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**The Octave of the Epiphany of Our Lord: the First Sunday after Epiphany—The Sunday of Young Jesus in the Temple—“God Manifested in the Youth of Jesus” 07 January 2018**

[Jesus] said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be taking care of my Father’s business?” St. Luke 2:49 (EHV)

**Welcome to Faith! God’s House is your home.** Божий будинок, твій дім!  
 The members of Faith Lutheran are glad to have you join us as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ. Here is where we find our source of forgiveness and life before God. It is our prayer that you also may rejoice in the precious message of the Gospel of our Lord: *“But God, Who is rich in mercy, loved us with such a great love. He made us who were dead in sins alive with Christ. You have been saved by grace”* (Eph. 2. 4, 5). Visitors, please be sure to sign the Guest Book in the entry. Pastor Grabenhofer stands ready to serve you in any way consistent with his office.

**ORDER OF SERVICE—Order of Holy Communion—hymnal pg. 15**

**THE PREPARATION**

Pre-service prayers (hymnal pg. 4; 102-109; 118; 170)  
Hymn: #128 Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning  
 Invocation hymnal pg. 15  
 Confession/ Absolution pg. 15-16

**THE SERVICE OF THE WORD—Jesus comes with His word to enlighten us**

Introit: (Isaiah 6.1; Revelation. 19.6; Psalm 100. 1,2a)  
 P: I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, **C: high and lifted up.**  
 P: Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, crying out, “Hallelujah!”  
**C: For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.”**  
 P: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!  
**C: Serve the LORD with gladness!**

*Gloria Patri* [Glory be to the Father] pg. 16  
*Kyrie* [Lord] pg. 17

*Gloria in Excelsis* [Glory in the highest] pg. 17-19

Salutation/ **Collect** pg. 19

P: O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of Your people who call upon You and grant that they both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill them, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

Epistle— **Romans 12:1-5 (EHV)**

Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy and pleasing to God—which is your appropriate worship. <sup>2</sup>Also, do not continue to conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you test and approve what is the will of God—what is good, pleasing, and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>So by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought, but think in a way that results in sound judgment, as God distributed a measure of faith to each of you. <sup>4</sup>For we have many members in one body, and not all the members have the same function. <sup>5</sup>In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

Gradual: (Psalm 72. 18, 19a, 3; 100.1, 2a)

P: Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only does wondrous things!

**C: And blessed be His glorious Name forever!**  
 P: The mountains will bring peace to the people,  
**C: and the little hills righteousness. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**  
 P: Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!  
**C: Serve the Lord with gladness. Hallelujah!**

Triple Hallelujah pg. 20

Gospel— **St. Luke 2. 41-52** [EHV] pg. 21

<sup>41</sup>Every year [Jesus'] parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. <sup>42</sup>When he was twelve years old, they went up according to the custom of the Festival. <sup>43</sup>When the days had ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup>Since they thought he was in their group, they went a day's journey. Then they began to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.

<sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us this way? See, your father and I have been anxiously looking for you."

<sup>49</sup>He said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be taking care of my Father's business?" <sup>50</sup>They did not understand what he was telling them.

<sup>51</sup>He went down with them and came to Nazareth. He was always obedient to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup>Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with people.

Nicene Creed

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Hymn #133 Within the Father's House

Sermon—St. Luke 2. 41-52

*Epiphany—Jesus Revealed*

1. His Person
2. His work

*[Silence for meditation]*

Offertory  
Offering

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**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:** **Isaiah 60:6** – *"They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD."* Faith in God moves the heart toward thanksgiving, which moves us toward making

offerings to the Lord in His House. It's simply what Christians do: our thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us simply must overflow into sacrificial giving to the Lord. What Isaiah prophesied, the Wise Men did, and we still do today: give with a thankful heart.

### **The Installation of Officers**

President: Mike Harris; Elder: Tom Rosenwinkel; Trustee: Paul Sutton; Treasurer: Sheila Clary; Accountant: Ken Zaun; Secretary: Susan Harris

### **The Prayer of the Church**

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

We come to You, holy Father, with great joy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Him we beg You to accept and bless the prayers and offerings we bring, even as You were pleased with the gold, frankincense and myrrh offered to Your Son by the Magi of old. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember, Lord, Your Holy Church. Watch over her and guide her. Grant her peace and unity throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember, Lord, our Synod president, Matthew; our district presidents; and all pastors, teachers, deaconesses and servants of the Church. Grant them to hold and teach the faith that comes to us from the holy prophets and apostles. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Remember, Lord, our president, our public servants and all in our armed forces. Guide, bless, protect and uphold them in honor. Bring all nations into the ways of peace and justice. In Your kindness and love, grant us seasonable weather and an abundance of the fruits of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember, Lord, all who suffer for Your name, all who are in prison, the hungry and ill-clad, the poor and the lonely, those who travel, and all who cry out to You in their time of need especially those of our parish and our loved ones. Take each hurting heart under Your

tender care and grant them Your peace and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember, Lord, all who are gathered here before You, our living and true God. We pray for our well-being and redemption. Order our days in Your peace, deliver us from the danger of eternal death, and number us among Your chosen flock. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, in communion with the whole Church we give You thanks for Your saints, in whom You have given us a mirror of Your mercy and grace. This holy day we especially thank You for the Magi, the firstfruits of the Gentiles to kneel in worship before Your Son. Give us grace to walk before You with faith like theirs, and grant us a share in their heavenly fellowship. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, we pray You, grant all who approach Your holy altar this day grace to receive worthily the sacramental mystery, the New Testament of our divine Redeemer. He is truly the Lamb of God, who gave Himself once and for all, as a holy, spotless and perfect sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sin and for the life and salvation of the whole world.

Through Him and with Him and in Him all honor and glory is Yours, O God the Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. **Amen.**

### **THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

***Jesus comes to nourish us with His Body and Blood***

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<i>Sanctus</i> (Holy)	pg. 26
The Lord's Prayer and Words of Institution	pg. 27
<i>Agnus Dei</i> (Lamb of God)	pg. 28

***The Distribution of our Lord's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sin and the strengthening of faith***

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION.** "Epiphany" means "manifestation" or "appearance." It is a season which highlights many of the epiphanies of God in human flesh (to the wise men, His miracles, His transfiguration). It is a season which also sets forth Christ as the Light of the world and mission outreach to all peoples. As Jesus manifests Himself

today in the Lord's Supper, His forgiveness empowers us to walk in His light and witness of Him to a world sitting in darkness. Since God's Word teaches that **doctrinal unity** is central to receiving the Lord's Supper together (Holy *Communion*), we practice closed communion and invite to the Lord's Table members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. If you are such a guest and desire the holy Sacrament, please speak with the pastor before the service.

*Nunc Dimittis* (Now You dismiss) and Thanksgiving pg. 29  
Benediction pg. 31

Hymn #127 As With Gladness Men of Old

***The congregation faces the processional cross as it leaves***

Silent Prayer

Pre-Meal Prayer: Hymn #659 Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy

**TELL THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS**



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Today— Epiphany Dinner	after service
Tuesday—Bible Study	6 pm
Thursday—Bible Study	9.30 am
Sunday—Holy Communion preceded by Matins	
Voters' Meeting	after service

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Virginia Butler, Dan and Jean Fraser, Jonna Holden, Arthur Scott, Karen Weiner; Mary Ellen Carl. Ken Zaun and family mourning the death of Ken's brother



**PRAYER:** O Lord God, heavenly Father, I thank You for Your grace in bringing me to holy baptism and in causing me to know Your divine Word and will. Give, I pray, Your Holy Spirit into my heart so that I do not neglect or despise Your Word but apply myself to it and take it to heart; and so that I also continue to grow in fear of You; and so that I, in the end, may die blessed in Your Word and so be saved. Amen.



**EPISTLE:** Romans 12. 1-5 With the hallowed term "sacrifice" Paul marks the continuity of the new worship with the old worship under the Law; with the modifier "living" he marks the discontinuity, the newness of the new worship. The worshiper no longer gives to God the life of another creature; he gives God his living self. Since all men have bodies,

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all can sacrifice, all have become priests. Since men are never without their bodies, worship is constant. Since bodies are visible, all worship becomes a witness and a proclamation, a lived doxology to God; God is glorified in His servant people. This is “spiritual” worship. What the old system with its ritual prescriptions for sacrifice foreshadowed has become substance and reality. This is now worship in its truest and deepest sense. [Franzmann]

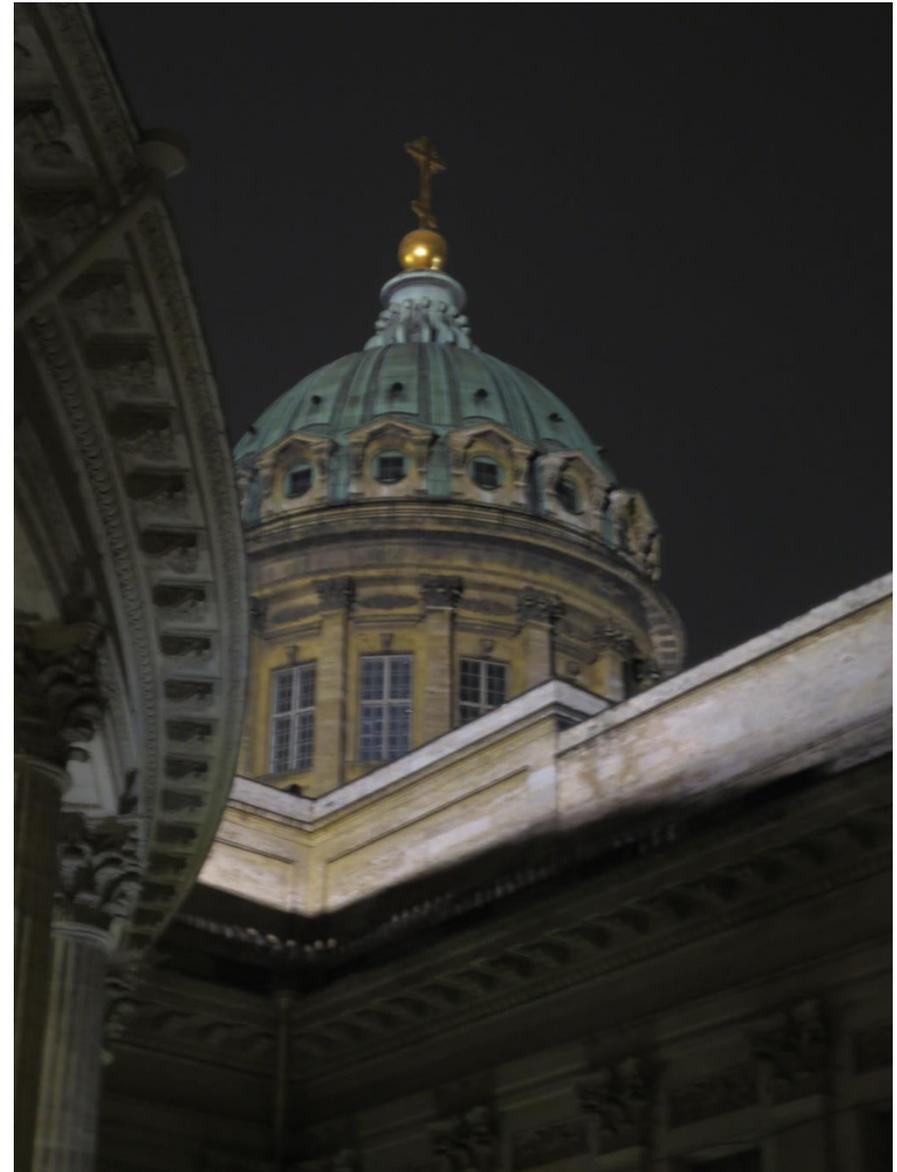
**GOSPEL:** Luke 2. 41-52 Wherefore the Temple was also called His sanctuary and sacred dwelling, since there He, through His Word, showed His presence and permitted Himself to be heard. Thus Christ is about His Father’s business when He speaks to us through His Word and through it brings us to the Father. [Luther]

“Therefore, we must understand Luke’s words in the simplest manner as referring to Christ’s humanity which was a tool and a dwelling of the godhead; even though he was always filled with the spirit and with wisdom, the spirit did not always move him in the same way but aroused him now to this, and now to that, as the necessity required.” [Luther, LW 52:147]

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**St. Ambrose:** Let not the fact that [Christ] is said to have been submissive [to His parents] work against Him, for He receives no hurt from the fact that He is called a servant or is stated to have been crucified or is spoken of as dead. When He died, He lived. When He was made subject, He was reigning. When He was buried, He revived again. He offered Himself in submission to human power, yet at another time He declared He was the Lord of eternal glory. He was before the judge, yet He claimed for Himself a throne at the right hand of God, as Judge forever. For it is written, ‘From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven’ [Mt. 26.64]. He was scourged by the Jews, and He commanded angels. He was born of Mary under the Law [Gal. 4.4]; He was before Abraham above the Law. On the cross He was revered by nature; the sun fled; the earth trembled; the angels became silent. Could the elements see the generation of Him whose Passion they feared to see? And will they uphold the subjection of an adorable nature in Him, in whom they could not endure the subjection of the body?

[Exposition of the Christian Faith, 5.14]



**Kasan Cathedral in St. Petersburg, Russia—Here is a view of its dome flanked by its distinctive colonnade**

*[This is the one that Islamists wanted to blow up recently but by God’s grace were thwarted by Russian authorities tipped off by US authorities, for which President Putin called to thank President Trump.]*