

EPIPHANY

JANUARY 1, 2012

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist

* = Stand

C = Congregation

PRELUDE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN** *The Old Year Now Has Passed Away*

- 1. The old year now has passed away: We thank You, O our God today
That You have kept us through the year When danger and distress were near.**
- 2. We pray You, O eternal Son, Who with the Father reign'st as One,
To guard and rule Your Christendom Through all the ages yet to come.**
- 3. Take not Your saving Word away, Our souls' true comfort, staff and stay.
Abide with us and keep us free From errors, following only Thee.**
- 4. Oh, help us to forsake all sin, A new and holier course begin!
Mark not what once was done amiss, A happier, better year be this.**

***INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. (Sung)

L: Our help is in name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord. And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

C: Almighty God maker of all things, judge of all people, I admit and confess my sinfulness. I have done the evil You forbid, and have not done the good You demand. I do repent and am truly sorry for these my sins. Have mercy on me, because of the obedience of my Savior, Jesus Christ. Forgive me all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, move me to serve You faithfully in the year ahead. Set my feet upon a new path, through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

***THE ABSOLUTION**

C: Amen. (Sung)

***THE GLORIA PATRI** (Taken from LSB, page 186)

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (Sung)

***THE KYRIE**

C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. (Sung)

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit. (Sung)

L: Let us pray.

C: Amen. (Sung)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING for the Epiphany of our Lord is from Isaiah 60:1-6, page 619: (8:00 & 10:30)

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: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. (Sung)

THE EPISTLE READING is from Ephesians 3:6-12, page 977:

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 reach 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: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Sung)

*THE HOLY GOSPEL - according to St. Matthew, the second chapter, verses 1-12, page 807-808:

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord. (Sung)

1 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, 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.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ. (Sung)

***THE CONFESSION OF FAITH**

(8:00 & 10:30)

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true. Amen.

HYMN

Father, Let Me Dedicate

1. Father, let me dedicate All this year to Thee
In whatever earthly state Thou wilt have me be.
Not from sorrow, pain, or care Freedom dare I claim;
This alone shall be my prayer: Glorify Thy name.
2. Can a child presume to choose Where or how to live?
Can a father's love refuse All the best to give?
More Thou givest every day Than the best can claim
Nor withholdest ought that may Glorify Thy name.
3. If in mercy Thou wilt spare Joys that yet are mine:
If on life, serene and fair, Brighter rays may shine,
Let my glad heart while it sings, Thee in all proclaim
And, whate'er the future brings, Glorify Thy name.

THE SERMON

“Redeeming the Time”

(Psalm 90:10, 12)

THE OFFERING - During the offering all worshipers are asked to fill out the blue or ivory cards found in the pew rack. Please pass cards down to center aisle. They will be collected immediately after the offering.

VOLUNTARY

***THE OFFERTORY** (LSB pg 192)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen. (Sung)

***THE AGNUS DEI** (sung)

LSB page 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

368, 397, 396, 715

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

L: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: **And His mercy endureth forever. (Sung)**

L: Let us pray.

C: **Amen. (Sung)**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with Thy Spirit. (sung)**

L: Bless we the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God. (Sung)**

*THE BENEDICTION

C: **Amen. Amen. Amen. (Sung)**

*THE CLOSING HYMN *Let Us All With Gladsome Voice*

1. **Let us all with gladsome voice Praise the God of heaven,
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice, His own Son hath given.**
2. **To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sadness,
That with Him in heaven's fair homes We may reign in gladness.**
3. **O Lord Christ, our Savior dear, Be Thou ever near us.
Grant us now a glad new year. Amen. Jesus, hear us!**

*SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE + + + + +

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Liturgist 5:00, 8:00 & 10:30 - Pastor Jon C. Furgerson; 9:20 - Rev. Winker

Organist: Alice Kastens

NEWS AND NOTES:

POINSETTIAS may be picked up following services next Sunday, or during the following week.

NEW ALTAR FLOWER ORDERS may now be placed for the coming year, starting with Sunday, January 15. Please contact Marion Weihe.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Winker resumes January 4, 7:00 p.m. This seven week series on Jesus' Names concludes Ash Wednesday. Welcome.

CPH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES posted on Common's Board.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES for those interested in joining Peace or wishing to audit, will be held on Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m., starting Jan. 18. A sign-up sheet is posted, or indicate registration on your attendance card today.

THANK YOU to all involved in making Christmas much happier for 44 families (110 people) this year. Your generosity is overwhelming! God's blessings as we celebrate Jesus, the only gift the World cannot live without. - Joyce Sorth, Social Committee

INSTALLATION of 2012 Officers is Sunday, January 8, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., including all elders and returning council members.

YOUTH NEWS On January 8, the Jr. and Sr. Youth will have a service opportunity to visit and share Christmas Poinsettias with our Shut-in members. We will meet in the Youth Room at 11:30 for a quick pizza lunch and then go out and make our visits. We will return to church by 3:00 p.m. Sign up at the Youth Ministry desk to participate in this service event.

EPIPHANY service January 8, 3:00 p.m., next Sunday at the Seminary.

YOUR HELP UNDECORATING the Sanctuary next Sunday, January 8, 1:00 p.m. will be appreciated. Everyone welcome! - Couples' Club

The Lutheran Witness and Supplement for 2012 calendar year at \$15. There is an envelope in your packet if you wish to use it. Make check payable to *Peace Lutheran Church*.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 1, 2012:

Today: 1:00 PLAA B-Ball

Mon: **OFFICE CLOSED**

No Daycare or Preschool

6:30 Council

Tue: Daycare/Preschool Resumes

9:00 Quilters

5:30 CYC/GP 2nd & 3rd Gr B-Ball

6:30 Men's Volleyball

6:30 Webelos II

7:00 Alleluia Ringers

Wed: 4:00 7/8 gr. Conf. Class

4:00 5/6 gr. Conf. Class

5:30 Chantichor

7:00 Wednesday Bible Study

Thu: 6:00 Men's Bible Study

9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study

5:00 GP B-ball

6:30 ESL Classes

7:00 ZUMBA

7:30 Chancel Choir

Fri: 3:30 GP B-ball

Sat: 8:00 PLAA B-ball

5:00 Worship Service

Sun: 9:15 College Ready Sessions

11:30 Jr. and Sr. Youth Servant Event

1:00 PLAA B-ball