

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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WORSHIP SERVICE

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JOINT VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - Florham Park, NJ



Saint Mark Lutheran Church - Morristown, NJ



Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who sends the word with angels,
who is made flesh among all peoples,
and who breathes peace on all the earth.

Amen.

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess our sin before you.
We replace compassion with competition.
We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek.
We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.
We have not put on love in harmony with you.
Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word.
Swaddle our hearts with your peace,
that all we do, in word or deed,
may reflect your love born among us.

Amen.

I bring you good news of great joy for all people:
God has come among us
in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord.

✚ In Christ your sins are forgiven
and you are clothed in peace.

Amen.

Apostolic Greeting

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

Gathering Hymn: ELW #300 "The First Noel" - Verses 1, 2, 3

1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
 2 They look - ed up el and saw . . . a star star shin-ing
 3 And by the light of that . . . same star star three . . .
 4 This star drew near to the . . . north - west, o'er . . .
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . . .

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
 in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to seek there of -
 wise . . . men came . . . from coun - try far; and for a it
 Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and fered

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's -
 earth it gave . . . great light, and so it con -
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and

Refrain

night that was so deep.
 tin-ued both day and night.
 star wher - ev - er it went.
 place where Je - sus lay.
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

No - el, No - el, No -

el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

¹Arise, 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14***Refrain: The king delivers the poor who cry out in distress. (Ps. 72:12)***

¹Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;

²**that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;**

³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴**Let him defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

Refrain: The king delivers the poor who cry out in distress.

⁵May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

⁶**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**

⁷In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁰**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute,
and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**

Refrain: The king delivers the poor who cry out in distress.

¹¹May all kings bow down before him,
and all the nations do him service.

¹²**For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress,
the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**

¹³He has compassion on the lowly and poor,
and preserves the lives of the needy.

¹⁴**From oppression and violence he redeems their lives,
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

Refrain: The king delivers the poor who cry out in distress.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

ELW, SETTING 1—USING THE FOLLOWING VERSE:

Alleluia. We have observed his star¹ at its rising, and have come to¹
worship him. Alleluia. (Matt. 2:2)*

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-23

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd Chapter.

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

¹In 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:

“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.

¹³Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴Then Joseph^[h] got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men,^[i] he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ^[i] ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸“A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰“Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” ²¹Then Joseph^[k] got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district

of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon - Sister Monica Clare

Community of Saint John the Baptist in Mendham

*Hymn of the Day: ELW #815**"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the brightness of God. I want to
 3 I'm looking for . . . the coming of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
 be with Je sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je sus.

Prayers of Intercession

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God,
your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth.
As we offer ourselves and these your gifts,
prepare us to receive the grace and truth
you offer at this table
and renew in us the song of your salvation,
in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

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.**

SENDING

Announcements

Benediction

The God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

Amen.

*Sending Hymn: ELW #843**"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"*

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at-ing light;
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen-tle word;
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn-ing sand;
 Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.



Dismissal

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister: The Rev. Beau D. Nelson

Organist: Ralph Petersen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Collections to Fight Hunger:

Please feel free to mail a check to your congregation with either of the food pantries indicated below on the memo line. Let's see how much we can give collectively to help feed people locally.

- Interfaith Food Pantry of Morris County
- Holy Family Food Pantry of Florham Park

Church Offerings: Thank you to everyone who continues to make contributions to support our mission. Online giving is available for both congregations. Envelopes that are mailed to the church continue to be deposited. For those attending in person, there are offering plates located in the back of the sanctuary - one for each congregation.

Saint Mark Capital Campaign: The Parsonage Fund continues to need donations.

Noontime Prayer: 12:00 to 12:15 pm - Monday to Saturday - Pastor Beau texts the reminder and Zoom/Phone links.

PRAYER LISTS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 9th
(Note: New entries appear in Bold Font)

GOOD SHEPHERD:

Our Church Family: **Connie Gleichman**; Dick Zeien; Ron and Irene Nagle; Kathy Briedis

Friends and Family: Vince Bober; Holly Zinn; Doris Felmore; Melissa Kelly; Herbert Holly; Ralph Swinburne; Joe Mihalko; Joe Caparo; Cathy Caparo; Katharina Holly; Ginna Zukswert; Russ White; Gene & Al Clelland; Ruth Moolin; Bob Swanson; Nancy and Jeff Martin; Robin Pluciniak; John Holl; Joy Griffith; Leslie Spohn; Pauline Morris; Beth Fissel (Daughter of the Kapplers); Sara Kasiski; Wendy Wyll; Winnie A. Maroney; Lina Petrullo; Miriam and Andy Stachow; Janice Bitondo; Charles Tobias; Eileen & Dave Word; John West; Brian Goldrich & Barbara Gemma; and Robert Zeien

Family Of: Wallace Kappler; Scott Dennig; Eddy Jeune (Brother of Alice Schwartz); Stephanie Nicastro Puzzo; Angie Dierbach

SAINT MARK:

Our Church Family: **Gail Glennon**; Tiina Dodenhoff; Carla & Wolf Bauer; Patty Chadwick

Friends and Family: **James Salvo & Alex**; Samantha Hare (Niece of the Lemons); Larry Lane (friend of Judy Geller); Geri Monetti (Former Member); Walter and Doris West (Friends of Charles Mohs); Barry (Ski friend of Wolf Bauer); Patty Barnes & Family (Daughter of Carla & Wolf Bauer); Bonny and Bob Caridad (Bob Burkhardt's Sister and Husband); Paul Contreri (Friend of Diane Pillion); Kyle Grazia (Son-in-Law of Carla Bauer's Friend); Janet (Friend of Carla Bauer); June Mueller (Friend of Donna Mertz-Burkhardt); Stanley Nagy (Brother of Carla Bauer); Danielle Prinz Schaal (Granddaughter of the Lemons); Brian Vohs (Nephew of Gail Glennon)

Family of: Linda Murphy

IN THE WORLD:

All who are suffering from the Coronavirus Pandemic

NOTE: If you have any announcements or prayer requests to add or delete, please call 973-538-3939 or email: secretary@saint-mark-lutheran-church.org