

**This Week:**

<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
<i>Monday:</i>	2:00 PM	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Church Council
<i>Thursday:</i>	11:30 AM	Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV
<i>Friday:</i>	8:30 PM	Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship
	6:30 PM	Call Meeting
	7:00 PM	Annual Meeting

**SERVICE NOTES:**

The word *epiphany* means "manifestation" or "visible display" and refers to the "revealing" of Jesus as Savior, not only of the Jews but of all the peoples of the world.

**Kyrie eleison** is the Greek phrase for "Lord, have mercy." It is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian Church. That is why, even when Latin became the dominant language in the Christian Church, the Greek form of this response was still widely used.

**First Lesson:** The temple was the place in which God came to dwell among his people.

**Second Lesson:** The sacrifices of the Old Testament temple were fulfilled in Christ. God is now present in his body, the Church. The members of that body present their sacrifices and worship by serving one another "by the mercies of God."

**Gospel:** Jesus shows himself to be the obedient Son of Mary & Joseph, even as he is the obedient Son of God, in his Father's house.

**Words of Institution:** "I wish these words of Christ—with a brief pause after the preface—to be recited in the same tone in which the Lord's Prayer is chanted elsewhere in the canon so that those who are present may be able to hear them" (Martin Luther). The notation used for singing the Words of Institution was composed by Luther himself.

**How Lovely Shines the Morning Star:** This hymn by Philipp Nicolai is commonly referred to as the "Queen of Chorales." Catherine Winkworth (hymn translator) wrote, "So popular did it soon become, that its tune was often chimed by city chimes, lines and verses from it were printed by way of ornament on the common earthenware of the country, and it was invariably used at weddings and certain festivals."

**CALL:** Last Sunday the voters extended a divine call to Pastor Jonathan Learman to serve as pastor here at Christ. He currently serves at St. Peter's Lutheran and Zion Lutheran in Theresa, Wisconsin. We pray that God blesses his deliberations.

**VOLUNTEERS:** During the past months since the pandemic shut regular services down, we have tried to adapt so we could still, and maybe in some ways better, serve our members and community. We have had to limit attendance and singing, so we focused on getting live streaming up and running. Along with that we needed music to complete the Sunday message. We want to say a special "THANK YOU" to all who ran the equipment to televise the service and also to those who came every Sunday to make up the little choir to give us music (for the hymns). Of course a thank you to the pianists and organists over the months who again were on the front lines helping to lead worship.

**ECC CALL MEETING:** We will be holding a meeting to call for a preschool lead teacher next Sunday at 6:30 PM (prior to our annual meeting) at church. Anyone may attend to hear information on the candidates.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** The annual meeting will take place next Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**VACANCY:** Pastor Johann Caauwe from Wood Lake is serving as our vacancy pastor. If you need to contact him please call 507-828-5136 or email him at pastor@stjohnswoodlake.com.

**WEATHER RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS:** If church or other church activities need to be cancelled due to weather we will have it announced on KMHL 1400 AM and KKCK 94.7 FM. You can also check marshallradio.net for cancellations and postponements.

**SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH LAST WEEK**

\$4,822 – Budgeted Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$7,646  
 \$590 – Mission Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$366  
 \$250 – Media Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$90  
 \$20 – Building Improvement Fund  
 \$805 – Other Receipts  
 Budgeted offerings: YTD December 2020: \$352,366.31  
 YTD December 2019: \$376,630.29  
 Annual Budgeted – 2021: \$397,580.00

Interested in e-giving, check our website.

**First Sunday after the  
Epiphany  
Sunday, January 10, 2021**

**Service of Word and  
Sacrament**

Opening Hymn #226

Liturgy page 26

First Lesson – see insert

Psalm 84 on page 96

Second Lesson – see insert

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Gospel Lesson – see insert

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