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Sunday, January 9th, 2022
The Epiphany of Our Lord

Prelude
Tower Bells
Welcome
Announcements

Visitors are encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the "Welcome" side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plate near the entrance doors.

Worship Notes: Today we are using Scripture readings and hymns for the festival of The Epiphany of our Lord, which was on January 6th. The narrative of the Magi visiting Jesus teaches us to consider God's desire to save and have mercy upon many peoples throughout the world. Starting next Sunday, a six-part sermon series will start based on 1 Corinthians chapters 12-15 which are part of the assigned readings from January 16-February 20. The church in Corinth was largely Gentile, non-Jewish people like the Magi. Thus, our focus on the Magi this Sunday helps to lead us into St. Paul's teachings for the Gentile Christians in 1 Corinthians 12-15.

Opening Hymn *As with Gladness Men of Old* **LSB 397**

Order of Matins **LSB 219**

Invocation (*Stand*)

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

(Sing entire opening liturgy)

O Lord, open my lips, **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
Make haste, O God, to deliver me; **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

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. Praise to You, O Christ, Alleluia.

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
O come, let us worship Him.

Venite **LSB 220**

O come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. **Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,**

let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs
of praise.

For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it,
and His hand formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
O come, let us worship Him.

Introit Psalm 72:1-15, 18-19 (*spoken*)

1 Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
2 May he judge your people with
righteousness,
and your poor with justice!
3 Let the mountains bear prosperity for the
people,
and the hills, in righteousness!
4 May he defend the cause of the poor of the
people,
**give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!**
5 May they fear you while the sun endures,
**and as long as the moon, throughout all
generations!**
6 May he be like rain that falls on the mown
grass,
like showers that water the earth!
7 In his days may the righteous flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
8 May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth!
9 May desert tribes bow down before him,

For He is our God, and we are the people of
His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

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.

and his enemies lick the dust!
10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the
coastlands render him tribute;
**may the kings of Sheba and Seba
bring gifts!**
11 May all kings fall down before him,
all nations serve him!
12 For he delivers the needy when he calls,
the poor and him who has no helper.
13 He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.
14 From oppression and violence he redeems
their life,
and precious is their blood in his sight.
15 Long may he live;
may gold of Sheba be given to him!
**May prayer be made for him continually,
and blessings invoked for him all the day!**
18 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
19 Blessed be his glorious name forever;
**may the whole earth be filled with his glory!
Amen and Amen.**

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 60:1-6 (*Congregation sits*)

1 Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.

3 And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

4 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 carried on the hip.

5 Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be
turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

6 A 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 bring good news, the praises of the
LORD.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading Ephesians 3:1-12

1 For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— 2 assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, 3 how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. 4 When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. 6 This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

7 Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. 8 To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, 10 so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthems by the Men's Chorus of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon

Let All Together Praise Our God

Joy to the World

1 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, 2 saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

6 "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel."

7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." 9 After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsory LSB 221

(Sing) P: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

The Only Son from Heaven

LSB 402

Sermon "The Magi Point Out The Mystery of the Gospel" Ephesians 3:1-12

Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

LSB 398

(Offering Brought Forward on Last Verse of Hymn)

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For eyes to behold the glory of our Lord, Jesus Christ; and for His Holy Spirit, that we might display His merciful goodness to all nations, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Holy Christian Church, that God's Word would richly abide in her and that many would be led to Christ through her witness, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all Christian homes, that the Word of God would dwell richly in them as Christ Himself once dwelt in the home of Mary and Joseph; for the health of all mothers with child; let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For President Biden and Governor DeWine and all the rulers of our nation and our local communities, that they would bend the knee to Christ and rule for the good of Your people, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those in any danger, trouble, sickness or need [*especially* _____]; that they would hope confidently in the healing power and resurrection of Jesus; for all medical and health workers that they may be encouraged and strengthened to assist the healing of the sick; let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who travel, that they would be directed always in the ways of Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Please contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.

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Kyrie (*Sing*)

LSB 227

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

P: (Spoken) The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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

Closing Hymn

From God the Father, Virgin-Born

LSB 401

Silent Prayer

Extinguish Candles

Postlude and Depart in His Peace

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Sermon Notes: "The Magi Point Out the Mystery of the Gospel"
Ephesians 3:1-6 reflects upon and teaches
Matthew 2:1-12 and Isaiah 60:1-6

I. Mystery

v 3 – Greek = mysterion = Mystery = “_____ or secret thing”

- The word related to the verb “to shut the _____.”

- The mystery, or hidden things needs to be _____ from God.

- This mystery is not according to the natural wisdom of people but it is _____ wisdom.***

II. Mystery of _____ Christ (Ephesians 3:4)

- Christ = Messiah = “anointed one” = promised one

- Though English translations do not show it, the literal translation is “mystery of the Christ.” The Christ is an office, a position, a special job.

- Jesus the Christ. Peter’s confession = “You are the Christ.”

Mark 8:29

- The work of the Christ was to reveal the mystery.

(Example: Only the player acting as a NFL quarterback may have a radio in his helmet on the team on offence. The “office” of the quarterback.)

- The Christ reveals the mystery of God. No one else.

III. The Christ revealed the Mystery in His Person, Work, Actions and Teachings.

- Everything about Jesus reveals the mystery. The very

_____ of the Baby Jesus revealed the mystery.

- The Magi's visit and worship of Jesus acted out the prophecy in Isaiah 60:1-6. The Magi showed that Jesus came to be worshipped by all people.

- v 6 The mystery is that the _____ (***all**-non Jewish people!*)

are: 1. "fellow heirs"

- Adopted into God's family
- are family of Abraham
- receive by inheritance the promised gifts from God

2. "member of the same body"

- there is no distinction of language, culture, race in

_____ family

3. "partakers" (co-participants)

- are active in the promises and work of God
- work alongside in God's promises

*** Human wisdom divides from one another people. Categorizes people from each other. Numbers groups of people according to family, race, language, wealth, health,... you name it!

*** God's wisdom is that all people are equally lost sinners and all need to be saved and adopted into His family. To be one family.