

Welcome

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 6, 2019



Union Lutheran Church
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Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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A congregation of the North American Lutheran Church

Christ Centered - Mission Driven - Traditionally Grounded - Congregationally Focused

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

In the Bleak Midwinger - Arr. David

Please stand

Call to Worship:

- P. A single step on a twisted road,
C. A fragile toehold on an upward climb,
P. A cautious peep around a sudden corner,
C. A joyful revelation as these three strangers made their way to Bethlehem.
P. They had followed a star and faithfully followed the lit path,
C. In wonder they knelt before the King of the Universe wrapped in swaddling clothes. Like wise men and wise women, let us also worship the Christ Child.

An Epiphany Confession of Sins:

(A time of silent personal confession)

- P. Epiphany points to the light that led The Wisemen to Bethlehem. Remember that Jesus said: *"I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* (John 8:12)
- C. God of eternal hope, you place a light into every darkness and a star in every sky, and yet we prefer to walk in the darkness of despair and worry. We cover over the light of possibility with a flurry of worry. We walk bent over with care and concern and miss the reach of the stars. We fear the worst and distrust the best. We forge ahead on our own, not noticing your outstretched hand. We forget that there is never a moment that you are not with us, that your Son was called Immanuel, which means "God with us" You bring a candle of hope, the light of peace, the radiance of joy. Shine your light on our path and walk with us through all our valleys with the sun at our backs. We make our confession in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Pastor pronounces absolution and forgiveness.)

HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine

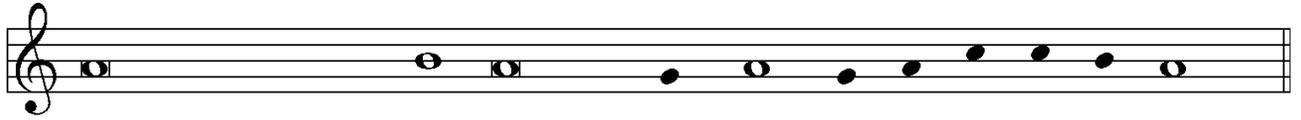
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- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.**

KYRIE



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



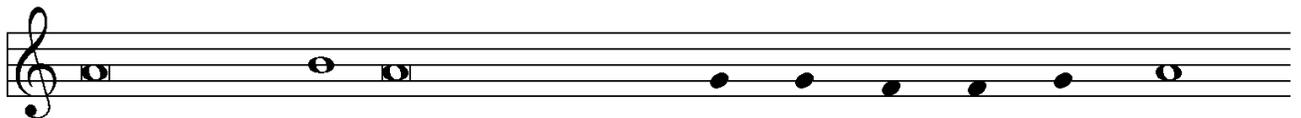
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



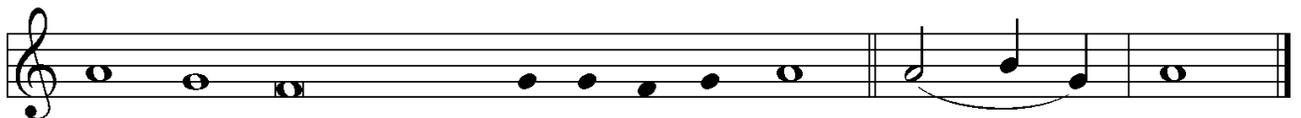
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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

HYMN OF PRAISE



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo- ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, give ear to our prayers, and lighten the darkness of our hearts by your gracious visitation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 60:1-6 1

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. 2 For 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. 3 And nations 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 carried on the hip. 5 Then 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. 6 A 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 72:1-11 [12-15] (Read in unison)

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God,*
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously*
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,*
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people;*
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,*
from one generation to another.

- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,*
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish;*
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 8 He shall rule from sea to sea,*
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- 9 His foes shall bow down before him,*
and his enemies lick the dust.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,*
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him,*
and all the nations do him service.
- [12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,*
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;*
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,*
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
- 15 Long may he live! and may there be given to him gold from Arabia;*
may prayer be made for him always, and may they bless him all the day
long.]

SECOND LESSON: 3:1-12

1 For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles — 2 assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, 3 how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. 4 When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which 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. 6 This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. 7 Of 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. 8 To 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, 9 and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, 10 so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter.
- C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 2:1-12

1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "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." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, 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.'" 7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. 8 And 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." 9 After 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. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 And 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. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

- P The Gospel of our Lord.
- C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Tom Corbell

Please stand

HYMN

We Three Kings of Orient Are

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THE NICENE CREED

A God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Let us pray for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their needs.

Following each petition: A: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated

OFFERING

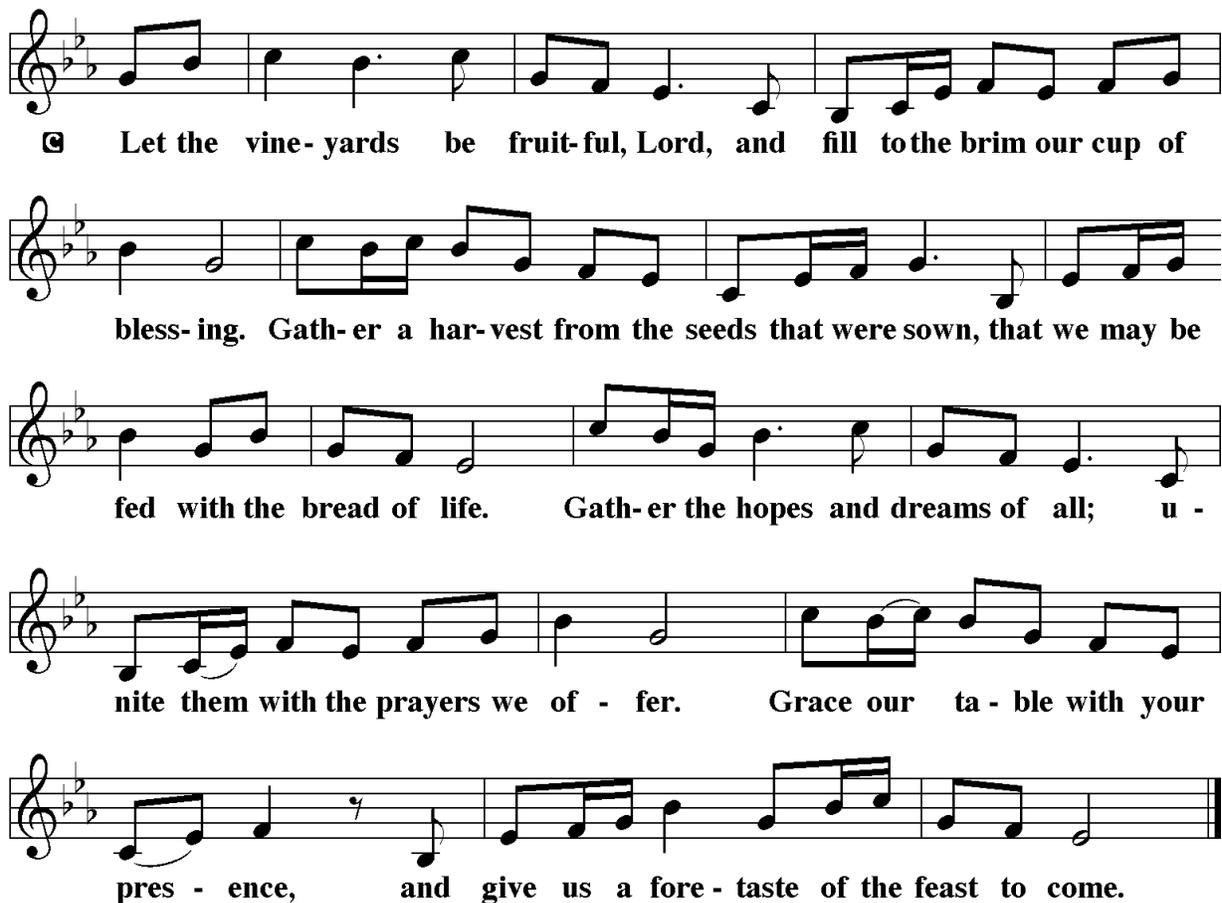
ANTHEM

Arise, Shine; for Your Light Has Come - Bender

Chancel Choir

Please stand

OFFERTORY



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
 C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time,
 and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him
 who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.

♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.

♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

♪ 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 OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray;

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.**

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

All who are baptized and believe Christ is truly present within the elements of the bread and wine are welcome to God's table. Today we receive the sacrament by way of "intinction." After receiving the wafer, dip it into the wine. Grape juice is provided for anyone who is not able to receive the wine.

AGNUS DEI



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 mer-cy on us.

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

HYMNS DURING HOLY COMMUNION

As with Gladness Men of Old
O Living Bread from Heaven

LBW 82
LBW 197

Please stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

P Let us pray.

C **Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

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.**

HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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SENDING

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Lessons for Next Week

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Romans 6:1-11; Luke 3:15-22

Announcements

Conflict is present with us on a daily basis – in the world, in our personal lives and yes, in the church. On **Monday, January 14, from 5 to 9 p.m.** A *Conflict Resolution Workshop* will be held at Gordon Conwell Seminary to help each of us to learn and grow in this vital area of ministry awareness. There is no cost for registration, but a \$10 donation for materials and expenses could be helpful (again, no worries if this would become a deterrent to someone attending!).

Areas to be covered in the workshop include:

- A Biblical Basis for Conflict Resolution
- Dealing with Anxiety in Congregations
- Feelings and Anger
- Conflict Resolution Process
- Reconciling Relationships

If any of the members of Union want to attend you need to call me (704-682-0503) or email me at twcorbell@gmail.com **TODAY!**

I have to register all attendees. I have sent an invitation to the Council and to any members I had an email address in my contacts. I don't have most members addresses so that was very limited. If you want to come I will give you details either by phone or if you have email, by email reply.

PLEASE NOTE 2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE LOCATED ON THE FRONT PEW.

ASSISTANTS SERVING THIS SUNDAY, January 6, 2019—The Epiphany of our LOrd

Acolytes: Colin and Evan Misenheimer

Lay Reader: The Eddie Morgan Family

Communion Assistants: Deena Lanning and Karen Morgan

Ushers: Phil and Linda Cauble, Mike and Brenda Cauble, Frank and Dawn Merrell

Loose Offering: Social Ministry

ASSISTANTS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, January 13, 2019

Same as above

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Nursing Home Residents - Brenda Mahaley, Jane Peeler, Zarah Plyler, Pat and Wayne Miller, (Autumn Care), Bob Wilhelm & Ruth Monroe (The Meadows of Rockwell), and Ed & Betty Denker (Trinity Oaks, Apt. 123B), Jane Shuping (The Laurels).

Homebound Members - Ray Chambers, Bill and Mary Brady, Rachel Earnhardt, Ernest Sides, Billy Waller, Michael Walton, Betty Goodwin, Frances Norris, Horace Cross, and Jean Kluttz.

Sick/Surgery/Recovery— Bob Goodwin, Glenn Eagle, Donnie Miller, Kay Morgan, Steve Hutchens, Larry Shepherd, Jane Shuping, Harold Miller, Susan & John Knight, Jean Ray, Grace Morgan, Pat Kluttz, Effie Vellines, Karen Plyler, Tommy Kerns, and Bill Broadway.

Continual Prayer - Pat Kluttz, Jane Stoner, (Grandmother of Noah Cauble), Marie Gorapic, (sister of Linda Spencer), Carol Cauble, (sister of Judy Walton), Marvin Nunn, Vanna Calloway, friend of Kat Clifton, Ophelia Curlee (sister-in-law of Grace Morgan), Karen DeMunbrun (Niece of Grace Morgan), Hong Nguyen (Pete Nguyen's mother), Justin West and David Mitchell (friends of Pete Nguyen), Austin Mowry, (friend of Karen Barringer), Robert Parker (brother of Jimmy Parker), Pat & J. C. Miller, Marvin Feezor, Derek Maner (friend of the Misenheimers), Ruth McSwaim, Mary Knapp, Suzanne Greene, Benny Myers (friends of Jan Huffman), Della Morgan (mother of Pam Vellines), Nancy Ballew (mother of Kat Clifton), Marc & Donna Collins (friends of Sharon Leazer), Evonne Batten (mother of Lisa Morgan), Robert Cook (uncle of Lisa Morgan).

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sun. January 6 , 2019	10:30 am Worship and Holy Communion
Mon. January 7, 2019	6:00 pm Worship and Music
Tues. January 8, 2019	2:00 pm Mary & Martha Group Union Women @ Deena's 6:30 pm Anna Petrea Group Union Women @ church 7:00 pm Property Committee
Wed. January 9, 2019	7:00 pm Scouts 7:30 pm Chancel Choir
Thurs. January 10, 2019	10:00 am Good Timers
Sat. January 12, 2019	1:00 pm until—THE GREAT RAKE (Meet at the church at 12:30)
Next Sun. Jan. 13, 2019	9:15 am Confirmation 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion 3:00 pm Lay Ministry Meeting 4:00 pm Council Meeting

PORTALS OF PRAYER DEVOTIONAL BOOKETS FOR JAN., FEB., & MARCH ARE IN THE NARTHEX