Epiphany of Our Lord

January 6, 2025

Welcome to Trinity

#10 Part Three: Concerning Meditation on Our Need.

Meditation on our need shows us that of ourselves we possess nothing which is spiritually good, and

therefore, it teaches us to reject all faith in our own powers. It teaches us to flee to our only help, the divine mercy promised to us on account of Christ. When we consider all our many needs, our heart is raised to God. It asks Him to put to death the old man and to renew the new man. These works of God are needed daily by all those who have been reborn. This renovation consists of faith, hope, love, humility, patience, long-suffering, chastity, and the preservation and increase of all the other good qualities. We are to seek these from God with earnest prayers. Every day we are assaulted by the flesh, the world, and Satan. Every day our flesh incites us to love earthly things. Every day the world assaults us with its hatred, and Satan batters us with his plots. Therefore, we must pray daily to the Lord of Hosts, our highest Judge, to give us contempt for the world, denial of self, victory over the world, preservation in all difficult situations, true peace for the soul, victory in temptations, and preservation from the plots of the devil. Finally, since in the hour of death and judgment the help of God is needed by us above all else, we must humbly pray every day for a blessed end to this life and for a blessed resurrection unto eternal life. (The Daily Exercise of Piety by Johann Gerhard, Repristination Press, p.55)

Assistants

Elder – Stephen Phillips (303-0769) Organist – LeeAnn Byrne Altar Guild – Claire Stretch and Kim Miller

Church Cleaning- Jan 12 Field, Bob, Jan 19/26 Darnstaedt

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is being celebrated today. Please note that our practice of closed communion with those who are in fellowship with us—members of congregations of the

ELDoNA—is not meant to offend, but is the historic practice of the Church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for God's people. It does not deny that members of other denominations may be Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Rom. 16:17) and the Bible's witness that doctrinal unity (Acts 2:42) is the central issue to the common reception of the Sacrament of the Altar. Therefore, we ask GUESTS desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service so that he may know that you are a member of a congregation in fellowship with Trinity Lutheran Church.

Weekly Calendar

TODAY - Undecorating the Church, 6:00 PM
-The Epiphany of Our Lord, 7 PM

-Cookies/hot chocolate after the burning of the tree

WEDNESDAY -Learn-by-Heart, 6:30 PM

-Catechesis Service, 7:00 PM

NEXT -THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

SUNDAY -Adult and Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM

-Divine Service-Lord's Supper, 10:15 AM

Lutheran Worship Hymnal

Service of Light pages 250-255 Psalm 72 (insert) Isaiah 49:1-7

Hymn #82

Augustana Service Book & I + Invocation	
+ Confession/Absolution	p.7 p.8-9
+ Introit	(insert)
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+ Kyrie	p.10
+ Kyrie + Gloria in Excelsis	-
	p.11-13
+ Salutation	p.13
+ Collect of the Day	(insert)
Epistle, Gradual	(insert)
+ Holy Gospel	p.16
Nicene Creed	p.17
ASBH #9 "Now Sing We, Now	
Rejoice"	
Sermon	
+ Offertory: "Create in Me"	p.18
The Offerings are gathered.	
+ General Prayer	(back)
Hymn L	W #244
+ Exhortation	p.21
Lutheran Worship Hymnal	
+ Preface, etc	.144-151
Communion Psalm (by can	tor)
Distribution & Hymns	
#73	
+ "Lord, now you let"	p.152
+ Post-Communion Collects	p.153

+ Benedicamus/Benediction.... p.154-5

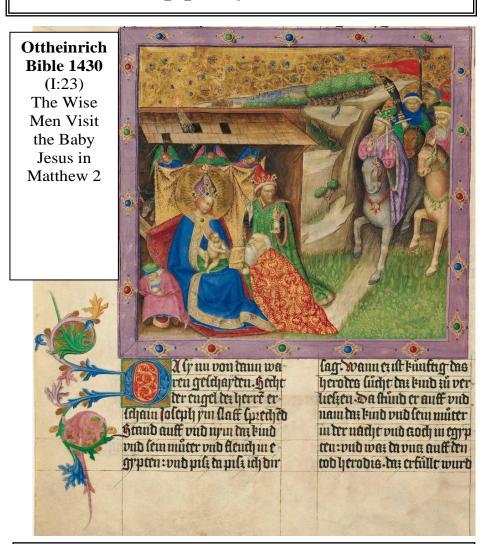
Almighty and everlasting God, the Father of lights, who didst manifest Thine only-begotten Son in the flesh, making known His advent by a wonderful star to the Wise Men of the East, we praise Thee for Thine infinite mercy and surpassing love in granting unto us a ransom for our sins. We praise Thee that the Dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. We praise Thee that Thou hast prepared Thy salvation before the face of all people and hast established on earth the Church of Jesus Christ as the home of Thy continual presence and power among men. We praise Thee that Thou hast also brought us unto the fellowship of Thy beloved Son by the bright light of Thy Word, so that we are no longer strangers and foreigners, but partakers of Thy grace, fellow citizens with the saints, members of Thy household, and heirs of Thy kingdom.

We will extol Thee, our God; we will bless Thy name forever and ever; we will exalt Thee and sing unto Thee; for Thou hast remembered Thy covenant and sent salvation to Thy people.

And we beseech Thee, let us evermore follow the shining star of Thy divine Word, taking heed thereto as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, that the day may dawn and the Daystar arise in our hearts, and we may know Thee, and worship Thee, and present our own selves to Thee an acceptable sacrifice. Enable us to offer up to Thee the gold of faith, the incense of prayer, and the myrrh of repentance. Teach us to do Thy will, that we may crucify the flesh and serve Thee all our days, cherishing Christ in His members by relieving the needy and doing good unto all men.

Graciously save and defend our country and its people, our Government, and the whole Christian Church. Bless all honest labor, and give us our daily bread. Preserve us from sickness and famine and all other calamities. Visit the afflicted, the sick, and the dying with Thy heavenly consolation. Preserve unto us and our children Thy Word and Sacraments; guide us with Thy counsel; and afterwards receive us to glory in the land of eternal rest, where, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we shall laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying: 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.

The Epiphany of Our Lord



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Isaiah 60:1-6

1Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. 2For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. 3The Gentiles 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 nursed at your side. 5Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. 6The multitude of camels shall cover your land, The dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba shall come; They shall bring gold and incense, And they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD.

Matthew 2:1-12

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 have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." 3When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 6But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.'

7Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star

appeared. 8And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." 9When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. 10When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. 11And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD (JANUARY 6) (WHITE)

PSALM 96/72



Introit.

Ant. BE-HOLD || the Lord, the | Rul- | er, | hath | come: and the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are | in | His | hand.

Psalm. | Give the King Thy | judg- | ments, | O | God: and Thy righteousness unto | the | King's | Son.

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 without | end. | A- | men. (Ant. repeated.)

Collect.

O God, Who by the leading of a star didst manifest Thy Only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: Mercifully grant, that we, who know Thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of Thy glorious Godhead; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen*.

Epistle, Isaiah 60:1-6 Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12 Additional reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Gradual.

| All they from Sheba shall come; they shall bring | gold | and | in- | cense: and they shall show forth the praises | of | the | LORD.

| Arise, and shine, O | Je- | ru- | sa- | lem: for the glory of the LORD is risen | up- | on | thee.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. We have seen His | star | in | the | East: and we have come with our gifts to worship the LORD. Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* We have seen His star in the East, and are come with offerings to worship the Lord. (Matthew 2:2). **Psalm 72:1-2,**

Psalm and Reading for The Service of Light

The Service of Light begins with "Evening Prayer" on page 250 of Lutheran Worship.

Psalm 72—Deus, judicium



Psalm Tone III

Antiphon: HIS NAME || shall endure forev -er; (+) His name shall continue as | long | as | **the** | sun. *

And men shall be blessed in Him; All nations shall call | Him | bless- | **ed. -**

|| 1 Give the king Your | judg- | ments, | **O** | God, * And Your righteousness to | the | king's | **Son.** -

|| 2 He will judge Your people | with | right- | **eous-** | ness, * And Your poor | with | just- | **ice.** -

|| 3 The mountains will bring peace | to | the | **peo-** | ple, * And the little hills, by | right- | eous- | **ness.** -

 \parallel 4 He will bring justice to the poor of the peo *-ple;* (+) He will save the children \mid of \mid the \mid **need-** \mid y, *

And will break in pieces the | op- | press- | or. -

|| 5 They shall fear You as long as the | sun | and | **moon en-** | dure, * Throughout all gen- | er- | a- | **tions.** -

|| 6 He shall come down like rain upon the grass | be- | fore | mow- | ing, *

Like showers that wa- | ter | the | earth. -

|| 7 In His days the right-| eous | shall | **flour-** | ish, *
And abundance of peace, until the moon | is | no | **more.** || 8 He shall have dominion also | from | sea | **to** | sea, *

And from the River to the ends | of | the | earth. - || 9 Those who dwell in the wilderness will | bow | be- | fore | Him, * And His enemies will | lick | the | dust. - || 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles | will | bring | pre- | sents; *

The kings of Sheba and Seba will | of- | fer | gifts. -

|| 11 Yes, all kings shall fall | down | be- | **fore** | Him; * All nations | shall | serve | **Him.** -

|| 12 For He will deliver the need- | y | when | **he** | cries, * The poor also, and him who has | no | help- | **er.** -

 \parallel 13 He will spare the \mid poor \mid and \mid **need-** \mid y, *

And will save the souls of | the | need-| y. -

|| 14 He will redeem their life from oppress- | sion | and | *vi-o-* | lence; * And precious shall be their blood | in | His | **sight.** -

|| 15 And He shall live; And the gold of Sheba will be | giv- | en | **to** | Him; *

Prayer also will be made for Him continually, and daily He | shall | be | **praised.** -

 \parallel 16 There will be an abundance of grain in the earth, on the top \mid of \mid the \mid moun- \mid tains; *

Its fruit shall wave like Lebanon; And those of the city shall flourish like grass | of | the | **earth.** -

 \parallel 17 His name shall endure forev -*er*; (+) His name shall continue as \mid long \mid as \mid **the** \mid sun. *

And men shall be blessed in Him; All nations shall call | Him | bless- | **ed.** -

|| 18 Blessèd be the Lord God, the | God | of | *Is-ra-* · | el, * Who only does | won- | drous | **things!** -

|| 19 And blessèd be His glorious | name | for- | ev- | er! * And let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen | and | A- | men. -

GLO RY || be to the Father, | and | to | **the** | Son: * and to the | Ho- | ly | **Ghost;** -

world without | end. | A- | men. -

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Isaiah 49:1-7

1"Listen, O coastlands, to Me, And take heed, you peoples from afar! The LORD has called Me from the womb; From the matrix of My mother He has made mention of My name. ²And He has made My mouth like a sharp sword; In the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me, And made Me a polished shaft; In His guiver He has hidden Me." ³"And He said to me, 'You *are* My servant, O Israel, In whom I will be glorified.' ⁴Then I said, 'I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and in vain; Yet surely my just reward is with the LORD, And my work with my God.' "5"And now the LORD says, Who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, To bring Jacob back to Him, So that Israel is gathered to Him (For I shall be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, And My God shall be My strength), ⁶Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.' "7Thus says the LORD, The Redeemer of Israel, their Holy One, To Him whom man despises, To Him whom the nation abhors, To the Servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise, Princes also shall worship, Because of the LORD who is faithful, The Holy One of Israel; And He has chosen You."

EPIPHANY Hail to the Lord's Anointed 1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint ed, Great Da -vid's great - er son! 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong, shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit -ful earth: 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore him And gold and in-cense bring; Hail, in the time ap - point ed, His reign on earth be - gun! To help the poor and need And bid the weak be strong; V And love, joy, hope, like flow ers, Spring in his path to birth. All na - tions shall a - dore him. His praise all peo - ple sing. He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap-tive free, To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark-ness turn to light, Be - fore him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go; To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend; take a - way trans-gres - sion And rule in Whose souls, con-demned and dy - ing, Were pre-cious in sight. righ-teous-ness in foun-tains From hill to lev flow. king-dom still in-creas - ing, A king-dom with Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854 FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN Time: Leonhart Schröter, 1532-1601