

the  
Festival  
of



Epiphany

# FAITH LUTHERAN



January 6, 2019

Epiphany is Christendom's second oldest festival; it has been celebrated continuously by the Church for nearly 1900 years. The festival was originally a general celebration of the incarnation of Jesus Christ which included the commemoration of his birth, the visit of the Magi (Wise Men) and, all of Jesus' childhood events up to and including his baptism. Today, the Eastern Orthodox Church celebrates Epiphany as the festival of Christ's birth, and the Western Church stresses the visit of the Magi. The season of Epiphany (the Greek word for "appearance") celebrates God's revealing or manifesting of Jesus' identity as true God, Messiah, and Savior of the world. Epiphany not only commemorates the fact that Jesus appeared to save us, but that God revealed the identity of Jesus to the world. The season of Epiphany will conclude on March 3, with the festival of the Transfiguration of Our Lord.



## Information

**Restrooms** are located in the hallway directly opposite the entrance to the sanctuary.

**Hearing assistance devices** are available. Speak to an usher.

**Large print service folders** are available. Speak to an usher.

## For The Children

**A Staffed Nursery** is available for your use at any time during the 10:30 am service. It is located in Room 2.

**A Cry-Room** is available if your little ones need a moment. It is located near the balcony stairs at the back of the sanctuary. A speaker and window let you see and hear the service.

**Children's Activity Sheets** give activities and lessons pertaining to the Scripture lessons for the day. Ask an usher at the door into the sanctuary.

## Service Participants

Rev. Jonathan E. Schroeder, pastor of Faith

Chester Reinemann, vicar of Faith

Mary Beth Eckhardt, keyboardist

# The Festival of the Epiphany of Our Lord

Opening Hymn: #80, *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

## Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

## Confession of Sins

**L** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C** **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin,  
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,  
For sins of habit and sins of choice,  
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,  
You should cast me away from your presence forever.  
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

**L** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Lord, Have Mercy

**L** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C** **Christ, have mercy.**

**L** For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C** **Amen.**

## Angels We Have Heard on High

*Refrain*

Glo - ri - a  
in ex - cel - sis De - o; Glo - ri - a  
in ex - cel - sis De - o.

## Prayer of the Day

**L** Let us pray.

*The leader says the Prayer of the Day.*

**C** **Amen.**

# The Word of God

## Children's Sermon

### First Reading: 1 Kings 10:1-9

<sup>1</sup>When the queen of Sheba heard about the fame of Solomon and his relationship to the Lord, she came to test Solomon with hard questions.<sup>2</sup> Arriving at Jerusalem with a very great caravan—with camels carrying spices, large quantities of gold, and precious stones—she came to Solomon and talked with him about all that she had on her mind.<sup>3</sup> Solomon answered all her questions; nothing was too hard for the king to explain to her.<sup>4</sup> When the queen of Sheba saw all the wisdom of Solomon and the palace he had built,<sup>5</sup> the food on his table, the seating of his officials, the attending servants in their robes, his cupbearers, and the burnt offerings he made at the temple of the Lord, she was overwhelmed.

<sup>6</sup> She said to the king, "The report I heard in my own country about your achievements and your wisdom is true.<sup>7</sup> But I did not believe these things until I came and saw with my own eyes. Indeed, not even half was told me; in wisdom and wealth you have far exceeded the report I heard.<sup>8</sup> How happy your people must be! How happy your officials, who continually stand before you and hear your wisdom!<sup>9</sup> Praise be to the Lord your God, who has delighted in you and placed you on the throne of Israel. Because of the Lord's eternal love for Israel, he has made you king to maintain justice and righteousness."

### Psalm 72

*Read responsively with the leader*

- L** Endow the King with your justice, O God,
- C** **the royal Son with your righteousness.**
- L** He will defend the afflicted among the people
- C** **and save the children of the needy.**
- L** He will endure as long as the sun,
- C** **as long as the moon, through all generations.**
- L** He will be like rain falling on a mown field,
- C** **like showers watering the earth.**

- ☐ All kings will bow down to him,
- ☑ **and all nations will serve him.**
- ☐ All nations will be blessed through him,
- ☑ **and they will call him blessed.**
- ☐ Praise be to the Lord God, who alone does marvelous deeds.
- ☑ **May the whole earth be filled with his glory.**

## Second Reading: Acts 13:46-49

<sup>46</sup> Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: "We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. <sup>47</sup> For this is what the Lord has commanded us:

"I have made you a light for the Gentiles,  
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."

<sup>48</sup> When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.

<sup>49</sup> The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.

Hymn: #83, *As with Gladness Men of Old*

## Gospel

- ☐ The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 2.
- ☑ **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

<sup>6</sup> "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for out of you will come a ruler  
who will be the shepherd of my people Israel."

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

<sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When

they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

□ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

■ **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

## Hymn of the Day: #79, *How Lovely Shines the Morning Star*<sup>1</sup>

### Sermon

*Matthew 2:1-12*

### Nicene Creed

■ **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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<sup>1</sup> Often referred to as "the queen of chorales", this hymn was written by Philip Nicolai in 1597 during the Pestilence of the Black Plague:

"One morning in great distress and tribulation in his quiet study, he rose in spirit from the distress and death which surrounded him to his Redeemer and Saviour, and while he clasped Him in ardent love there welled forth from the inmost depths of his heart this precious hymn of the Saviour's love and of the joys of Heaven. He was so entirely absorbed in this holy exaltation that he forgot all around him, even his midday meal, and allowed nothing to disturb him in his poetical labours till the hymn was completed"— three hours after midday.

It became at once a favorite in Germany, was considered indispensable at weddings, was often sung around death beds, and often sounded by city chimes.

# Thanksgiving

## Offering

*The members of Faith Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.*

## Offertory: How Many Kings

*Ashley Kangas, Mark Tredo, Roy Joyner, and Vicar Reinemann*

Follow the star to a place unexpected  
Would you believe after all we've projected  
A child in a manger?  
Lowly and small, the weakest of all  
Unlikeliest hero, wrapped in his mother's shawl  
Just a child. Is this who we've waited for?  
  
'Cause how many kings stepped down from their thrones?  
How many lords have abandoned their homes?  
How many greats have become the least for me?  
And how many Gods have poured out their hearts  
To romance a world that is torn all apart?  
How many Fathers gave up their Sons for me?  
  
Bringing our gifts for the newborn Savior  
All that we have, whether costly or meek  
Because we believe  
Gold for His honor and frankincense for His pleasure  
And myrrh for the cross He'll suffer  
Do you believe? Is this who we've waited for?

## 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.**

# The Sacrament

✓ *Faith Lutheran Church practices close communion. We ask that only members partake of the Sacrament.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is good and right so to do.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came as the Light of the world so that the world may have light and life through him. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And  
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -  
in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.  
liv - er us from bond - age—Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

## Words of Institution

- L** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** Amen.

**C** O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O  
 Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O  
 Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us your peace. A -  
 men. A - men.

## Distribution

*Come forward at the direction of the ushers.*

## Distribution Hymn: #62, *Joy to the World*

*10:30am*

## Lord's Blessing

- ☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

☑ **Amen.**

# Announcements

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**FaithBuilders:** A New FaithBuilders Class begins January 20, 2019. FaithBuilders is our path for membership at Faith, or an opportunity for people looking to build their faith through the study of the basic teachings of the Bible. Classes are held on Sundays at 11:45 am in Room 4. If you would like to attend, contact Pastor Schroeder. Childcare is available. To reserve your child's spot, please email Kim McManus at [kim@georgiafaith.com](mailto:kim@georgiafaith.com). Everyone is welcome!

**Connect Groups:** This small group program is a vital ministry at Faith; we want to do more than be a friendly church, we want to be a church of friends. We have three types of Connect Groups: Study Groups, Service Groups, and Social Groups. Anyone who wants to start a group for the January through May session, please to go to [georgiafaith.com/connect](http://georgiafaith.com/connect) and complete the new group form. Questions? Please contact Dawn Hill at [dawn@georgiafaith.com](mailto:dawn@georgiafaith.com).

**Connect Group Information Sunday is January 13:** Next week between 9:40am - 10:25am, please come and meet the facilitators of the connect groups and learn about the groups being offered.

**Adult Choir:** Practice is on Wednesday, January 9, at 7:00 pm. Please join us in the church balcony for one hour. No experience is necessary.

**Youth Group:** On Wednesday, January 9, at 7:00 pm all children in 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to join us at church for fellowship and fun. We will start in room 3. If you have questions, speak to Dawn Hill or send an email to [dawn@georgiafaith.com](mailto:dawn@georgiafaith.com).

**Confirmation Class:** On Wednesday, January 9, at 7:00 pm for all children in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. If you have any questions, please speak with Vicar Reinemann.

**Shield Teen Group:** All teens (13-18) are invited to join the Shield Teen Group for the following event.

- January 6<sup>th</sup>—5-7pm, Bible Study at Vicar's Townhouse - 58 American Walk, Peachtree City - bring a snack to share
- January 13<sup>th</sup>—5-7pm, Dinner & Devotion at Switzer's house - 303 Silverbell Lane, Sharpsburg

Join the Text Remind group by texting @mrteeng to 81010. Questions? See Sherry Kangas (404-680-2175) or Ashley Kangas (404-971-5299). For more information visit [www.georgiafaith.com/shield](http://www.georgiafaith.com/shield).

## Upcoming Schedules

<i>Church Cleaning:</i>	Week of Jan 7—Jan 12:	Wiegner
	Week of Jan 14—Jan 19:	Adams
<i>Video:</i>	Sun, Jan 13: Tyler Madden	Sun, Jan 20 Tyler Kangas
<i>Head Usher</i>	Jan: Utz Wiegner	Feb: Greg Morgan
<i>Acolyte:</i>	Sun, Jan 13: Dawn Collins	Sun, Jan 20: Allison Pfeifer
<i>Friendship Registers:</i>	Sun, Jan 13: Wezley & Colin Adams	
	Sun, Jan 20: Taylor Chapman & Peyton Utecht	

## Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 am	Worship
9:40 am	Sunday School and Bible Study
10:30 am	Worship