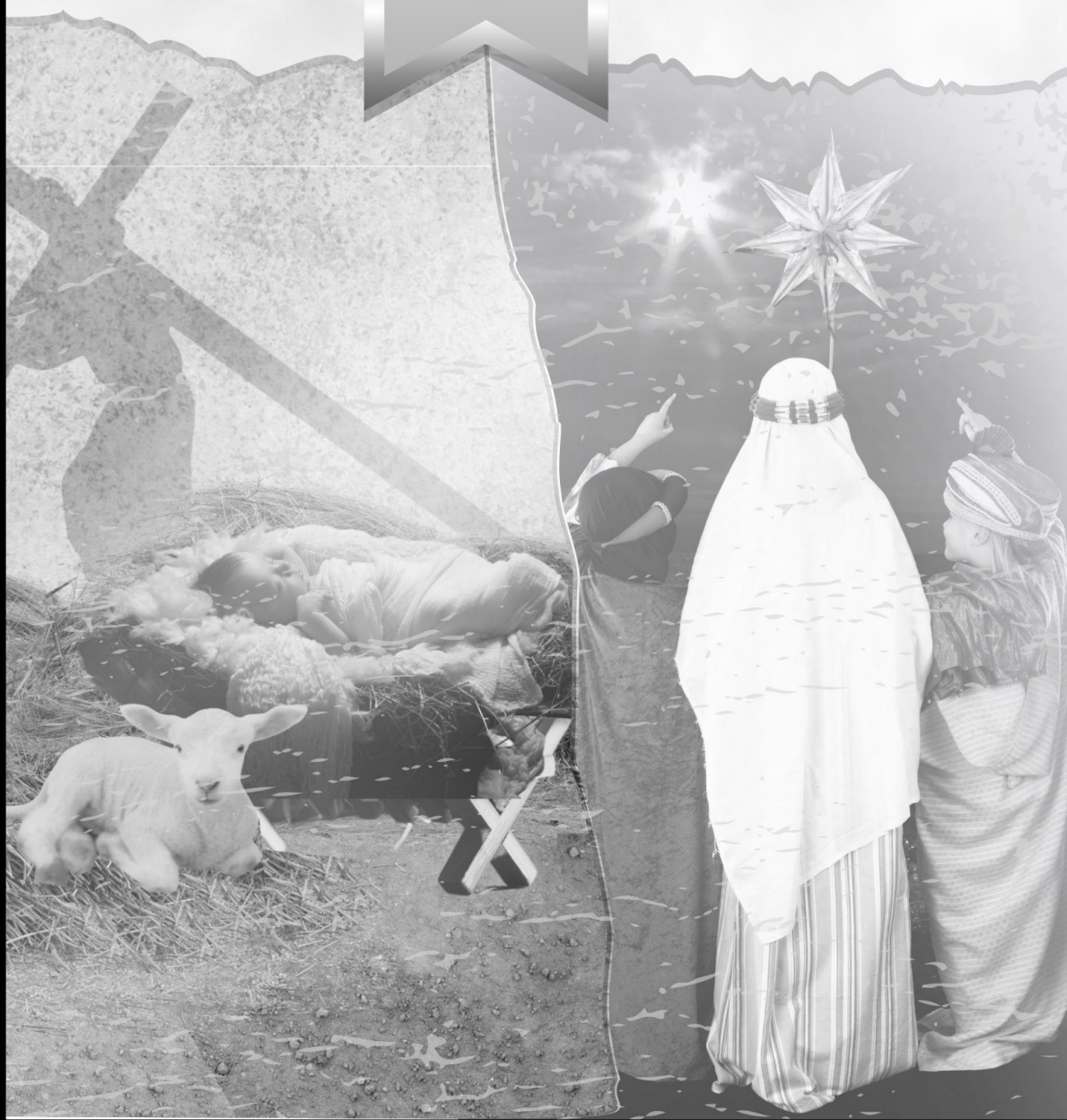


The
EPIPHANY
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saw his star when it rose and
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Matthew 2:2



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The Epiphany of Our Lord

January 6th & 7st, 2024

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The Season

The world is starving for good news. And that is exactly what we get at Christmas. The angel told the shepherds, “I bring you good news of great joy” (Luke 2:10). The angel reported a fact—the birth of One who would make everything right again. This child would remove all our fears and fill our hearts with joy.

The Sunday

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. Epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning “reveal.” The Lord miraculously guides foreigners across countless miles, so the Savior could be revealed to them as well. We rejoice in the good news that this Jewish baby is the Savior for all people—the Savior of the world.

Prayer before Worship

“I rejoiced with those who said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’” Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Timothy Henning

Organist: Laura Schulz

Ushers: Chris Peters (6 pm Saturday)

Matthew Stoltz (8 am Sunday)

Steve Wolter (10:30 am Sunday)

The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

CW 374

Please stand for the 5th stanza



1 The star pro-claims the King is here; but, Her - od,
2 The east - ern Ma - gi saw from far and fol - lowed
3 With - in the Jor - dan Riv - er stood the pure and
4 At Ca - na, mir - a - cle di - vine, when wa - ter
5 All glo - ry un - to Je - sus be and praise for



why this sense - less fear? For he who came from heav - en's
on his guid - ing star, and, led by light, to Light they
ho - ly Lamb of God; the Fa - ther's voice, the Spir - it -
red - dened in - to wine, the faith - ful saw his glo - ry
his e - piph - a - ny, whom with the Fa - ther we a -



throne does not de - sire an earth - ly crown.
pressed and by their gifts their God con - fessed.
dove, con - firmed the Sav - ior from a - bove.
shown and put their trust in him a - lone.
dore and Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.; Coelius Sedulius, 5th cent., abr.
Tune: Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert, Wittenberg, 1535, ed. Joseph Klug
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In the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.



Dialogue

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples.

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

Gloria (Ger) - ACH GOTT VOM HIMMELREICHE

CW 1033

Tune: ACH GOTT VOM HIMMELREICHE



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;



for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.



Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,



we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

Text: Michael D. Schultz

Tune: Musae Sioniae, vol. 7, Wolfenbüttel

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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, by the leading of a star, you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Numbers 24:15–17a

Out of the nation of Israel would come one who would shine like a star for all peoples to see.

¹⁵Then he spoke his message:

“The prophecy of Balaam son of Beor,
the prophecy of one whose eye sees clearly,

¹⁶the prophecy of one who hears the words of God,
who has knowledge from the Most High,
who sees a vision from the Almighty,
who falls prostrate, and whose eyes are opened:

¹⁷“I see him, but not now;
I behold him, but not near.
A star will come out of Jacob;
a scepter will rise out of Israel.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Psalm 72E



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 Kings shall bow down be - fore him and gold and in - cense bring;
4 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
to help the poor and need - y and bid the weak be strong,
all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing.
from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light
To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend,
The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are pre - cious in his sight.
his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
his name shall stand for - ev - er—that name to us is Love.

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Second Reading

Romans 11:13–15, 28–32

Paul writes about his passion for sharing the good news with all people.

¹³I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry ¹⁴in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

²⁸As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, ²⁹for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. ³²For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 2:2

Alleluia!

Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?

We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 2:1–12

Magi from the east are miraculously led to their Savior, and they worship him.

¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

“ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children’s Sermon

Children may come forward to the front pew

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

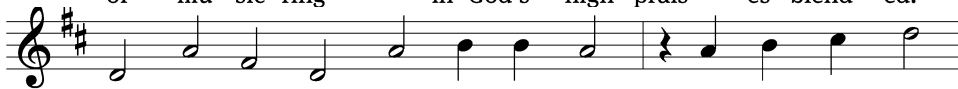
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1 How love - ly shines the Morn - ing Star! The na - tions see
2 O high - est joy by mor - tals won, true Son of God
3 O might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved me ere
4 Oh, joy to know that you, my friend, are Lord, be - gin -
5 Lift up the voice and strike the string, let all glad sounds



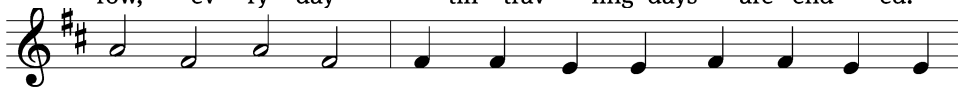
and hail a - far the light in Ju - dah shin - ing.
and Mar - y's son, the high - born King of a - ges!
you had be - gun this an - cient world's foun - da - tion.
ning with - out end, the first and last, e - ter - nal!
of mu - sic ring in God's high prais - es blend - ed.



O Da - vid's son of Ja - cob's race, my Bride - groom and
In your blest bod - y let me be, e'en as the branch
Your Son has made a friend of me, and when in spir -
And you at length— O glo - rious grace— will take me to
Christ will be with me all the way, to - day, to - mor -



my King of grace, for you my heart is pin - ing.
is in the tree, your life my life sup - ply - ing.
it him I see, I joy in trib - u - la - tion.
that ho - ly place, the home of joys su - per - nal.
row, ev - 'ry day till trav - 'ling days are end - ed.



Low - ly, ho - ly, great and glo - rious, O vic - to - rious
Sigh - ing, cry - ing for the sa - vor of your fa - vor,
What bliss is this! He is liv - ing, to me giv - ing
A - men, a - men! Come and meet me, quick - ly greet me!
Sing out, ring out tri - umph glo - rious, O vic - to - rious



Prince of grac - es, fill - ing all the heav'n - ly plac - es.
rest - ing nev - er till I rest in you for - ev - er.
life for - ev - er; noth - ing me from him can sev - er.
With deep yearn - ing, Lord, I look for your re - turn - ing.
cho - sen na - tion; praise the God of your sal - va - tion.

Stand

The Second Article (Redemption)

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

Be seated



Prayer of the Church

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's Son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.

You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

Prince of peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. [We pray especially for...*here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn.

Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

Amen.

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As with Gladness Men of Old

CW 372



- 1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold,
- 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to thy low-ly bed,
- 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare at thy cra-dle, rude and bare,
- 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day keep us in the nar-row way;
- 5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre-at-ed light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright,
there to bend the knee be-fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore,
so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,
and, when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down.



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led by thee.
so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.
There for-ev-er may we sing al-le-lu-ias to our King!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.
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Stand

Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

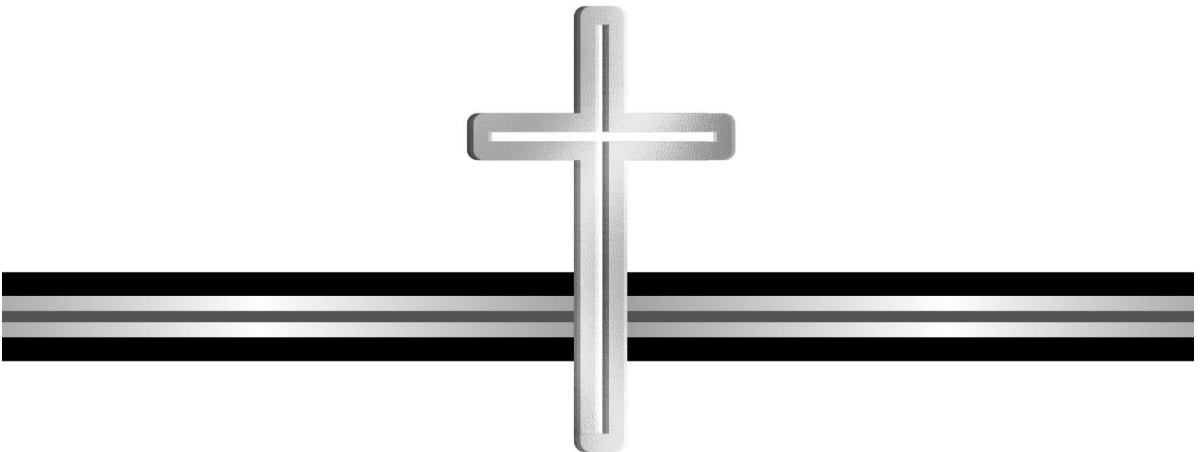
Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.



Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
Amen.



The People Who in Darkness Walked

CW 381



1 The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked have seen a glo - rious
2 To us a child of hope is born, to us a son is
3 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, the Ev - er - last - ing
4 His right - eous gov - ern - ment and pow'r shall o - ver all ex -
5 Lord Je - sus, reign in us, we pray, and make us yours a -



light; the heav'n - ly dawn broke forth on those who
giv'n, and on his shoul - ders ev - er rests all
Lord, the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, the
tend; on judg - ment and on jus - tice based, his
lone, for you are with the Fa - ther and the



dwelt in death and night, who dwelt in death and night.
pow'r in earth and heav'n, all pow'r in earth and heav'n.
God by all a - dored, the God by all a - dored.
reign shall have no end, his reign shall have no end.
Spir - it ev - er one, the Spir - it ev - er one.

Text: John Morison, 1749–1798, abr., alt.

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Announcements

Attendance Cards: We ask that you please fill out a yellow attendance card and place it in the offering basket. Attendance cards are in the pews. Thank you very much!

A BIG Thank you: We wanted to thank everyone who donated gifts for our giving tree this year! The kindness and generosity shown warms our hearts and was greatly appreciated by the families who received the gifts. Thank you!!!

Lutheran Memorial Park – Annual Lot Holders Meeting: The annual lot holders meeting will be held Monday, January 22, 2024, at 6:30pm in the St. Lucas School Meeting Room. Anyone interested in serving on the Cemetery Board, please contact Chairman Paul Lemke at 262-626-4829 or Secretary Joyce Kral at 262-626-2725.

PTO Spring Fundraising Gala – “Pearl of the Sea”: I know, it’s hard to think about spring being right around the corner when the air is getting colder by the day and lingering Christmas decorations still twinkle around town. In reality, St. Lucas Lutheran Grade School’s PTO fundraising gala is only two short months away! Make sure you mark your calendars for this fantastic event being held on **Thursday March 7th, 2024**. The gala aims to raise funds for the school all while providing an enchanting evening for all in attendance. The event will take place at Foundry 45 with food provided by Crave Catering, live music by Whole Yachta Love, and friendly fellowship. In addition to the food, there will be a silent auction as well as a raffle.

The PTO would like to reach out for assistance in making this an enjoyable and successful evening. They are in need of volunteers to assist with various tasks, donations of any size, silent auction items, and gift baskets for the raffle. The PTO will provide a donation receipt for any donations made that will include the PTO’s tax-exempt number for your records.

If you are interested in volunteering your time, providing a donation, or have any questions, please contact Liz Dreher at (262) 923-0241 or Jenell Enright at (608) 669-3190 or jenellenright@gmail.com.

KML Job Opening: KML is looking to fill the position of ***Study Hall/Commons Supervisor***. Duties include monitoring students, maintaining an atmosphere conducive to study, issuing student passes as needed, collecting and entering lunch deposits, and depositing money with the fiscal office. Additionally, the person in this position will compile and disseminate school-wide morning announcements.

This is a part-time seasonal position of approximately 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM, Monday – Friday, yearly from August through May (during the school year). Proposed start date for this job opening: January 2024. Hourly pay is based on experience. This position does not include benefits.

Please submit questions and resumes **on or before January 15, 2024**, to Mrs. Melanie Schoeneck (262.677.4051 x4018; melanie.schoeneck@kmlhs.org).

Frozen Jr.: Mrs. Luba Rohrback and Redeemer Lutheran Church are providing theatre opportunities for any KML Federation students (grades 4th-9th) that are interested in being a part

of Frozen Jr! Rehearsals are held at Redeemer Lutheran Church and KMLHS. Public performances will be held in KML's Performing Arts Center on Thursday, June 20th @7pm, Friday, June 21st @7pm, Saturday, June 22nd @1pm/7pm, and Sunday, June 23 @1pm.

- Auditions are March 3rd 12:00-3:00pm, March 5th 5:30-8:00pm, callbacks March 10th, 4:00-6:00pm;
- Sign up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoA4DA8AA29AoF58-46737857-auditions>
- The theatre group is also looking for kids who would like to be a part of the stage crew.

Please see the flyer for more information and contact Mrs. Rohrback at lyubocka@gmail.com with any questions.

Celebrating God's Blessings This Week:

BIRTHDAYS

Aalee Buslaff – 1/7
Richard Kuehl – 7/8
Robert Wilson – 7/8
Danielle Dreher – 1/9
Brody Kral – 1/10

Cooper Schmidt – 1/10
Paul Becht – 1/12
Conrad Cuffel – 1/12
Siddalee Wendt – 1/12

ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Maureen Stoffel – 1/7
Scott & Patti Derge – 1/13

CALENDAR

Readings for January 7th - January 14th



JAN 07

Sunday

Ezekiel 1:1-14, 22-28
Habakkuk 1:1-3:19
Romans 1:1-17

Worship - 8 am

Bible Study - 9:15 am
Sunday School - 9:15 am

Worship - 10:30 am

JAN 08

Monday

Ezekiel 2:1-3:11
Romans 1:18-22

JAN 09

Tuesday

Ezekiel 3:12-27
Ezekiel 4:1-11:25
Romans 2:1-16

Bible Study - 6:30 pm
Ace Team Meeting -
7 pm

JAN 10

Wednesday

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 19-32
Ezekiel 19:1-24:27
Romans 2:17-29

Catechism Instruction
6th-8th Grade - 3:30 pm

JAN 11

Thursday

Ezekiel 33:1-20
Romans 3:1-18

Fuel for Moms - 7:45 am
Bible Study - 10 am

JAN 12

Friday

Ezekiel 34:1-24
Romans 3:19-31

JAN 13

Saturday

Ezekiel 36:13-28
Romans 4:1-25

**Worship w/Communion
6 pm**

JAN 14

Sunday

Ezekiel 36:33-37:14
Romans 5:1-21

**Worship w/Communion
8 am**
Bible Study - 9:15 am
Sunday School - 9:15 am
**Worship w/Communion
10:30 am**

**Ushers for
1/20 & 1/21**

Sat. 1/20 6 pm - Beyer
Sun. 1/21 8 am - Schacht
Sun. 1/21 10:30 am - Strack

**Ushers for
1/27 & 1/28**

Sat. 1/20 6 pm - Butzke
Sun. 1/21 8 am - Kempf
Sun. 1/21 10:30 am - Koch

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