

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship – 8 & 10:45 am.

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Sunday School resumes Jan 09

The Epiphany of Our Lord (Observed)

January 02, 2022

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: No Sunday School, No Confirmation (resumes Jan 9)

Jan 4 – Quilters (Tues - 10 AM)

Jan 5 – Ladies Wed Morning Bible Study on Colossians resumes (Wed - 10 AM)

Jan 8 – Rolls & Goals Mtg – Council and Committee Members (Sat - 9 AM)

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INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Isaiah 60:1, 5–6; Matthew 2:2, 10–11*

L: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

C: **We saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.**

L: You shall see and be radiant.

C: **They rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.**

L: They shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

C: **And they fell down and worshiped Him.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 124:8; 130:3, adapt.; Ephesians 3:11–12*

L: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

L: If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

L: Although God has graciously showered the light of His love on us, we have not responded in lives of total devotion. But because He has graciously promised to forgive, let us go to Him in the name of “Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in Him.”

C: **Gracious heavenly Father, we confess that we have let the distractions of this world turn our eyes from seeing the true Light. We have not loved You with our whole hearts. Forgive us and renew in us, hearts to see, follow, and worship You alone.**

DECLARATION OF GRACE

SHARING THE PEACE

HYMN No. 379

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (vss. 1-3)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

O God, You led the Magi to see in the star the news of Christ’s birth. We give thanks that You have enabled us to see Him as our Savior.

C: **Grant us strength of faith to follow where He leads and to worship Him with all that we are and have;**

L: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 60:1–6*

(The Lord promises to visit His people as light, attracting other nations to His glory.)

EPISTLE *Ephesians 3:1–12*

(Paul rejoices in his calling to preach to the Gentiles.)

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the Bread of Life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with Your presence,
And give us, a foretaste of the feast to come.

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father...
...So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

POST-COMMUNION HYMN No. 822 "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring" (vs. 4)

Alleluia! Let praises ring!
Unto our triune God we sing;
Blest be His name forever!
With angel hosts let us adore
And sing His praises evermore
For all His grace and favor!
Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy;
Spread the story Of our God, the Lord of glory!

BLESSING OF THE LORD *Numbers 6:24-26*

HYMN No. 400 "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning" (vss. 1,3,5)

SENDING

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**