

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✠ Epiphany of Our Lord ✠ January 6, 2019

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

Prayer of the Day

✠ 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.

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.

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.

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

ELW #300

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.**

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.

✠ 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

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.



Please stand as you are able

Matthew 2:1-12

God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.

Bright and Glorious is the Sky

ELW #301

Vs. 1, 5 & 6

Reading

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 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.

Please be seated.

Sermon

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: Dwelling in the presence of God with us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all in any need.

A brief silence.

A: Drawn into the light of God, we pray for the proclamation of the grace of Jesus Christ. Give us courage...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.



Please be seated

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.*

✠ 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

Mary, Did You Know?

Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene

*Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?
This child that you've delivered, will soon deliver you.*

*Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will calm the storm with his hand?
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?
When you kiss your little baby, you kiss the face of God.*

Offertory

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Prayer

*The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again.
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the lamb!
Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?
That sleeping child you're holding is the great I am.*

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!**

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.**

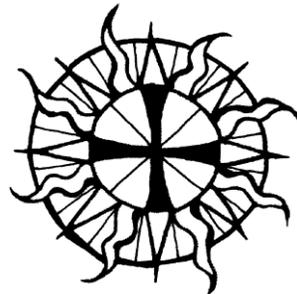
P: Lift up your hearts.

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.**

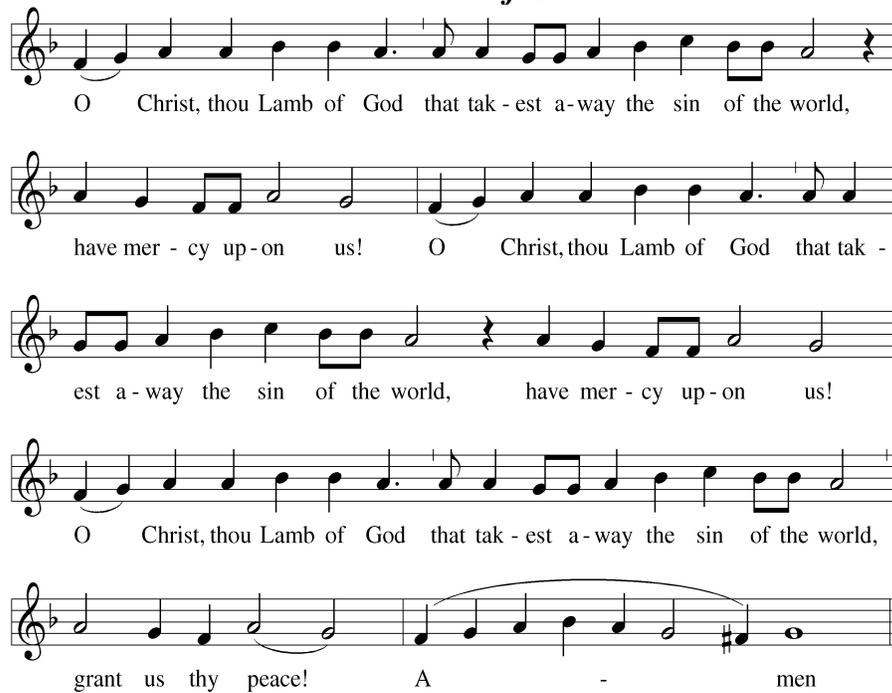
Invitation to Communion

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 Music

Meditation

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. Gluten free wafers are available in the silver cup.



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

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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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Choir Director
Worship Assistant
Ushers
Altar Servers
Reader
Communion Servers

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Rev. Arden D. Haug
Kenneth Vigne
Dawn Allan
Mark Waldeland
Linda Nelson and Anita Duder
Pauline Haug and Linda Nelson
Janna Haug
Mary Sabatke, Denise Wilkens
and Mary Knoblauch
Chris and Vicki Hovda

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Dane Peterson
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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School	Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
MONDAY, JANUARY 7	7:00 pm	AA	Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8	9:15 am	Prayer Ministry	Christy Room
	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 9	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 10	12:00 pm	Al-Anon	Fellowship Hall
FRIDAY, JANUARY 11	6:00 pm	Staff Christmas Party	Parsonage
SUNDAY, JANUARY 13	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School	Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
	11:00 pm	"Working" Series Discussion	Christy Room

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:

Shirley Carlson, Peyton Berkland, Molly Boylan, Kathy Hering, Mary DeVries, Bruce Kuehn, LOTI members;; **Debbie Dahl**, daughter-in-law of Phyllis Dahl; **Jim Peterson**, brother-in-law of Rick Pepin; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jenny Cook; **Charles Sabatke**, brother of Bruce Sabatke; **Lynn Williamson**, family of Bruce and Carol Kuehn; **Heluza Ramos**, grandmother of Rebecca Morell.

Loved Ones In The Military
Please keep all the members and families of the military in your prayers of thanksgiving and protection.



POINSETTIAS

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



Naomi Mechels 1/6 Mary Goplen 1/8
Bernie Reisberg 1/9 Kathy Hering 1/10
Elyssa Gustafson 1/11 Dominik Amann 1/12
Ruth Lee 1/12

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. There is an alternate route to take from the narthex—follow the signs. 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.

***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
MONDAY, JANUARY 7 TO REMOVE
DECORATIONS AND TAKE DOWN
CHRISTMAS TREES
10:00 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY***

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 10th and 25th at 7:30 p.m.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the church staff, we wish 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 strong financial position. 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

***FAMILY FUN DAY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 20
11:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.***

Bring your skates and warm clothes to church. We will gather in Fellowship Hall for soup lunch after worship and get our gear on to ice skate on Lake of the Isles.

***WEDDING AT CANA
WINE PAIRING EVENT
JANUARY 27 AT 4:00 P.M.***

On Sunday afternoon, January 27, at 4:00, we will have a "Mary Tyler Moore" Wine Pairing theme. This year the event will be held at the home of Bernie and Michelle Reisberg at 2104 Kenwood Parkway. Deb Black from The Wine Company will pour a sampling of wines that are paired with different appetizers.

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.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Women's Book Club will meet on Friday, January 11 at 5:00 p.m. at Deb Gilroy's home. We are reading "Pilgrim's Progress" by John Bunyan.

"WORKING" SERIES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 AT 11:00 A.M.

"Working" is the theme of an ongoing speaker series in which people associated with our congregation talk about what they do all day and how they feel about the work they do.

The next session will be Sunday, January 13th and the guest speaker will be new LOTI member Mary Flynn. Mary works in the Medical Services Unit (MSU) at Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation in Plymouth - a treatment center for adolescents and young adults ages 14 to 24. Her co-worker, Courtney Wilkins, R.N., will also be present to explain direct medical care given to clients while on the MSU and throughout their stay at the facility.

Mary and Courtney's talk will take place after a brief coffee break following the Sunday morning service. Those who are interested will be invited to take their coffee/tea into the Christy Room for about 45 minutes. The first 15-20 minutes will be an informal talk by Mary and Courtney, leaving the time remaining for questions from those in attendance.

If anyone in the congregation is interested in sharing their own "Working" story, please send an email to jannahaug@yahoo.com

***EXTENDED CALENDAR OF LOTI
CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS***



January 10 & 24

Growlers and Theology

7:30 p.m.

At the Parsonage

January 17

Church Council Meeting

7:00 p.m.

January 20

Family Fun Day

11:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

January 27

Mary Tyler Moore Wine Pairing
4:00 p.m.

February 3

Annual Meeting
11:00 a.m.

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