

Then you shall *see*  
and be *radiant*;  
your heart shall  
*thrill and exult...*

Isaiah 60:5, ESV



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January 10, 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

PRESERVICE PRAYER Oh Lord God, our heavenly Father, who of Your great goodness and mercy has caused Your only begotten Son to become incarnate, that we through Him might be redeemed from sin and everlasting death; O Lord, we pray, enlighten our hearts that we may be truly thankful for His gracious incarnation and birth, that we may be comforted by His birth in all times of tribulation and temptation, and in the end receive everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, and our precious Savior. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: (p. 22 Worship Supplement 2000)

### **HYMN 127:1-3 As with Gladness Men of Old**

1. As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright,  
So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by Thee!

2. As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed,  
There to bend the knee before Thee whom heav'n and earth adore,  
So may we with willing feet Ever seek Thy mercy-seat!

3 As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King!

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C: Amen.**

P: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

**C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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**C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Together let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us.**

**Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**C: 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: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 3:2-12

If indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, <sup>4</sup>by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), <sup>5</sup>which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: <sup>6</sup>that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, <sup>7</sup>of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power.

<sup>8</sup>To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make all see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; <sup>10</sup>to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly *places*, <sup>11</sup>according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him. (NKJV)

## THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12

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, <sup>2</sup> saying, “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.”

<sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> And 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.

<sup>5</sup> So they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> ‘But 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.’ ”

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. <sup>8</sup> And 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.”

<sup>9</sup> When 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. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. <sup>11</sup> And 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.

<sup>12</sup> Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way. (NKJV)

## THE APOSTLES CREED

### **HYMN 126:1-4 Arise and Shine in Splendor**

1. Arise and shine in splendor, Let night to day surrender;  
Thy light is drawing near. Above thee day is beaming,  
In matchless beauty gleaming; The glory of the Lord is here.

2. See earth in darkness lying, the heathen nations dying  
In hopeless gloom and night. To thee the Lord of heaven—  
Thy life, thy Hope – hath given Great glory, honor, and delight.

3. The world's remotest places, Upon whose weary faces  
The sun looks from the sky, Shall run with zeal untiring,  
With joy thy Light desiring That breaks upon them from on high.

4. Lift up thine eyes in wonder; See, nations gather yonder,  
They all come unto thee. The world has heard thy story,  
Thy sons come to thy glory, and daughters haste thy Light to see.

THE SERMON: Isaiah 60:1-6

Theme: Epiphany: The Lord's "Merry Christmas" to YOU!

- I. Christmas Light Shines on the Gentiles
- II. Observe the Wondrous Spread of the Gospel throughout the World.
- III. Respond from a Grateful Heart

SERMON TEXT: Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine;

For your light has come!

And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup>For 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.

<sup>3</sup>The Gentiles shall come to your light,

And kings to the brightness of your rising.

<sup>4</sup>"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.

<sup>5</sup>Then 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.

<sup>6</sup>The 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.

(NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

## **HYMN 128:1-4 Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning**

1. Brightest and best of the sons of the morning  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

2. Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining;  
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall.  
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

3. Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion,  
Odors of Edom and offerings divine.  
Gems of the mountains and pearls of the oceans,  
Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?

4. Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
Vainly with gifts would His favor secure.  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration;  
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

**BENEDICTION;**

**C: Amen.**

## **Hymn 127:4,5 "Holy Jesus, Every Day"**

4. Holy Jesus, every day Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where They need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

5. In the heavenly country bright Need they no created light;  
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown, Thou its Sun which goes not down,  
There forever may we sing Allelulias to our King!

## CALENDAR

TODAY: Thank you for coming to hear the Word.

Used bulletins should either be taken home or deposited in the wastepaper basket at the narthex door. Your offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the nave. Bible Class is scheduled to follow the service.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism via ZOOM beginning at 4:00p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30. Please register for communion by sending a text message to the Pastor, or by phone call. Church Council is scheduled to follow the service. Next Sunday's sermon text: Acts 16:25-34.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31: Annual Voters meeting will follow the service.

## SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

### OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: January 3 worship – 15 Bible Class -- 10

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,250.00	Memorial	
Offerings Received	\$ 1,370.00	Lincoln Cole	
Needed for Year:	\$1,250.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund	\$50.00
Received for Year:	\$1,370.00		

January 2021 Church Cleaning – Ubl

CLC NEWS: Desirae Naumann (nee' Ohlmann) who taught at our St. Paul's Lutheran School in the late 1980's was called from this world to her heavenly home last Sunday evening, January 3. She was married here at St. Paul's 32 years ago to Pastor David Naumann. Messages of condolence can be sent to the Naumann family at: 1119 14<sup>th</sup> St. Clarkston, WA 99403.