

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

January 7/10, 2021

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Christ is born.

Christ has come.

Christ is the promised One.

Christ is the anointed One.

Christ is the coming King.

King Herod could not have easily warmed up to the question, "Where's the king?" He would have fumed, "I'm the king!" The magi, the wisemen, asked, "Where is the one born king of the Jews?" King Herod knew. He knew that the Jewish people that he ruled over had in their Scriptures the promises of a coming king who would be the Christ. So he asked the church leaders, "Where is the Christ to be born?" And they knew the answer: Bethlehem. And yes, the One born there was the Christ. And yes, He would be the King who would rule forever. The sign above His head said it all, "King of the Jews." Thank you Jesus for coming to be such a King for not only the Jews, but for the entire world. Come! Let us worship Him!



Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
Manifested by the star to the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem in Thy birth at Bethlehem
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest in Thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Present in Thy holy Word,
Grace to imitate Thee now and be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we might become like Thee at Thy great epiphany
And may praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

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Baptism 10:15am *Nash Joseph Schmidt*

Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Psalmody — Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful;

the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;

the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,

and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD

flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;

the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare,

and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

May the LORD give strength to his people!

May the LORD bless his people with peace!

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

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading — Genesis 1:1–5

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading — Romans 6:1–11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music 8:00am *As With Gladness Men of Old*

The Holy Gospel

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

Now 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 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.”” 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

**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.**

Hymn

The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

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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.

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.

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.

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.

Δ 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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Sermon **Gifts for the King**

Offering *Online or in the narthex*

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

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.
Amen.

Closing Hymn *Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning* 400

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion,
Fragrance of Edom and off'rings divine,
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
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Serving the Lord in Worship

Pastors Rev. Timothy J. Shoup Rev. Mark R. Palmer
Organist Mrs. Lorraine Doell
Vocalist 8:00am Mrs. Maureen Zernicke
Acolytes John Parsons Charlotte Luepke James Engel

Prayers

In Need of Healing . . . *Bob Buettner, Lori Cathey, Gabe Delzer, David Genke (brother of Randy), Shirley Kieckhafer, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Patrick Luepke, Judy Manthei, Sue Nohr, Rachel Olson, Donna Seefeldt, Jerry Steif, and Tom Sunnicht.*



Baptism . . . *Nash Joseph Schmidt*, son of Joseph and Angela Schmidt, was born on December 17, 2020. His sponsors are Stephanie Frappy and Daniel Schmidt.

We Pray For . . . the family of *Lee (Van) Inman*, who was called to his eternal home on Friday, January 1, 2021. A memorial service was held Friday, January 8, 2021 at Swedberg Funeral Home.

Announcements

Annual Voters' Meeting . . . will be held on Sunday, January 31, 1:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

Annual Contribution Statements for 2020 . . . may be picked up in the fellowship hall.

Please check out . . . the new Stained Glass Epiphany Art Projects in the display cabinet. These were done with watercolor brushes and paper by the 7th Grade Class.

Men's Club . . . There will be NO Men's Club meetings during the months of January and February. Watch for the start of Men's Club meetings again in March 2021.

Virtual Sunday School coming soon . . . Watch for details.



Attended/Communed — Dec. 31, 2020, and Jan. 3, 2021

Thursday	12/31	7:00pm	36/ 35
Sunday	1/3	8:00am	145/ 87
Sunday	1/3	10:15am	86/ 77
Sunday	1/3	11:30am	<u>23/ 21</u>
Total			290/220

Online Services/Livestream Views 252

Assistance Needed . . . You may or may not be aware of the St. Paul Care-Share ministry from which our congregation tries to give assistance to people in need as Jesus asks us to do in scripture. Currently there are two individuals who are seeking help, one who recently moved into the area and is looking for a double box spring and mattress along with a microwave oven for an apartment. If anyone has either of these items and would care to donate them please call the church office.

The second individual is someone originally from the Bonduel area and, with stage 2 cancer, unable to make payments on his rent. He has been thoroughly vetted and the landlord contacted. If anyone is willing to help this person through rental assistance (the applications for government help are "stalled") please contact the church office at 715-758-8559.

Lutheran Witness Subscription Renewal . . . If you have been receiving the Lutheran Witness or would like to sign up for the monthly magazine; or if you would like to know more about it, please stop by the table in the Narthex. The Lutheran Witness provides lay people with stories and information that complement congregational life, foster personal growth in faith, and helps interpret the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective. The cost for the annual subscription is \$12 to receive by bulk mailing at St. Paul. If you leave money for a subscription at the office, please put cash, or check to St. Paul in an envelope labeled MISSION CIRCLE, Lutheran Witness, with your name. Contact Karen Banaszynski with questions at 715-758-8103.

New Books in the Church Library . . . “Bearing the Cross”: *Devotions on Albrecht Durer’s Small Passion* has been donated by the Mission Circle in memory of June Bethke, and “Weary Joy”: *The Caregiver’s Journey* has been donated to the church library in memory of Doris Hoffman. Check the Library for numerous great reads all year round.

The Lutheran Hour . . . "Lost in Wonder, Love, and Praise!" (Mark 3)

The word of Jesus turns us out from ourselves and our problems to the faith, hope, and love that He brings. Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am to hear guest speaker Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer on WTCH/960 AM, at 10:00am to WRVM/102.7 FM, or go to www.lutheranhour.org.

Rummage Sale . . . Faith United Lutheran Church, 11465 Old U Road, Gillett, will have a rummage sale on January 21 and 22 from 8:00am–4:00pm, and on the 23rd from 8:00am–12:00pm. Face masks will be required. This is made possible through a Thrivent Action Team grant.

Camp Luther News . . . Registration for Summer 2021 is now open!

To find out more details about this summer, including the steps that are planned to take if necessary to safeguard the health and well-being of our campers during their time at Camp Luther, go to campluther.com/summer2021.

Acolyte Schedule Next Week

January 14	Ethan McClone	
January 17	Hailey Eggert	Kaylen Folkman

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

January 14	Patti Herrmann	
January 17	Louise Reisler	Peggy Buchholz

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Sunday 1/10** 8:00am Worship (*livestreamed*)
10:15am Worship
11:30am Worship (**Mandatory Masks**)
- Monday 1/11**
- Tuesday 1/12** 7:00am Bible Study
8:00am Quilting
9:45am Circuit Pastors' Worship and Meeting
4:30pm Sunday School Planning
6:30pm Church Council
- Wednesday 1/13** 8:15am Chapel (livestreamed)
9:00am Chapel
4:00pm–5:00pm Food Pantry
5:00pm Public School Confirmation
6:00pm 5th/6th Grade Public School Confirmation
6:30pm SPYRT Feed the Flock Bible Study
- Thursday 1/14** 7:00pm Worship — Holy Communion
- Friday 1/15**
- Saturday 1/16**
- Sunday 1/17** 8:00am Worship — Holy Communion (*livestreamed*)
10:15am Worship — Holy Communion
11:30am Worship — Holy Communion (**Mandatory Masks**)



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