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Epiphany (Observed)
Sunday, January 10, 2021 – 8:00 and 10:45 a.m.

Divine Service 3



Preparatory Prayer

"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 Thy glory hide." (LSB 397, st 4)

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

The Star Proclaims the King Is Here – Flor Peeters

Hymn of Invocation

399 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

- 1 The star proclaims the King is here;
But, Herod, why this senseless fear?
For He who offers heav'nly birth
Seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.
- 2 The eastern sages saw from far
And followed on His guiding star;
And, led by light, to light they trod
And by their gifts confessed their God.

- 3 Within the Jordan's sacred flood
The heav'nly Lamb in meekness stood
That He, of whom no sin was known,
Might cleanse His people from their own.
- 4 And oh, what miracle divine,
When water reddened into wine!
He spoke the word, and forth it flowed
In streams that nature ne'er bestowed.

△ 5 For this Thy glad epiphany
All glory, Jesus, be to Thee,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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STAND

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my 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.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 45:6–8a; antiphon: v. 17

P I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;

C therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

P Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;

C you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

P Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

C your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

ALL Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;

C therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

Kyrie

LSB 186

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

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 Amen.

SIT

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1–6

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴Lift 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 carried on the hip. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 72:1–11

P Give the king your justice, O God,

C and your righteousness to the royal son!

P May he judge your people with righteousness,

C and your poor with justice!

P Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
C and the hills, in righteousness! May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
P give deliverance to the children of the needy,
C and crush the oppressor!
P May they fear you while the sun endures,
C and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
P May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
C like showers that water the earth!
P In his days may the righteous flourish,
C and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
P May he have dominion from sea to sea,
C and from the River to the ends of the earth!
P May desert tribes bow down before him
C and his enemies lick the dust!
P May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute;
C may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!
P May all kings fall down before him,
C all nations serve him!

Epistle

Ephesians 3:1–12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— ²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

STAND

Alleluia

LSB 190

Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:40–52

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

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “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.” ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem

with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judaea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.**

SIT

Hymn of the Day

1 The gifts Christ freely gives
He gives to you and me
To be His Church, His bride,
His chosen, saved and free!
Saints blest with these rich gifts
Are children who proclaim
That they were won by Christ
And cling to His strong name.

602 The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

2 The gifts flow from the font
Where He calls us His own;
New life He gives that makes
Us His and His alone.
Here He forgives our sins
With water and His Word;
The triune God Himself
Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.

3 The gifts of grace and peace
From absolution flow;
The pastor's words are Christ's
For us to trust and know.
Forgiveness that we need
Is granted to us there;
The Lord of mercy sends
Us forth in His blest care.

4 The gifts are there each day
The holy Word is read;
God's children listen, hear,
Receive, and they are fed.
Christ fills them with Himself,
Blest words that give them life,
Restoring and refreshing
Them for this world's strife.

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5 The gifts are in the feast,
Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine
Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood
Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in
His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One
Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love
Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us
Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His
Great love by which we live!

Sermon

"Gifts Only a King Could Offer" (Matthew 2:1-12)

STAND

Offertory

LSB 192



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

SIT

Offering

404 Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered

(January Hymn of the Month)



1 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Had no blem - ish
2 John con - fessed Him as the Sav - ior— "Look, the sin - less
3 This the bap - tism that our Sav - ior Great - ly longed to
4 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Full o - be - dience



of His own; In the wa - ters of the Jor - dan
Lamb of God!" Yet he dared not loose the san - dals
un - der - go; This the crim - son cleans - ing need - ed
was Your path; You, by death, have con - se - crat - ed



His true worth and work were shown: Heav - en o - pened
Of the One God's love had shod. Oh, how fair the
So the world God's love might know; This the mis - sion
Wa - ter in this sav - ing bath: Dy - ing to the



and the Spir - it There de - scend - ed like a
feet of Je - sus, Bring - ing news of peace to
of Mes - si - ah As He stepped from Jor - dan's
sin of Ad - am, Ris - ing to a life of



dove, As the Fa - ther's voice re - sound - ed,
us, Christ, the her - ald of sal - va - tion,
stream, He, the cho - sen and a - noint - ed
grace; We are count - ed with the righ - teous,



"Hear My Son, the One I love."
Preach - ing mer - cy from the cross:
Son of God, sent to re - deem.
O - ver us the cross You trace.

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STAND

Prayer of the Church

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

EGLC Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated here in the glad confidence that those who commune actually eat and drink the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and the wine. Only those communicants who believe this and who repent of their sins receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Those who do not believe this or who do not repent of their sins will commune to their harm. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the specific teachings of the faith which is confessed in this congregation, those who are not in agreement with this understanding of the Lord's Supper, or who belong to a religious community that is not in Altar & Pulpit Fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are requested to consult with the presiding minister before communing.

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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:

Sanctus

LSB 195



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



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

P 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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

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."

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

LSB 197



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

SIT

Hymns During Communion Distribution

410 Within the Father's House

- 1 Within the Father's house
The Son has found His home,
And to His temple suddenly
The Lord of life has come.
- 2 The doctors of the Law
Gaze on the wondrous child
And marvel at His gracious words
Of wisdom undefiled.
- 3 Yet not to them is giv'n
The mighty truth to know,
To lift the earthly veil that hides
Incarnate God below.

The secret of the Lord
Escapes each human eye,
And faithful pond'ring hearts await
The full epiphany.

- 5 Lord, visit Thou our souls
And teach us by Thy grace
Each dim revealing of Thyself
With loving awe to trace
- △ 6 Till we behold Thy face
And know as we are known
Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Coequal Three in One.

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- 1 To Jordan came the Christ, our Lord,
To do His Father's pleasure;
Baptized by John, the Father's Word
Was given us to treasure.
This heav'nly washing now shall be
A cleansing from transgression
And by His blood and agony
Release from death's oppression.
A new life now awaits us.

407 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

- 2 O hear and mark the message well,
For God Himself has spoken.
Let faith, not doubt, among us dwell
And so receive this token.
Our Lord here with His Word endows
Pure water, freely flowing.
God's Holy Spirit here avows
Our kinship while bestowing
The Baptism of His blessing.

3 These truths on Jordan's banks were shown
 By mighty word and wonder.
 The Father's voice from heav'n came down,
 Which we do well to ponder:
 "This man is My beloved Son,
 In whom My heart has pleasure.
 Him you must hear, and Him alone,
 And trust in fullest measure
 The word that He has spoken."

4 There stood the Son of God in love,
 His grace to us extending;
 The Holy Spirit like a dove
 Upon the scene descending;
 The triune God assuring us,
 With promises compelling,
 That in our Baptism He will thus
 Among us find a dwelling
 To comfort and sustain us.

To His disciples spoke the Lord,
 "Go out to ev'ry nation,
 And bring to them the living Word
 And this My invitation:
 Let ev'ryone abandon sin
 And come in true contrition
 To be baptized and thereby win
 Full pardon and remission
 And heav'nly bliss inherit."

6 But woe to those who cast aside
 This grace so freely given;
 They shall in sin and shame abide
 And to despair be driven.
 For born in sin, their works must fail,
 Their striving saves them never;
 Their pious acts do not avail,
 And they are lost forever,
 Eternal death their portion.

7 All that the mortal eye beholds
 Is water as we pour it.
 Before the eye of faith unfolds
 The pow'r of Jesus' merit.
 For here it sees the crimson flood
 To all our ills bring healing;
 The wonders of His precious blood
 The love of God revealing,
 Assuring His own pardon.

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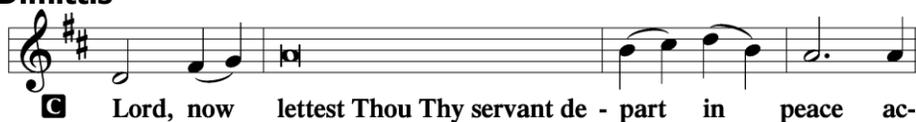
*"Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood,
 Be for my soul the highest good!"*

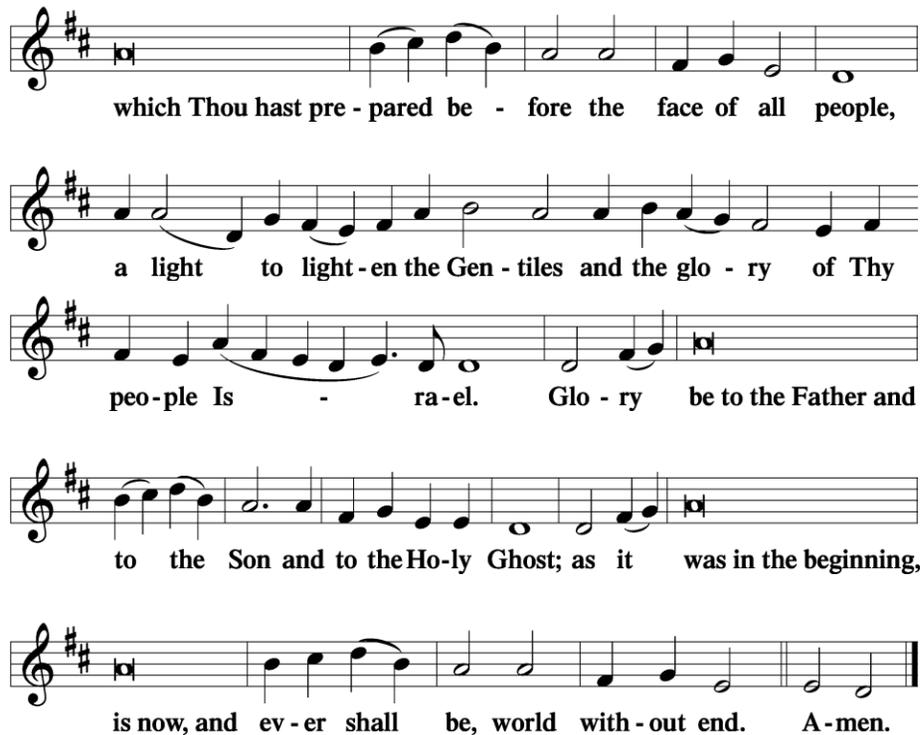
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199





which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

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.

Closing Hymn

- 1 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 be led by Thee.
- 2 As with joyful steps they sped,
Savior, to Thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before
Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.

- 5 In the heav'nly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
Thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing
Alleluias to our King.

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397 As with Gladness Men of Old

- 3 As they offered gifts most rare
At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.
- 4 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 Thy glory hide.

Postlude

As With Gladness Men of Old – William H. Harris

ALTAR PARAMENTS: White paraments adorn the chancel throughout the Christmas season emphasizing God's (white) greatest gift to the world (earth tones), Jesus Christ incarnate.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Placed by Kathy Rutley and family in loving memory of husband, father, and grandpa, Steve Rutley.

Participants

Presiding Minister
Organist
Elder
Chancel Assistant
Usher Team on duty

Pastor Eric Skovgaard
Richard C. Ewert
Justin Speck

(8:00) James Drabiszczak (10:45) Norm Seeger

(8:00) Andrew Alles, Ella Donath, Andy Ewert, Matthew Ewert,
Sam Ewert, Kylie Kruck, Tyler Ky, Lizzie Ky, Diane Olson, Jim Olson

(10:45) Emily Andrew, Jacob Boudro, Kailey Boudro, Tom Brojanac,
Michael Brunner, Gene Brunner, Hannah D'Agostino, Tim D'Agostino,
Lydia Ohde, Sam Thompson

Altar Guild

(8:00) Sherri Bond, Jean Kruse (10:45) Joan Knuteson, Sue Schmalzer, Yi Chen

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Opportunities for Worship and Service at Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church

- S 8:00 a.m. Worship (DS3)
9:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening (Rm 229)
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class
9:30 a.m. Sunday School (various classrooms)
9:30 a.m. HS Youth (Rm 228)
10:45 a.m. Worship (DS3)
12:00 p.m. Bd of Evangelism (Rm 228)
7:30 p.m. AA Mtg (CLC)
- M 5:00 p.m. Public School Confirmation (Rm 228)
6:30 p.m. Ganswindt (FH)
7:00 p.m. LWML (Rm 228)
- T 10:00 a.m. Women's BC (BAAC)
- W 9:00 a.m. Chapel
10:00 a.m. Women's BC (BAAC)
- TH 9:00 a.m. Library Committee (FL)

When we give to God, we are the primary beneficiaries. "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured for you." (Luke 6:38)

OFFICE HOURS

The offices are open Mondays-
Fridays, 8-4.

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: 51 people attended service on December 31 and 153 people attended services January 3 in person. 227 households streamed the services for both days for a total of 431. "Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!"

INTERIM CHOIR DIRECTOR: At its December 2020 meeting the Board of Elders decided to offer Mr Richard Ewert the position of interim choir director to fill out Mrs Karla Bessert's remaining six months of contract. This includes both handbells and voice choirs. Earlier in Dec the Church Council had tasked the Elders with finding a permanent Choir Director after Mrs Bessert's retirement. While they do their search, they have asked Mr Ewert to lead and direct the choirs. With Covid-19, practices and performances will likely be limited for the next few months; however, be sure to speak with Mr Ewert about your interest, and stay tuned.

THEOLOGICAL MAN CAVE: Building on the Dec gathering, the Thursday, Jan 14, Theological Man Cave will meet at Revere's in Delafield (505 Wells Street) from 7:00-8:30 p.m. to consider the next 500 years of Church History, thus, from 500-1000 AD. We will take a glance at the important figures, dates, events, and developments from this period of history, often referred to as the Dark Ages. However, that title will be challenged.

PPP FORGIVENESS: Just before the end of 2020, EGL received the news that our PPP loan from the Federal Government had been forgiven. You may recall that the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) was part of the CARES Act signed into law in late March. The government set aside \$349 billion to be run by the Small Business Administration (SBA), with an additional \$310 billion added in late April. Under this program, small businesses — those with fewer than 500 employees — could take out loans to pay for workers' salaries, health-care benefits and sick leave, along with other key expenses such as rent and utilities. Through the hard work of our Comptroller, Rob Hipke, and accountant, Bob Denkert, not only did EGL get a \$275,000 loan to meet our expenses during the height of the Covid-19 lockdowns, but these men did the necessary work to secure the forgiveness of that loan. "Thank you" seems inadequate, but we owe you, gentlemen, big time!

NEW SEASONS EDITOR: With Mrs Karla Bessert's retirement from directing the Church's handbells and voice choirs on Christmas Day, so that she could focus more time and attention on her daughter's bakery business, Hatched, a position also opened up for the monthly Seasons newsletter. For several years, Karla had served as chief compiler and editor of the Church's newsletter. With her retirement, Ms Helen Moore has stepped forward to continue that legacy of producing an excellent product. Thanks, Helen! The deadline for

