

January 6th, 2019 at 9:30 am

Epiphany of Our Lord

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion. If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number.

We are delighted to have you.

Nursery: Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

An AED (defibrillator) is located on the wall in the Fellowship Hall in case of an emergency.

The device is designed to deliver calm, clear voice instructions precisely timed to the responder's actions, guiding the responder every step of the way. When the door is open an alarm goes off to alert others that there is an emergency.

Today is Epiphany, when we celebrate the magi who traveled from the East to visit Jesus with gifts. Tradition says that these magi were professional star-watchers and even royalty. (from *Families Celebrate Advent & Christmas 2018-2019*.) It is the last day of Christmas season. To celebrate the last day of Christmas we will take down Christmas ornaments from the big Christmas tree in the sanctuary during the service.

PRELUDE *Time for reflection in silence* **Karen Niemeier**

COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 60:1-3)

A: ¹ Arise, shine; for your light has come,	C: and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
A: ² For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;	C: but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.
A: ³ Nations shall come to your light,	C: and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

C: O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FAREWELL TO CHRISTMAS

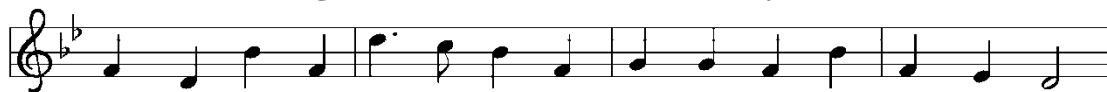
1st Ornaments—Angels

¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” (Luke 2:10-12)

HYMN

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

ELW# 275



1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
 seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

2nd Ornaments--Stars & Gold/Peal Rings

⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.
(Matthew 2:9-12)

HYMN

Brightest and Best of the Stars (verses 1 & 2)

ELW# 303



1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
3 What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,
5 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
Shall we bring in - cense and of - f'rings di - vine,
vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;
dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.



Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,
Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.
mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.
myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?
dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

3rd Ornaments—Doves

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." (Luke 3:21-22)

HYMN

Brightest and Best of the Stars (verses 3 & 4)

ELW# 303

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition: WA: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

4th Ornament--Trinity and other symbols

HYMN

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less (verses 1 & 2)

ELW#597



1 My hope is built on nothing less than
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

5th Ornaments—Crosses

HYMN

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less (verses 3 & 4)

ELW#597

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including the care of those in need. Offering is our response to God's blessings and abundant grace given to us. We also offer up prayers to God as we offer ourselves (time, talents, gifts, and interests) to the Lord's service and dedicate our lives to God's work in the world.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We practice open Communion —Christ invites us to the table. All baptized Christians are welcome to partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, you may come forward. Holy Communion will be celebrated by intinction (dip the bread into the chalice). The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle and return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.

**COMMUNION HYMN****Love Has Come****ELW#292**

1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

COMMUNION HYMN

We Three Kings of Orient Are

WOV#646



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
 2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 bring to crown him a - gain; king for - ev - er,
 owns a de - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 God and Sac - ri - fice; heav'n sings al - le -



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



Refrain
 Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Last Decoration on the Christmas Tree

BLESSING

P: God the Creator who delights in you, Jesus the Savior who is born for you, and the lifegiving Spirit who shines on you, ☩ bless you and keep you in hope and peace.

C: Amen.

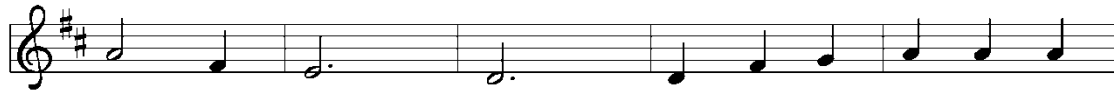
HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW# 815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

DISMISSAL (*from the back*)

A: The peace and light of Christ be with you. Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE**Karen Niemeier**

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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Communion Usher: Mike and Kelly Geiseman

Communion Set-up: Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker

Communion Asst: Troy and Cindy Doubler Sound System: Denny Luke and Hanna Brinker

Elevator Operator: Chris Brinker

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

January 6th through January 13th, 2019

Today	Worship Service	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School/Confirmation	10:45am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	5:00pm
Tuesday	Hymn Sing Lena Living Center	9:45am
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00am-11:30am
Thursday	Good Shepherd at Friendship Club	12:00pm
Next Sunday	Worship Service	9:30am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School/Confirmation	10:45am
	Volunteer at Rockford Rescue Mission	11:00am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	5:00pm

Attendance December 24th Early Service – 45

Attendance December 24th Late Service- 61

Attendance December 25th Christmas Day – 15

Attendance December 30th - 49

Total Offering 12/30/18 - \$1878.24

Children’s Worship Bulletin is Available

The Children’s bulletin follows the Sunday lessons with coloring page, word search, and crossword puzzle.

They are available at both entrances

Live Nativity Walk

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of Freeport will be having their 11th annual Twelfth Night Nativity Walk today, January 6th, 2019 from 4:00pm-6:00pm. Every year there are hundreds of nativities on display—2018’s event had over 300! The last half hour we’ll have a mini **hymn sing**. We’ll gather around the piano and sing our favorite hymns. Joy Wirth will be here the entire night playing for us as she has in year’s past. In the spirit of the gifts presented to Jesus from the Magi, please bring a non-perishable food and/or personal hygiene (i.e. shampoo, toothpaste, soap) item for the FACC.

Sock Drive for Le-Win Elementary School ends January 7th, 2019

Monday is the last day for Sock Drive for the Le-Win school children. Please help the children keep their feet warm by bringing NEW and comfortable socks to the church. Collection bin is in the Fellowship Hall. Let us share the love of Christ with children in our community.

Rockford Rescue Mission

On Sunday, January 13th, from 11:00am-3:00pm, We would like to get a group together to go to volunteer at Rockford Rescue Mission. For more information about Rockford Rescue Mission, go to their web site under the "Give Help" tab or contact Pastor Miho or Sue Diddens.

Must be over 12 to volunteer.

Let Us Know

If youth or adults in the Good Shepherd family are involved in activities which the public is invited, please provide a schedule to the church office by Tuesday morning so that we can include it in the following Sunday's bulletin.

New Devotion books

Would you like to start the new year with words of God? We have several reading materials for you. Daily devotion books are Christ in Our Home, The Word in Season, Bread for the Day: Daily Bible Readings and Prayers 2019. Monthly magazines are Pockets, and Gather. New Every Day: Forty Devotions for disaster Survivors offers stories of hope in time of changes and uncertainties. Check our racks today!

Rocky Boy Indian Reservation Servant Immersion Trip

NIS WELCA is coordinating a mission trip to Rocky Boy Indian Reservation in Box Elder Montana this summer. Information and forms are available at the church office. Both women and men are welcome to join the trip. For additional information, contact the church office.

Mark your Calendar: Annual Congregational Meeting on January 27th

A friendly reminder to committee chairmen, please make sure your reports are submitted to the office for the annual meeting.

