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The Epiphany of our Lord

January 6, 2019

A Service of Epiphany Hymns

VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

This morning we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast of forgiveness in which we partake of the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. The Bible gives specific instructions about the Lord's Supper. As it can be received to one's blessing or to one's harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord's Table must be approached with a sincere faith and a Biblical understanding. That's why all who are new to the Lutheran faith are instructed about this sacred meal before attending the Lord's Supper. Moreover, this Sacrament is also a testimony of our oneness in what we believe (1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, we welcome to the Holy Supper all members of Immanuel who have been confirmed and those confirmed members of sister congregations with whom we are in fellowship through unity in teaching (LCMS and TAALC). All guests who wish to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with Pastor Sorenson before the service. The faith that we believe and confess is a beautiful gift of God. If you are new to Immanuel, we warmly welcome and encourage you to learn about this faith.

Prelude
Ringing of the Bell
Welcome

Opening Hymn: #400, "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"

Invocation

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

Hymn of Praise: #401, "From God the Father, Virgin-Born"

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Ephesians 3:1-12

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

The Nicene Creedback cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: #397, "As with Gladness Men of Old"

Sermon: "A Star Is Not Enough"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

Confession/Preparation for Receiving the Holy Sacrament

P: In preparation for a worthy reception of the Lord's Supper, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for self-examination)

P: Holy and gracious God,

C: I confess that I have sinned against You. Some of my sin I know - the thoughts, words, and deeds of which I am ashamed. But some of my sin is known only to You, O God. In the Name of Jesus Christ I ask for deliverance and forgiveness. Restore those, kind Father, who do truly repent of their sin, seek the mercy of the Lord, and genuinely desire to walk in the way of Your Word and truth. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us. In Him we have forgiveness and peace. In Him we have the strength to serve God in newness of life.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayerback cover of the hymnal

The Words of Institution

Distribution Hymns

#395, "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

#398, "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

#412, "The People That in Darkness Sat"

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #632, "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"

Chimes/Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

LIFE QUOTE

January 6 "For Christians, then, 'too many people' is impossible. Each additional person affords another opportunity to love and give in the way that brings God Himself the highest joys. And in the neediness of every neighbor more, we encounter and embrace Christ Jesus (Matthew 25:40)." Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR AND FAMILY

Pastor, Sara, Chloe and Leah want to thank everyone for the thoughtful cards, beautiful pictures, and generous gifts for Christmas this year. May God bless our Immanuel family in 2019 and beyond! Peace and joy in Jesus Christ!

CATECHISM REVIEW

The Lord's Prayer

The Second Petition: "Thy kingdom come."

What does this mean?

The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come?

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.