

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Epiphany



Faith Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

*“We are building a welcoming, nurturing faith community
that is guided by Jesus and shares the Gospel.”*

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Light! Light, light and more light!
Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of God has risen upon you.

**Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem,
wise men came from the East, saying:
Where is he who is born king of the Jews?
**For we have seen his star in the East,
and have come to worship him.**

The wonderful light of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

OPENING HYMN: ELW 300 “The First Noel”

1 The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

- 2 They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*
- 3 And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain*
- 4 This star drew near to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay. *Refrain*
- 5 Then entered in those wise men three,
full rev'rently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. *Refrain*

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD: *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

READING: Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, '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.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They 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." '

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then 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.' When 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. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

REFLECTION - The Fourth Wise Man (based on the story by Henry Van Dyke), retold by Susan Summers, illustrated by Jackie Morris

HYMN OF THE DAY 301 “Bright and Glorious is the Sky”

- 1 Bright and glorious is the sky,
radiant are the heavens high
where the golden stars are shining.
All their rays to earth inclining
beckon us to heav'n above,
beckon us to heav'n above.

- 2 On that holy Christmas night
through the darkness beamed a light;
all the stars above were paling.
all their luster slowly failing
as the wondrous star drew nigh,
as the wondrous star drew nigh..

- 3 Sages from the East afar,
when they saw this wondrous star,
went to find the king of nations
and to offer their oblations
to the child, the newborn king,
to the child, the newborn king.

- 4 Him they found in Bethlehem,
yet he wore no diadem;
there they saw a maiden lowly
with an infant pure and holy
resting in her loving arms,
resting in her loving arms.

- 5 Guided by the star, they found
him whose praise the ages sound.
We too have a star to guide us,
which forever will provide us
with the light to find our Lord,
with the light to find our Lord.
- 6 And this star, as bright as day,
that will never lead astray
with its message so appealing,
is the word of God, revealing
Christ, the way, the truth, the life,
Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

STAR WORDS AND OFFERING MOMENT

***SENDING: God blesses us and sends us into the world to
love and serve our neighbors.***

SENDING HYMN: 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 follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

Blessing

We have celebrated together
that Jesus Christ came not only for Christians,
but to be known by every person,
every country, every culture on earth.
For he is the Savior of all.
May we come to know him better
and then make him known to others,
especially by the way we live.

And may almighty God bless you,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ and walk in his light.

Thanks be to God!

Message & Liturgy: Pastor Sylvia and Pastor Derek

Musician: Vicki Martel



Thank you for your gifts of \$24,378
in general fund offerings for last week.

If you purchased a **Poinsettia** in memory of a loved one for Christmas it can be picked up after Thursday, January 7.

Struggling during this time apart? Visit our website: faithbismarck.com/get-help for resources on mental wellness, parenting, financial assistance, addiction recovery, and more. You are not alone. *God loves you.* We want to walk with you through this hard time. You can also call the office at 701-223-2236 for assistance. Be well and safe!

Just a reminder that we still are collecting Dan's receipts. The receipt bucket is in the entryway, so please drop them off at the Church the next time you stop by! *Thank you.*

Looking for ways to serve God and neighbor during this time? Check out our new "Serve" page on our website faithbismarck.com/serve to learn how you can respond to needs from our partner ministries and the wider community. *Thank you for the many ways you are serving as the church in the world in these days!*

You can **continue to give** to FLC's mission and ministry via mail: (1402 E Ave C, Bismarck, ND 58501), directly through your bank's bill pay feature, electronically through our website, or by using the Give+ app. If you do not already give, please consider committing to a sustaining gift of \$5 or \$10 a month as we continue to share in ministry together.

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2021 Summer Camp Programs






CAMP
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Ministries



- ⇒ Camp of the Cross Ministries offers camps for children and youth that are entering grades 2 through 12!
- ⇒ CCM offers on-site and off-site adventure camps! & Family camps!
- ⇒ CCM offers 2 nights or 5 nights options!
- ⇒ Do you love CCM so much that you want to go twice? Receive half off registration for your second week!

Early Bird Registration Deadlines

1/2 price before Christmas Eve!

February 1, 2021
April 1, 2021

Check out the amounts for each week on our website!

FEATURED CAMPS

Voyagers (entering grades 2-3)

- 3 days/2 nights at camp exploring with Bible study, games, campfires and much more!
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Homesteaders (entering grades 4-5)

- Specialty Camps– fishing, art & in-tents
- Christmas in July
- Mini Week (3 days, 2 nights)

Prairie Dwellers (entering grades 6-7)

- Specialty Camps
- Trekkers Canoeing Week

Pathfinders (entering grades 8-9)

- Specialty Camps
- Pathfinders Week
- Trekkers Canoe Week
- North Country Backpacking
- Christmas in July

Senior High (entering grades 10-12)

- Trekkers
- North Country Backpacking

Camps for Families (check them out!)





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REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

www.campofthecross.com

AT A GLANCE...

Thursday, January 7

9:00 Esther Circle

Friday, January 8

8:00 NA

Saturday, January 9

Sunday, January 10

8:30 Streaming Only Worship

9:45 (A) Church School

Monday, January 11

7:00 AA

Tuesday, January 12

6:00 Elementary Comm

Wednesday, January 13

10:00 Bible Study - ZOOM

11:30 Limited Indoor Worship*

4:30 (A) 8th & 9th Confirmation

6:00 (A) Church School

7:00 Worship - Indoor**

8:00 7th Grade P/S - ZOOM

Thursday, January 14

7:15 Ruth Circle

Friday, January 15

8:00 NA

Saturday, January 16

Sunday, January 17

8:30 Worship - Indoor**

9:45 (B) Church School

5:00 7th Grade P/S

11:00 Worship - Indoor**

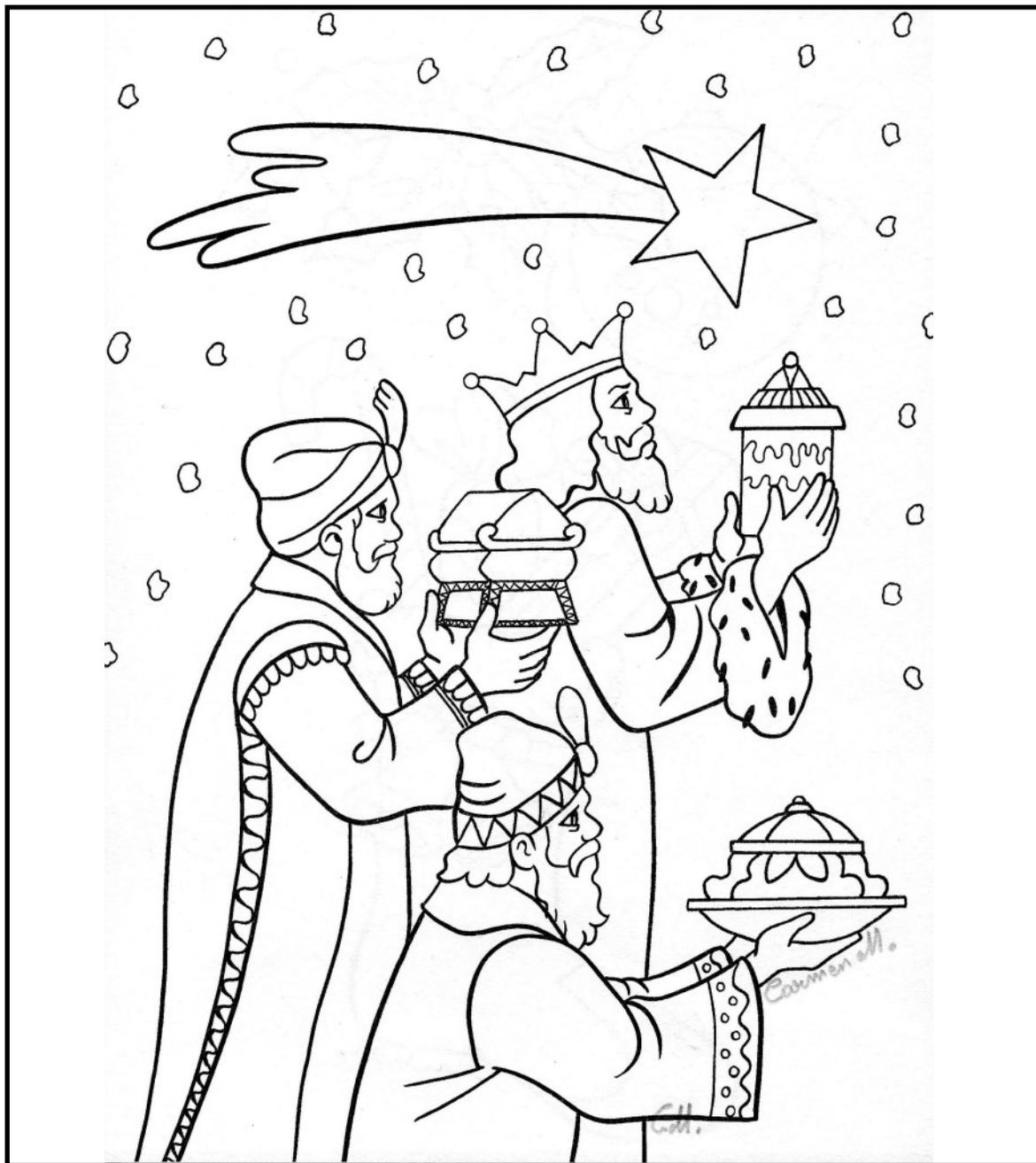
* *Reserved for those without online access.*

** *Masks are required for all in-person worship services.*



Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Psalms 96:1-3



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