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THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 6, 2019

HOLY COMMUNION

TO OUR GUESTS AND MEMBERS: We receive the Lord's Supper, believing the Word of Jesus, that He gives into our mouths His true body and blood, miraculously united to the bread and wine, to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins, and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His Word, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love one another, even as He forgives and loves us.

God's Word teaches us that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm, and that this Holy Communion is a confession of the faith that is confessed in this church. Therefore any who are not yet instructed, who are in doubt, or are members of a congregation not in the fellowship of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to commune, are asked to kindly speak with the pastor ahead of time. (*Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16-21; 11:17-34*)

The Order of the Holy Communion

+ Prelude

+ Hymn of Invocation - #128

"Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning"

+ The Invocation – pg. 15 (*stand*)

+ The Corporate Confession of Sins and Absolution pg. 15-16

+ INTROIT

Ps. 45:6–8a; antiphon: Ps. 45:17

*I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.*

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of up-rightness;

you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;

therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

+ The Gloria Patri – pg. 16ff

+ The Kyrie – pg. 17

+ The Gloria in Excelsis

+ The Salutation – pg. 19

+ The Collect for the Day

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.**

+ The Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 60:1-6

- *See enclosed insert for the Readings*

+ The Epistle – Ephesians 3:1-12

+ The Triple Hallelujah, pg. 20

+ The Gospel Versus, pg. 20-211

+ The Holy Gospel – Matthew 2:1-12 (*stand*)

+ The Nicene Creed – pg. 22

+ Sermon Hymn – #129

“Hail, Thou Source of Every Blessing”

+ Sermon – “Mystery Revealed!”

Ephesians 3:4-6

- I. The mystery of Christ has been revealed: the Gentiles are fellows in Christ.
- II. Our response to the revealed mystery: thanksgiving and support of the preaching of Christ.

- + **The Offertory, pg. 22-23** (*stand*)
- + **Offerings**
- + **The Prayer of The Church**
- + **The Preface ~ The Agnus Dei** – pp. 24-28
- + **Distribution Hymns**
 - #127** - “As with Gladness Men of Old”
 - #498** - “Rise, Thou Light of Gentile Nations”
 - #126** - “Arise and Shine in Splendor”
- + **The Nunc Dimittis – pg. 29**
- + **The Thanksgiving –pg. 30**
- + **Post-Communion Collect – pg. 31**
- + **The Salutation & The Benedicamus pg. 31**
- + **The Benediction – pg. 31**
- + **Closing Hymn - #127** (*7:00 p.m.*)
 - “As with Gladness Men of Old”

+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +

DAILY READINGS

January 6: Is. 66:1–20; Luke 3:21–38; **7:** Ezek. 1:1–14, 22–28; Rom. 1:1–17; **8:** Ezek. 2:1–3:11; Rom. 1:18–32; **9:** Ezek. 3:12–27; Rom. 2:1–16; **10:** Ezek. 18:1–4, 19–32; Rom. 2:17–29; **11:** Ezek. 33:1–20; Rom. 3:1–18; **12:** Ezek. 34:1–24; Rom. 3:19–31.

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