino & Susan Liberati
Joyce Linthicum
Congratulations to the families of Sharon
Markley and Bret Schreiber, they were
married on December 28

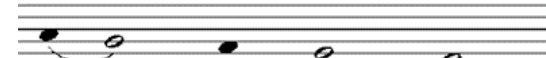
Names on the prayer list are printed with permission of the person named. After receiving permission you may place a completed yellow prayer request card in the offering plate or contact the church office to add a name to the prayer list. After four weeks on the list a name will be removed unless the office is notified for an extension of time. Visitation: please notify the church office if you anticipate a hospital stay. Thank you!

KYRIE means “Lord”

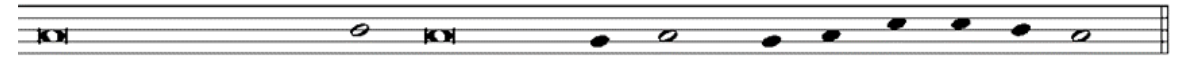
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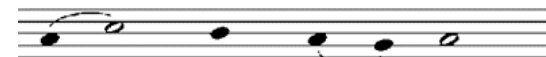
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



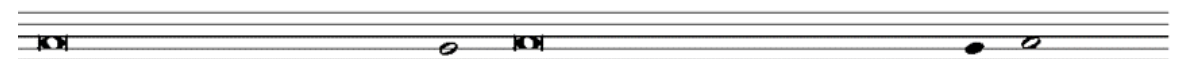
Lord, have mer - cy.



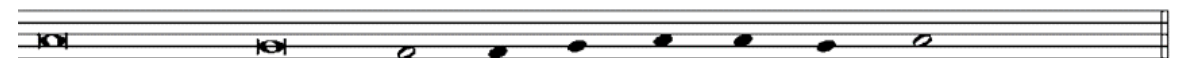
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



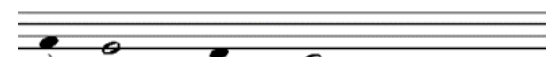
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

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Refrain
Assisting minister

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

"Bright and Glorious Is the Sky"

ELW #301

BLESSING AND PRAYER

Assisting Minister

L: Please rise as you are able and receive God's blessing. May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

All: Amen.

L: Let us pray

All: We give you thanks, almighty God that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEXT STEPS

Pastor Lisa Arrington

BENEDICTION

Pastor Lisa Arrington

HYMN

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

ELW #302

MISSION

L: Let us engage in this mission together

All: Welcome All. Tell the Story. Grow as Disciples.

HOLY HOLY HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS FOR COMMUNION

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P: in the night in which he was betrayed...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Today, Communion will be celebrated at the altar rail. Follow the guide of the ushers to start at the center of the rail. You're invited to receive the bread (gluten-free), then individual glasses of red wine or white grape juice. The presiding pastor will bless and dismiss everyone once all have received. If you have difficulty making it up the steps to the railing, notify an usher and it would be our privilege to bring Communion to you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: "Lamb of God"

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Assisting Minister

L: not on screen???

Let us pause and pray. (pause) We pray for every nation. We pray for all who are here. We pray for those not here. May we receive the gift of Christ. May we receive the Word made real. May we be moved to be the church that makes a difference. Amen.

L: please be seated.

MISSION MOMENT Eloisa Bruner from the Dominican Republic Team

MUSIC 8:08

"Coventry Carol"

arr. Sharik & Holsinger

Bronze and Ivory

11:08

"That Perfect Light"

Ed Rush

Jubilee Singers

MISSION MOMENT Brian Bailey from the Dominican Republic Team

Please rise as you are able for the Gospel Verse

GOSPEL VERSE

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

BIBLE READING Matthew 2:1-12

NRSV page 877-878 Reader

Reader: Listen for the Gospel, the good news of God, in the book of Matthew.

ALL: Glory to you O Lord.

Reader: Let's join the story. This is Epiphany Sunday and we are in Act 5 about Jesus. Jesus' birth begins fulfilling the promise of God. The visit of the wise men remind us that God's promise is for all people and God's gifts

are meant to be shared even with those who seem like outsiders.
Question: Who might God be sending you to visit with the gift of Christ?
A reading from Matthew 2

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men^[a] from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising,^[b] and have come to pay him homage.”
³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah^[c] was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:
⁶ ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd^[d] my people Israel.’”
⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men^[e] and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising,^[f] until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped,^[g] they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord.
ALL: Praise to you O Christ.
Reader: Please be seated.

MISSION MOMENT

Linda Walsh from the Dominican Republic Team

HYMN

“Brightest and Best of the Stars”

ELW #303

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Assisting Minister

L: You are invited to sit or kneel as we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

SHARING PEACE

Assisting Minister

L: Let us rise so we may share peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL And also with you.

L: Let us greet one another especially visitors.

*If you are not well give a wave for peace and prayers.
We are a very loving church,
but please ask someone if it is okay to share a hug.
Hand sanitizer is at the corners of the church*

OFFERING & VIDEO

L: Let us celebrate the offering of time, talents and treasures. Don't forget your yellow pew card.

Video made by Jeff Walsh

OFFERTORY

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Please rise as you are able & offering plates will be brought forward.

PRESENTING OUR OFFERING TO GOD

Assisting Minister

L: Let us pray,

All: We bring our gifts before you in this new year, asking you to bless them and use them for ministry. Thank you for all the people and sharing with our brothers and sisters in Dominican Republic. Bless the chickens, sewing machines, eye glasses, shoes, dresses and medicine for the visit. All that we are and all that we have is Yours. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Setting 4 ELW page 152 Pastor Sarah Wright

