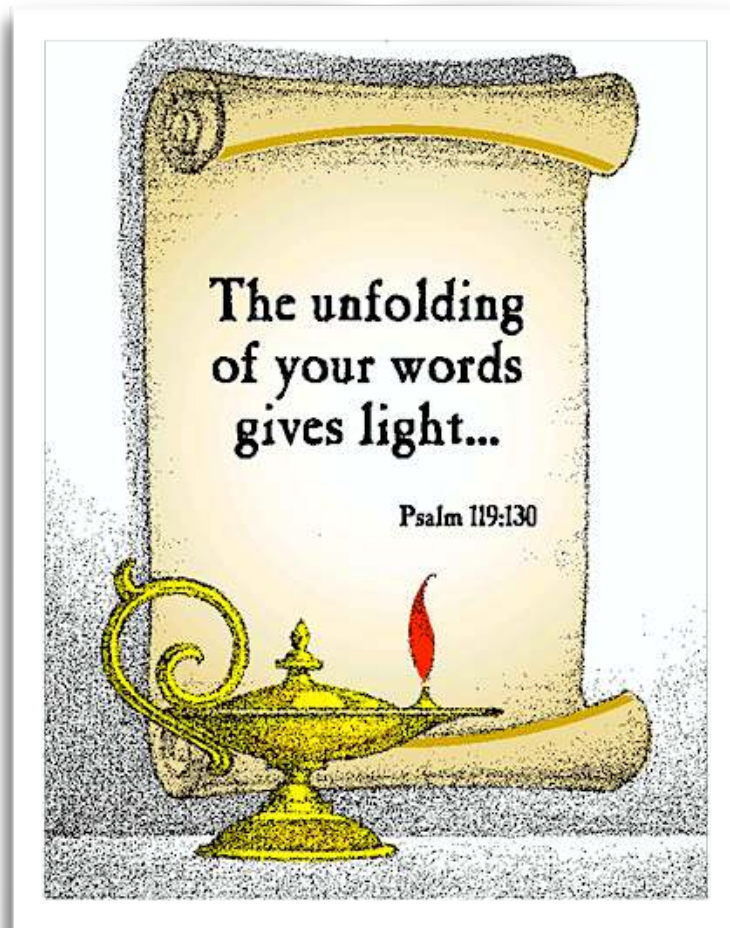


# ***ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH***

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –  
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



**THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD  
JANUARY 6, 2019**

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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD**

*(printed on liturgy insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)*

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 72 (pew bible, p.517)
- ◆ The Hymns: 900, 717 (tan hymnal), 397:1-4, 397:5
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-12
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 119

## **Sermon Text – Matthew 2:1-12**

***“O GOD DRAW ME TO YOU!”***

(a CLC Ministry-by-Mail sermon)

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (397, stanza 5)

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**A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests.** We’re glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus! Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He would be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

### Old Testament – Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

### Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 119

P Lord, because I love your commands:  
**C More than gold, more than pure gold,**  
P And because I consider all your precepts right:  
**C I hate every wrong path.**  
P Your statutes are wonderful:  
**C Therefore I obey them.**  
P The unfolding of your words gives light:  
**C It gives understanding to the simple.**  
P I open my mouth and pant:  
**C Longing for your commands.**  
P Turn to me and have mercy on me:  
**C As you always do to those who love your name.**  
P Direct my footsteps according to your word:  
**C Let no sin rule over me.**

### Second Lesson – Ephesians 3:2-12

Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches

of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

### **Sermon Text – Matthew 2:1-12**

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.'" Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way. [NKJV]

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Today (1/6)	9:30am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Wise Men and Flight to Egypt, NT 4) (Bible Class will resume next week)
Sunday (1/13)	8:30 am	Church Council Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School (First Disciples, NT 9)
	10:45 am	Bible Class

### **UPCOMING IN JANUARY**

- Mary & Martha Ladies' Meeting: Sunday, Jan.20, 10:45 am
- Annual Mtg of the Congregation: Sunday, Jan.27, 10:45 am

### **SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE DURING JANUARY**

- Ushers: Ed Chiappetti, Bob Rankin
- Elder: Larry Reed
- Communion Assistant: Ed Chiappetti

**NOTE TO ST. PAUL COMMUNICANTS:** Holy Communion will be celebrated in January one week later than is customary, on Sunday, January 13. Also, a reminder to all that private communion is available from the pastor at any time upon request.

**PASTOR SCHUETZE WILL RETURN** from his vacation this Tuesday. In an emergency you may reach him at this number (720-465-4809) or through an elder (their numbers are listed on the first page of the Church Directory). Our thanks to Mike Sprengeler for conducting the service in the pastor's absence.

O Lord, our Father, thanks and praise  
In this new year we render,  
For every evil had to flee  
Before You, our defender.  
Our life was nourished, we were fed  
With rich supplies of daily bread,  
And peace reigned in our borders.

Lord Jesus Christ, our thanks and praise  
In this new year we render;  
Your reign has kept Your people free,  
Has shown Your mercies tender.  
You have redeemed us with Your blood,  
You are our joy, our only good,  
In life and death our Savior.

O Holy Spirit, thanks and praise  
In this new year we render,  
For You have led our eyes to see  
Your truth in all its splendor  
And thus enkindled from above  
Within our hearts true faith and love  
And other Christian virtues.

Our faithful God, we cry to You:  
Still bless us with Your favor,  
Blot out all our iniquity,  
And hide our sins forever.  
Grant us a happy, good new year  
And, when the hour of death draws near,  
A peaceful, blest departure.

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