

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✠ Festival of Epiphany ✠

January 8, 2017

Traditionally commemorated on January 6th, Epiphany means "manifestation." On this day we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations. Some Christian traditions celebrate three great epiphanies on this day: the magi's adoration of the Christ child, Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River, and his first miracle, in which he changes water into wine. The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God's grace and mercy. We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst.



*Inspired by Christ,
living and growing in faith,
we are a loving and open community
of worship, witness, and service in God's world.*



Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Please stand as
you are able.*

Gathering Hymn

Apostolic Greeting

✠ Gathering ✠

*Following the call of God's Spirit, the community of faith gathers,
welcoming one another and praying for God's mercy to fill the church and the world.*

We invite you to use the prelude time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Carol of the Bells

K. Vigne

Psalm 72

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

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

The First Noel

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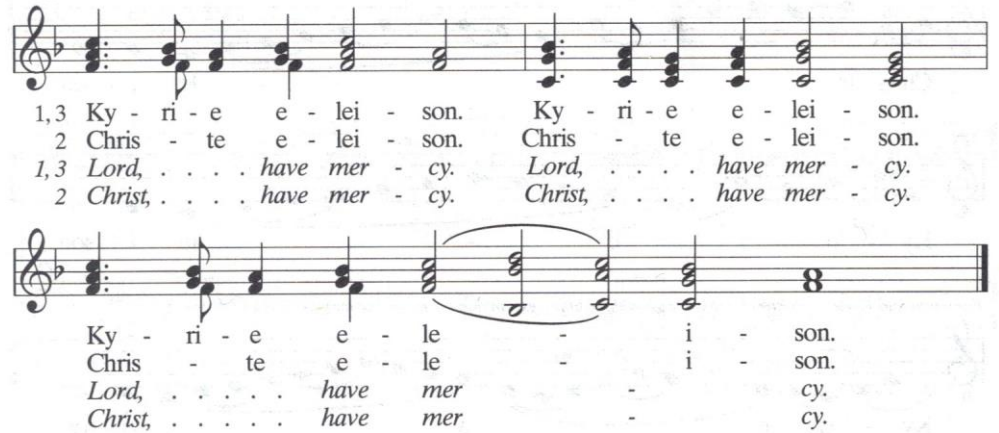
Vs. 1 All, 2 Women, 3 Harmony, 4 Men, 5 All

All sing on the refrain

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie



1,3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
 1,3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
 2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 Chris - te e - lei - son.
 Lord, have mer - cy.
 Christ, have mer - cy.

Gloria



All Glory Be To God on High

Please sing verse 1



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
 3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we

giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
 au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
 name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one

will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,
 sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
 liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord

heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
 ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in

praise you for your glo - ry.
 ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.
 God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God,
C: you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ Word ✠

The Word of God comes alive for the gathered community
As God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.

Children's Message

Dismissal Song

Bright and Glorious is the Sky

ELW #301

Vs. 1, 5 & 6

Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her, because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.



Please stand as you are able

Matthew 2:1-12

God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to

Lesson

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him

*honor a new king.
Strangers from a
faraway land, they
welcome the long-
awaited messiah of
Israel.*

homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." 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.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Please be seated.

Following the sermon, we will take a moment of silence to reflect on today's gospel message.

Hymn of the Day

*Please stand as
you are able.*

*As With Gladness Men of Old
ELW #302*

Prayers of the Church

P: Rejoicing in the good news of Christ's birth and dwelling in hope, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: Gracious God, you reveal yourself to the world in your Son, Jesus. Grant your church...Lord in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, God of abundant grace, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*After the greeting, please **share a word** of peace with your neighbors.*



Please be seated

✠ Offering ✠

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church is supported through the generous gifts of time, talent and treasure of our friends and members. In order to fulfill our mission and ministry, we need to receive approximately \$6,000 in offerings each week. We thank you for your support and partnership in the proclamation of the good news.

Offering

The Little Drummer Boy

Katherine Davis

Offertory

Please stand as you are able.

What Child Is This

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

Offertory Prayer

- A: God with us: You came as a baby to a manger. You slept on straw and greeted shepherds. You come again in bread and wine. Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things. And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others in the strength of your holy name.
- C: **Amen.**

✠ Meal ✠

We lift our hearts with praise and thanksgiving as the table is set, and we receive the bread and wine—the humble meal through which we are fed by the presence of Jesus the Christ and united as the body of Christ in the world.

Great Thanksgiving

- 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.**
- P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn...



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: Per Harling, b. 1948
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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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

P: Come to me all who are tired and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. The table is ready. All are welcome.

Please be seated



Lamb of God



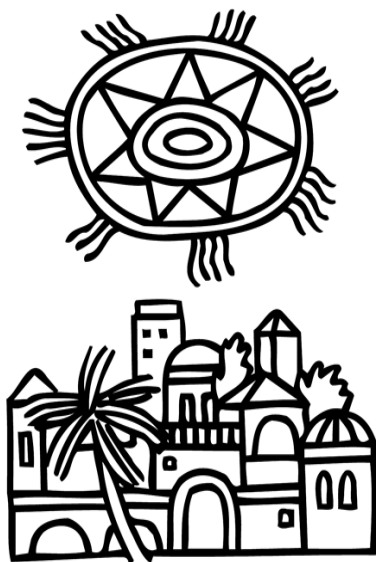
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
 have mer - cy up-on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -
 est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up-on us!
 O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
 grant us thy peace! A - - - men

Text: German, 1528, based on the Agnus Dei; tr. unknown
 Music: CHRISTE, DU LAMM GOTTES, *Kirchenordnung*, Braunschweig, 1528



Distribution

Communion is by common cup or intinction: For the common cup, receive a piece of the bread, and drink from the white chalice. For intinction dip the bread into the brown cup with the wine (dark) or grape juice (light) as you prefer, then eat. At Lake of the Isles, we practice open communion. All who hunger for the presence of Christ in their life are welcome at this table.



Communion Hymn

We Three Kings of Orient Are



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!

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891, alt.
 Music: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT, John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891

Post-Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: We give you thanks, O God, that in this bread and cup of Christ's very life, you give us food for our journey. As you led the magi by a star, as you brought the holy family home again, guide us on the way unfolding before us. Wherever we go, may our lives proclaim good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Please stand as you are able.



✠ SENDING ✠

*We receive the blessing of God and leave in peace,
Sent out to live the way of Jesus for the sake of the world God loves.*

Oh Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

ELW #308

Vs. 1 & 6

**Sending
Hymn**

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Announcements

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Toccata on Wie Schoen Leuchtet

K. Vigne

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WELCOME

We thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us this week, and we invite you back again—for prayer and worship and to any of the events our congregation has scheduled. We hope the message of God's grace will guide and strengthen you as you grow in love and faith in your daily life.

**YOUR WORSHIP
LEADERS TODAY**

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School	Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
MONDAY, JANUARY 9	7:00 pm	AA	Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10	5:15 pm	SA Support Group	Christy Room
	7:00 pm	AA Spiritual Recovery Group	Christy Room
	7:00 pm	Men's AA Group	Room 56
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11	10:00 am	Bible Study	Christy Room
	12:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Christy Room
	7:00 pm	Confirmation	Christy Room
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12	12:00 pm	Al-Anon	Fellowship Hall
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14	2:00 pm	Ian Snyder Student Recital	Sanctuary
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School	Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ER LIST



Please keep the following friends & members of our community of faith in your prayers of

thanksgiving or for comfort, peace, and healing:

Lucy Miller, Marlene Wilson, Maxine Peitso, Shirley Carlson, Cheri Moe, Alice Gunter, Jane Schuldt, LOTI members; Judy Reay and Lynne Williamson, friends of the Kuehn Family; **Maria Gonzalez,** friend of Cheri Moe; **Connor Miller,** nephew of Michelle McCreery and Mark Duff, **Don Powell,** relative of Jane Schuldt, John Fitch, Rick and Suzanne Pepin.

Loved Ones In The Military

Please keep all the members and families of the military in your prayers of thanksgiving and protection.



POINSETTIAS

Today we end the Christmas season. Please feel free to take your poinsettias with you. If you have forgotten what you ordered, there is a list on the door of the Christy Room. Also in the Christy Room are paper wrappers to protect your plant while transporting it home.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Kathy Hering 1/10

Elyssa Gustafson 1/11

Dominik Amann 1/12

Ruth Lee 1/12

Owen Koepp 1/13

Jackson Ulland 1/13

STAFFED NURSERY AVAILABLE

Children are always welcome in worship, however, if the need arises, the Christy Room is staffed with a Nursery Attendant for your child. The Christy Room is located to the left of the sanctuary through the side door at the front of the church and across from the church office. If you need assistance, please ask one of the ushers to help you. There is a baby changing table available in the unisex restroom between the pastor's office and the sacristy.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you use offering envelopes, the new boxes are here for 2017. They are in a box in the narthex with your name on them.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the church staff, we wish like to thank you for your Christmas cards, greetings and gifts. They were a generous sign of your warmth and

hospitality this season. Thank you as well for your generous gifts to the ministry of this congregation. We were able to end the year in a stronger financial position than the previous year. There are still challenges for the year ahead but your continued gifts allow us to see a positive and bright future. Thank you.

Pastor Arden Haug

YOGA CLASS AT LOTI

Jane Reeves has been teaching yoga for over 20 years. She combines mindfulness, poses to relieve tensions in the body and increase flexibility and proper yogic breathing in all of her classes. This winter session will be restorative in nature. Anyone is welcome as modifications can be made. Bring your own yoga mat and blanket. The series is 8 weeks long, January 10-February 28, on Tuesdays from 6:15-7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. \$95 for the whole series or \$14 for a drop-in rate.

GROWLERS AND THEOLOGY

The informal study of theology and "adult beverages" will resume again in January. Following the model of Luther in his home in Wittenberg, Germany, Pastor Haug will lead a twice monthly gathering at the Parsonage on January 12th and 26th at 7:30 p.m.

WEDDING AT CANA WINE PAIRING JANUARY 22ND

In the afternoon at 4:00, we will have a Wedding at Cana Wine Pairing. Deb Black from The Wine Company will pour a sampling of wines that are paired with different appetizers. The menu includes the following wines and appetizers.

Verdicchio from Garofli, IT
Dr. L "Sekt" Riesling from Mosel, Germany
Grenache, Baron de Seillac, Provence, France
Chenin Blanc/Cabernet Franc, Baumard "Carte
Turquoise" from Loire, France
Gasparossa, Chiarli, Lambrusco from Italy
Chardonnay/Pinot Noir, Argyle, from the Willamette
Valley, Oregon.

We are looking for volunteers who will make one of the appetizers. (Recipes will be provided.) Please contact Linda Nelson if you can help. The \$20 reservation will be directed to CES Community Emergency Services.

Please call the church at 612-377-5095 for reservations.

OUR SAVIOUR'S HOUSING A NOTE FROM CHERI MOE

Thank you for your willingness in the past to provide a meal at Our Saviour's Housing. LOTI provides this meal the first Friday of every month. I'm working on filling the 2017 calendar now. It helps me to not have to try to round up volunteers throughout the year.

The dates available for 2017 are: March 3, April 7, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1, October 6, and November 3.

Please let me know if you would like one of these dates to serve the people at Our Saviour's. Thank you!

EXTENDED CALENDAR OF LOTI CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS



January 12

Growlers and Theology
7:30 p.m.
At the Parsonage

January 19

Church Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.

January 22

Special Congregational Meeting
Wedding at Cana Sunday
Wine Pairing 4:00 p.m.

January 26

Growlers and Theology
7:30 p.m.
At the Parsonage

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