

**ARISE, SHINE;  
FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME!  
AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD IS  
RISEN UPON YOU.**



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As we celebrate Epiphany today, may we see the rising of the Light, Jesus Christ, who overcomes the darkness. Jesus brings us into the Light and shows us that He came for all people, including us. We welcome all people to God’s house this morning.

*The Lord’s Supper* is a very special privilege God gives to His people. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

**OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US.** Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in front of the water fountains in the narthex of the church. You may also choose “e-tithing” by having a weekly deposit to St Paul’s from your bank account. If you have questions on e-tithing, please contact the Church Office.

**Children Leaving the Sanctuary:** This is a matter of caring concern for your child, or the young child that you are responsible for, age 13 or younger. The Board of Lay Ministry asks that if your child needs to leave the sanctuary during the worship service, you as a parent or responsible adult will need to escort them to and from the sanctuary. Thank you

**God’s Word tells us that children are a blessing from the Lord – Psalm 127:3.** We welcome children and all the joy and little chatter that comes with them. If for any reason you need to take your little one out, there is a Nursery (Cry Room) available for use during our worship service. It is located just outside the sanctuary.

**Opening Hymn 394** "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19b)*

**C** **Amen.**

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

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *(1John 1:8-9)*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(John 20:19-23)*

**C** **Amen.**

**Adult Choir** "The Only Son from Heaven"

1. The only Son from heaven,  
Foretold by ancient seers,  
By God the Father given,  
In human form appears.  
No sphere His light confining,  
No star so brightly shining  
As He, our Morning Star.

2. O time of God appointed,  
O bright and holy morn!  
He comes, the King anointed,  
The Christ, the virgin-born,  
Grim death to vanquish for us,  
To open heav'n before us  
And bring us life again.
3. Awaken, Lord, our spirit  
To know and love You more,  
In faith to stand unshaken,  
In Spirit to adore,  
That we, through this world moving,  
Each glimpse of heaven proving,  
May reap its fullness there.
4. O Father, here before You  
With God the Holy Ghost  
And Jesus, we adore You,  
O pride of angel host:  
Before You mortals lowly  
Cry, "Holy, holy, holy,  
O blessed Trinity!"  
O blessed Trinity!"

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

**Introit**

*Psalm 45:6-8a; antiphon: vs 17*

**P** I will cause Your name to be remembered in all generations;

**C** **therefore nations will praise You forever and ever.**

**P** Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of Your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;

**C** **You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.**

**P** Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness beyond Your companions;

**C** **Your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.**

**All: 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** I will cause Your name to be remembered in all generations;

**C** **therefore nations will praise You forever and ever.**

**Kyrie** ~ *Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)*

LSB 152

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

**Gloria in Excelsis** ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

LSB 154

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

**P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

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.



**C** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1–6

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
<sup>2</sup>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.  
<sup>3</sup>And nations 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 carried on the hip.  
<sup>5</sup>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.  
<sup>6</sup>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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Psalm 117:1-2a; Psalm 96:8*

**P** Praise the LORD, all nations!

**C** **Extol Him, all peoples!**

**P** For great is His steadfast love toward us,

**C** **and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

**P** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

**C** **bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

## Epistle

Ephesians 3:1–12

<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— <sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that He has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in Him.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse *(John 6:68)*

LSB 156

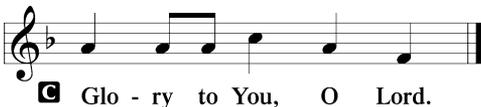


**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1–12

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>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 saw His star when it rose 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 assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>"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.”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>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.” <sup>9</sup>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.

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

<sup>11</sup>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.

<sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,**

**who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

**Hymn 396** "Arise and Shine in Splendor"

**Sermon Text**

Isaiah 60:1-6

**Sermon** "Jesus Christ Is Our Epiphany Moment"

1. The darkness that surrounds us is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ .

2. The rising of the Light, \_\_\_\_\_, overcomes the darkness.

3. The path is revealed, and we walk in the light \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ .

**Hymn 405** "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

**Prayers**

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

**Preface**

*LSB 160*

**P** The Lord be with you.

*(2 Timothy 4:22)*



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

*(Colossians 3:1)*



**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(Psalm 136)



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy** (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9) *LSB 161*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

*(Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now")*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*LSB 161*

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.



**Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God (John 1:29)**

*LSB 163*

**☐** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

**Hymn 623** "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

**Hymn 625** "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

**Hymn 627** "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"

**Hymn 629** "What Is This Bread"

**Thank the Lord**

*LSB 164*

**☐** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.  
 Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.  
 He re-calls His prom- is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy  
 with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Benediction *(Number 6:24-26)*

*LSB 166*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



## Closing Hymn 411 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

**Spanish language hymnals** are available on the cart in the Narthex if you know of anyone who could benefit from one to follow along in worship. These are also available if you are wanting to invite someone to worship with us who would like to use one. (*Los himnarios en español están disponibles en el carrito en el Narthex si conoces a alguien que pueda beneficiarse de uno para seguir en la adoración. Estos también están disponibles si desea invitar a alguien a adorar con nosotros que desee usar uno.*)

**The new Portals of Prayer** for January-March are currently available in the tract rack.

**The next Voters' Meeting is January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm.** Please mark your calendars. My apologies that I missed putting this on the Epistle calendar.

## Calendar of Events

### **TODAY..... January 8, 2023**

Sunday School & Bible Classes .....8:30 am

Worship Service with Communion .....9:30 am

Scrip Day .....

7<sup>th</sup> Grade PUBLIC School Confirmation ..... After Church

Bell Choir Rehearsal..... 5:00 pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal ..... 6:00 pm

### **MON: NWEA Testing at the Day School through Thursday**

Basketball at Home vs Trinity Elkhart ..... 4:30/5:30 pm

### **TUES:**

Pastor Wonnacott at Winkle in Bremen .....All Day

PTL Meeting..... 5:30 pm

### **WED:**

Men's Breakfast Bible Study.....6:30 am

Day School Chapel.....8:05 am

Basketball Home vs Montessori Mishawaka (4-6<sup>th</sup> grade) ..... 4:30 pm

### **THURS:**

Ladies Bible Study .....9:30 am

Preschool Chapel.....9:30 am

### **FRI:**

Euchre Party ..... 7:00 pm

### **SAT:**

### **NEXT SUNDAY:..... January 15, 2023**

Sunday School & Bible Classes .....8:30 am

Worship Service .....9:30 am

7<sup>th</sup> Grade PUBLIC School Confirmation ..... After Church

Adult Basketball ..... 2:00-4:00 pm

Bell Choir Rehearsal..... 5:00 pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal ..... 6:00 pm

### **Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!**

**Psalm 133:1** The Board of Christian Education is making available copies of the Lutheran Book of Prayer. The book contains 28 days of morning and evening prayer focused on individual and communal spiritual health. Join us in spending the first 28 days of 2023 praying together in unity. Books are available in the narthex or from any board member.

## **CHRISTIAN MEN - AWAKE!**

If you're at least 18 years of age, wake up on Wednesday morning every other week and join in a Bible Study at the Bremen Hospital cafeteria conference room at 6:30 AM. Enter the cafeteria area entrance on the south side patio to the left of the main entrance portico (presently the covid testing drive-thru). The cafeteria has an excellent breakfast menu and we enjoy our study with discussion and fellowship until 7:30 A.M. Bible study is a means of strengthening our understanding of God's plan for us and strengthening our faith, which we all can use in the daily challenges we face. Bring your Bible and join us as we study, eat and fellowship! The dates we will meet in 2023 are as follows: 1/11, 1/25, 2/8, 2/22, 3/8, 3/22, 4/5, 4.19, 5/3, 5/17, 5/31, 6/14, 6/28, 7/12, 7/26, 8/9, 8/23, 9/6, 9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/15, 11/29, 12/13, 12/27

*If you have questions, please contact Dave Burcham or Tom Coxey.*

**LWML, Monday, February 6, 7:00 pm.** Program: Bible Study “In the Father's Arms,” led by Pastor Wonnacott. AND Pack “Goodie Boxes” for college students. YOUR STUDENT'S CURRENT ADDRESS NEEDS TO BE TURNED INTO THE CHURCH OFFICE or your student may not get a box! Anyone wishing to donate may bring 1 dozen individually-wrapped items to the Church Kitchen on Sunday, Feb. 5. Better yet, come feed on the Word and bring your items along. Refreshments will be served.

**Life Sunday is January 22<sup>nd</sup>.** The Lutherans for Life theme this year is “Blessed for Life”. Please check out [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org) for more information about activities and events.

### **Special Concerns:**

**That we see Jesus** who is our Light, and then walk as children of Light, following Him and sharing Him with everyone we meet.

**For Jamielynn (Tinkey) Flores and Pastor Micah Wildauer** and their work in foreign missions.

**For our country** and her leaders.

**For the Lord's guidance** in calling a new Administrative Pastor.

**That the Lord would bless** our offerings that we give today.

**That Jesus would shine** in the hearts of all Christians throughout the world who face the struggles of war and persecution as they stand up for their risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

**On January 22<sup>nd</sup> it will be 50 years** since the Supreme Court handed down the Roe v. Wade decision. On June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 the Supreme Court overturned this decision. While we are thankful for this decision, abortion still continues in our state and country. Right to Life of North Central Indiana is sponsoring Roe v. Wade Memorial Services on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> to remember all the babies who have lost their lives to abortion. If you would like to attend one of these services they begin at noon and will be 30 minutes long followed by other opportunities to express your support for the unborn. Please go to [www.nci4life.org](http://www.nci4life.org) for more information. Event locations are: St. Michaels Catholic Church in Plymouth or the Purdue Extension Building in Warsaw.

**Have you heard about the upcoming Women’s Retreat** at Camp Lutherhaven in Albion, IN? You are invited to join with other women as they kick off 2023 together on January 20-22 to experience the theme “Goodness of God” Centered around Psalm 107, dive into how God’s goodness encapsulates, encourages, and endures from speaker Blythe Barreto. This New Year’s retreat promises to be an intentional, fun, and encouraging time with others and with Jesus. For more information and to register, please visit [www.lutherhaven.org](http://www.lutherhaven.org).

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## SCHOOL CORNER

We are excited to be back in school!

The January schedule is very busy and starts off with lots of basketball games:

We will have home games January 9<sup>th</sup> (4:30/5:30), January 11<sup>th</sup> (4:30), and

January 16<sup>th</sup> (5:30). Mark your calendars and come cheer for the Eagles! We will also have away games for both teams at Trinity Elkhart on January 19<sup>th</sup> (4:30/5:30).

The second school quarter has ended. We will have NWEA testing January 9-11<sup>th</sup>.

We have a Virtual Day planned for January 16<sup>th</sup>.

**National Lutheran Schools Week is January 22-27<sup>th</sup>.**

We are always in need of volunteers and substitute teachers. If you are interested in serving in those capacities, please see Nathan Miller or Jennifer Harman. A substitute teaching license (easily obtained from the state) and a background check are required for subbing.

**Thank you to all who donated to the school in 2022, whether it was through giving to the SGO, tuition assistance fund, or by volunteering your time! We appreciate you!**

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**Donations to the SGO are year-round!**

You can find several (easy) ways to donate at [www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate](http://www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate). Donations can be given through a check, IRA, stocks, Donor Advised Funds, PayPal, credit card, and **NOW electronic giving!** Benefits to you are a 50% state tax credit for your donation and eligibility for a tax deduction. **We have provided scholarships for 27 students!** These scholarships make a big difference for our families.

**We also continue to take donations to St. Paul's tuition assistance fund. Checks for tuition assistance can be made out to the church.**