

ELM GROVE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A warm welcome to our guests! Regardless of whether being in church is new to you or just being at Elm Grove Lutheran is new to you, you enter not as a stranger but as a guest of God. This is His house, and He is your heavenly Father. He created you and sent His Son to live, die, and rise again for you.

Therefore, come into His presence expecting to hear words of free and full forgiveness. Come, knowing that you are more than conquerors through Him who loved you. And, please come again. If you have no church home and are looking for one, please speak with one of the pastors. They are eager to help.

The Epiphany of Our Lord

Saturday, January 5, 2019 – 5:30 p.m. & Sunday, January 6, 2019 – 8:00 a.m.

Preparatory Prayer: 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. (Collect for the Feast of Epiphany)

Divine Service – Setting 3

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning – John Leavitt

Hymn of Invocation

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning – LSB 400
(8:00 Stanza 3 – choir only)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Confession and Absolution

LSB pp. 184-185

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 45:6-8 (Antiphon Psalm 45:17)

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 p. 186

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB pp. 187-189

Salutation and Collect

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First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6 (p. 619)

Gradual (5:30)

Psa. 117:1-2a; 96:8

P; Praise the LORD, all nations!

C: Extol him, all peoples!

P: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

C: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

P: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

C: bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Choral Response

Arise, Shine; for Your Light Has Come – Mark Bender

Epistle

Ephesians 3:1-12 (p. 977)

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Alleluia Verse (5:30)

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Alleluia Verse (8:00)

The Epiphany of Our Lord – Thomas Gieschen

Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12 (p. 807)

Nicene Creed

LSB p. 191

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Hymn of the Day

The Star Proclaims the King Is Here – LSB 399

(8:00 Stanza 3 – choir only)

Sermon

"A King's Gifts"

Matthew 2:1-12

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Offertory

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Offering

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star – Paul O. Manz

Those who are not communing may place their cards in the offering plate.

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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 communion.

Preface – Agnus Dei

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Distribution

Hymns during Communion

As With Gladness Men of Old – LSB 397

Arise and Shine in Splendor – LSB 396

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Nunc Dimittis & Thanksgiving

LSB pp. 199-201

Salutation & Benedicamus

LSB pp. 201-202

Benediction

LSB p. 202

Closing Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed – LSB 398

Postlude

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright – Robert A. Hobby

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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 Elaine Olson for blessings received.

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

Participants

Presiding Minister
Assisting Minister (8:00)
Organist
Choir Director (8:00)
Choir (8:00)
Flute (8:00)
Elder
Chancel Assistant
Usher Team on duty

Pastor Skovgaard
Pastor Peters
Richard C. Ewert
Karla Bessert
Exultate Singers
Emily R. Ewert
Jim Aldinger

(5:30) Steve Hipenbecker; (8:00) David Busse

(5:30) Ryan Beckley, Tyler Beckley, Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke, Tyler Hipke, Thomas Hipke, Peter Holzwart, Ian Klein, Carter Klein, Michael Klein, Andrew Weymier, Hannah Weymier

(8:00) Christopher Avant, Frank Eichelberger, John Elvers, Julia Elvers, Benjamin Ewert, Emily Ewert, Kirk Midtbo, Alex Morateck, Matthew Morateck,

Jacob Rentmaster, Joseph Rentmaster, Ken Schuppner, Nicholas Weinbauer
(5:30) Jeanne Clark, Helen Moore; (8:00) Diane Koch, Heather Peters

Altar Guild

ABOUT THE EPHIPHANY OF OUR LORD
- *highlighting the Scriptures for the week* -
THEME: Arise, shine for your light has come!

January 6 marks the Festival of the Epiphany, or the manifestation, of our Lord. Not even the richness of Christmas prepares us for the opulence of Epiphany. The visit of the mysterious magi prepares the way, with their royal gifts. The call now goes forth to all who sit in the darkening shadows of this world: "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you" (Isaiah). Epiphany exalts in the glory of the transcendent God who enters the world and showers His own light upon us. He has sent us His only-begotten Son and in Him, found in fashion as a man, has manifested the fullness of His glory (Preface). Epiphany celebrates the end of the ancient division between Israel and the Gentile nations. It is Israel's glory that the nations will come to her Light (Isaiah). Paul declares this to be a mystery revealed to him by God. Through the preaching of the Gospel, the Gentiles will become heirs together with Israel, members together of one body and sharers together in the promise (Ephesians). Like the gentile Magi, we gentiles follow the light of the star and gather today to worship Christ. We offer our greatest treasures in our worship, but none of them are so rich as the gifts God provides in His sacred Word and holy Sacrament: forgiveness, life, and salvation full and free! He judges us in righteousness, defends us in our affliction and causes righteousness to flourish among us. "May His name endure forever" (Psalm 72).

WEEKLY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

Use the schedule below in your personal devotion. The first three readings are the lessons read today; the last three will be read next Sunday. The Wednesday reading is the psalmody for the week. Each day you may want to pray that Psalm or the prayer printed in our service folder today, followed by the suggested reading and your personal requests and Thanksgivings to our Heavenly Father.

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| Sunday | Isaiah 60:1-6 What "kings" came to the brightness of the LORD's dawning light? What evidence of "thick darkness" over the peoples of the earth do we see today? How does the Light of Christ's gospel dispel the darkness? Where is that Light to be found? What result does it bring? |
| Monday | Ephesians 3:1-12 What is the "mystery of Christ"? Where and how is it revealed? What is the central purpose of the church? How is this done? |
| Tuesday | Matthew 2:1-12 Where did the star lead? What did the magi do when they saw the Child? Where do we find Him today? What is the central activity of the church? What does this mean? |
| Wednesday | Psalm 72 Who is the "royal son" whose praises are sung in this psalm? What is His job description? How extensive is His kingdom? How does His kingdom come among us? What does this mean? |
| Thursday | Isaiah 43:1-7 How does Messiah, the LORD's anointed, bring justice to the nations? What tenderness does He exhibit toward the bruised reed and smoldering wick? What is the source of the hope of the far-flung islands of the earth? What is the LORD's promise to His anointed? What covenant will He establish? Whose Light will He be? From what blindness and prison does He set free? What does this mean? |
| Friday | Romans 6:1-11 Why does God not show favoritism toward His people Israel? To whom did He first send His message of salvation – the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all? When did Jesus' public mission begin? What did He go around doing in His ministry? How is this done among us today? |
| Saturday | Luke 3:15-22 What did the people wonder about John? How did John clarify the work and mission of the Messiah (Christ)? What happened when Jesus was baptized? Describe the power and presence of the three Persons of the Holy Trinity at the Baptism of Jesus? When were you baptized? What were you given when you were baptized? What does this mean for you right now? |