

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

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January 3, 2016 - 10:30 AM – Holy Communion

“The Light of Wisdom” – A service for Epiphany

Prelude

Welcome

Theme Verse:

“Where is the one who is wise?” - 1 Corinthians 1:20

* Gathering Song . . . *“As With Gladness”* (vs 1-3) . . . **ELW #302**

* Responsive Reading (from Psalm 111:1-4, 9-10)

P: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

C: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

P: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

C: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

P: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

C: Holy and awesome is his name!

P: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

C: His praise endures forever!

* Confession and Absolution

P: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, but so often we forsake that wisdom and seek the foolishness and temptations of the world. Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, we turn away from the wisdom of your

holy Word and instead follow the temptations of the devil, the world and our own sinful desires. We sin against you each day in our thoughts, words and actions. Have mercy on us and forgive us for the sake of Jesus our Lord.

P: Christ our Lord, the Child of Bethlehem, was born to save us. He carried our sins in his own body to the cross. For his sake and by his command, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. His praise endures forever!

* Prayer of the Day (*Spoken by Pastor*)

* Hymn (*words below, tune to ELW #676*)

1. The star proclaims the King is here;
but, Herod, why this senseless fear?
For he who offers heav'nly birth
seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.
2. The eastern sages saw from far
and followed on his guiding star;
And, led by light, to light they trod
and by their gifts confessed their God.
3. For this thy glad epiphany
all glory, Jesus, be to thee,
Whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit evermore. (Congregation is Seated.)

Children's Sermon

Hymn *“Songs of Thankfulness”* (vs 1 & 4) **ELW #310**

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

*Gospel Reading (please stand). Matthew 2: 1-12

Sermon – *“Where is the One Who is Wise?”*

Hymn of the Day *“Brightest and Best”* (vs 1 & 2) **ELW #303**

Prayers (*responsive*) Each petition ends with the following response:

P: Jesus, King and Savior,

C: Fill us with the light of your wisdom.

P: Lord Jesus, you are the promised Light of the world.
Help us by your Spirit to follow in your steps and to
reflect your light in our thoughts, words and actions.
Jesus, King and Savior,

C: Fill us with the light of your wisdom.

P: Lord Jesus, the word of the cross is foolishness to the
world, but to us it is the power of God for our salvation.
Keep us faithful in our proclamation of the saving Word,
the good news of your death and resurrection. Jesus,
King and Savior,

C: Fill us with the light of your wisdom.

P: Lord Jesus, the wise men were truly wise because the
Spirit, the star and the Scriptures led them to worship
you, the Child of Bethlehem. Lead us into true wisdom
by your Spirit and your Word that we, in turn, might
lead others to know and worship you as Lord. Jesus,
King and Savior,

C: Fill us with the light of your wisdom.

* Peace

Offering

Choir *"Children of Light"* Travis Boyd

* Offertory Song . . . *"What Child is This"* (vs 1) . . **ELW #296**

* The Holy Communion, beginning on ELW page 129

Hymn During Distribution of Holy Communion

"This Little Light of Mine" **ELW #677**

Communion Blessing after all have communed

Mission Announcements

* Benediction

P: Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe?

**C: Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made
foolish the wisdom of the world?**

P: For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not
know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the
folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

C: For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,

P: But we preach Christ crucified—

C: Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

P: Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to
my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according
to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret
for long ages but has now been disclosed and through
the prophetic writings has been made known to all
nations, according to the command of the eternal God,
to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise
God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

* Sending Song "Hail, O Source" (to the tune of ELW #742)

1. Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing,
Father of our human race!
Gentiles now, your grace possessing,
in your courts obtain a place.
Grateful now, we fall before you,
in your Church rejoice to live,
See your glory and adore you,
thankful for the grace you give.
2. Once far off, but now invited,
we approach your sacred throne,
In your covenant united,
reconciled, redeemed, made one.
Now revealed to eastern sages,
see the Star of Mercy shine,
Myst'ry hid in former ages,
myst'ry great of love divine.
3. Hail, O all-inviting Savior!
Gentiles now their off'rings bring,

In your temples seek your favor,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.
May we, body, soul, and spirit,
live devoted to your praise,
Glorious realms of bliss inherit,
grateful anthems ever raise.

Dismissal P: Go in peace, guided by the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

The Asterisk () indicates to please stand if you are able;
ELW is the red "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" in the pew rack.*

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY.

*If you would like more information about this community of faith,
please speak to Pastor Deal.*

Serving in our worship this morning:

Acolyte/Youth Communion Assistant Jack Pyne
Council Communion Assistants . . . Joe Hlavaty, Beth Snyder
Readers TBA
Greeter Miriam Anderson
Head Usher David Sauter
Altar Guild & Communion Bread . . . Mark Harwick, Barb Naska
Counters Joe Hlavaty, Beth Snyder
Organist/ Choir Director Carolyn Williams
Parish Secretary Ann Wong
Custodians Dianna Streletz and Norma Fox

Calendar

*Care-A-Lot Preschool resumes Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday,
9 AM – 12:30 PM*

Today, Sunday, January 3 - Second Sunday of Christmas

No Sunday School
10:30 AM – Holy Communion

Wednesday, January 6 – The Day of Epiphany

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Next Sunday, January 10 2016 – The Baptism of Our Lord

9:00 AM Spark Sunday School/Confirmation/Bible Study

10:30 AM Affirmation of our Baptism

Happy New Year!