



Epiphany of Our Lord
January 6, 2019
8:30am and 10:30am

WHY
JESUS?



Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church!

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

SUNDAY, JAN. 6, 2019

Our current sermon series is

“Why Jesus?”

We begin a new worship series called “Why Jesus?” today. We’ll be following the gospel of Matthew to help us discover or rediscover why following Jesus matters for us today and how God intends to shape our lives as disciples. You can go deeper each week by picking up a Big Idea Guide outside of the sanctuary or signing up with the yellow *Life of Zumbro* insert to receive it in your email each week.

Prayers for Healing are part of our service following communion. If you seek healing for yourself or someone you know, you are invited to stop at a prayer station.

Young children are most welcome at worship. A coloring page is available at the ushers’ stand for your children to work on during worship if they would like. This color page corresponds to the theme of worship. If needed, the nursery is available during all services. Please ask an usher for directions.

Story Time +PLUS+ is offered during the sermon for children three years old to fifth grade. They return to the sanctuary during the song following the sermon.

Please silence your cell phones and pagers.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD
WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

ARR. ROBERT A. HOBBY

ARR. KRISTINA LANGLOIS

As you prepare your heart for worship during the prelude, you are invited to pray:

Holy God, shine your light and love in my life
that I may be a reflection of your presence in the world.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Gracious God,

C: we would like to be among those, like the Wise Men, who traveled to worship the coming of God's love into this world. And yet, we recognize all the times we are more like Herod.

We cling to the security of our privilege, rather than stand up for the rights of the oppressed. We are complicit in the harming of innocents for the sake of profit, or power, or because we fear to know, and to change, the injustices of this world. Fill us with your light, that we may live as your disciples. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

L: God's light is present in this world.

Present in the Christ child, born to lead us into peace.

Present in the star that guides us to love.

God's light is in the world, and the darkness did not overcome it.

In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Amen.

please turn to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary

HYMN 302

AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

stanzas 1-4; harmony stanzas 2-3

you may be seated

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

RISE UP! SHINE!



songleader: 1 Rise up! Shine! Your light has come.
 all: 2 Bring him gold and spic - es rare.
 3 We have seen his star so bright.



Je - sus, the light of the world.



Glo - ry dawns on ev - 'ry - one.
 Praise his glo - ry ev - 'ry - where.
 Come and wor - ship with de - light.

All

Refrain



Je - sus, the light of the world. We'll



walk in the light, beau - ti - ful light,



come where the dew - drops of mer - cy are bright.



Shine all a - round us by day and by night,



Je - sus, the Light of the world.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Loving God,

C: you offer us the gift of faith and call us to share that gift with the world. Make us examples of your grace and love. As we begin a new year, fill us with hope in you and help us commit our lives to the redemptive work you are doing in the world, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

WORD

SCRIPTURE SONG

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

ROBERT GIERE



We are blessed to be a ___ bles - sing in our fam - 'lies, church and



world, giv - en grace ___ we are ___ grace - ful, o - pen hands and hearts to



serve. Ma - gi came to find the ___ Christ - - Child seek - ing



an - swers long fore - told ___ As to - day we seek him ___



still, the Christ - Child leads us to his light.

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 2:1-23 NRSV

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

¹³Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸"A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead. ²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

L: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

STORY TIME

SERMON

PASTOR JASON BRYAN-WEGNER

please stand as you are able

HYMN 843

PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Dwelling in the presence of God with us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all in any need.

a brief silence

after each petition the congregation responds:

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Trusting in the presence of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, we commend all for whom we pray, dwelling in the light and hope of Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

PEACE

you may be seated

During the Offering, please pass the Connection Pad in the pew.

MEAL

OFFERING

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THE THREE KINGS

PETER CORNELIUS

RALPH SCHORNACK, SOLOIST

Three kings from Persian lands afar to Jordan follow the pointing star:
And this the quest of the travelers three, where the newborn King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King; gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray; the kings to Bethlehem make their way.
And there in worship they bend the knee, as Mary's child in her lap they see;
Their royal gifts they show to the King, gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

O earthly child, lo, to Bethlehem the kings are travelling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring; offer thy heart to the infant King, offer thy heart!

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

L: Come to the table where Christ meets you. Eat, rejoice, and be glad!

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

- *We invite to the table all who hunger for Jesus.*
- *We will serve communion at stations; the ushers will direct you.*
- *If you prefer wine, take an empty cup from the serving tray and it will be filled from the pouring chalice.*
- *If you prefer grape juice, take a filled cup from the center of the serving tray.*
- *Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*
- *Children who do not yet commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*
- *If you are unable to come forward to receive the sacrament and would like a server to bring it to you at your seat, please tell an usher when your row is invited to go forward.*
- *Today we bless the bread and wine that will be brought by Care Ministers to those homebound members who are unable to be at worship. This offers our absent members a means of participating in the worship of the whole assembly.*
- *Following communion, if you would like to receive a prayer for healing for yourself or someone you know, please stop at a prayer station.*

LAMB OF GOD

[TUNE: ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY]

**Lamb of God, the world's Redeemer, mercy to your people gathered here.
Lamb of God, the world's Redeemer, mercy to your people gathered here.
Lamb of God, we all implore, grant us peace forevermore.**

MUSIC

8:30AM

BRIGHTEST AND BEST

ARR. ROBERT A. HOBBY

10:30AM

WHAT STAR IS THIS?

BASED ON PUER NOBIS, 15TH C.,

ZUMBRO LUTHERAN CHOIR

ARR. MICHAEL BEDFORD

What star is this, with beams so bright, more beautiful than the noonday light?
It shines to herald forth the King, and Gentiles to his crib to bring.

Thus spake the prophet from afar who told the rise of Jacob's star;
And eastern sages with amazement upon the wondrous token gaze.

The guiding star above is bright, within them shines a clearer light,
And leads them on with power benign to seek the Giver of the sign.

To God the Father, heav'nly Light, to Christ, revealed in earthly night,
To God the Holy Ghost we raise our equal and unceasing praise.

HYMN

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
bring to crown him a - gain; king for - ev - er,
owns a de - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
God and Sac - ri - fice; heav'n sings al - le -



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing you - der star.
ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

BLESSING

L: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever.

C: Amen.

please stand as you are able

SENDING

BENEDICTION

L: God the Creator who delights in you, Jesus the Savior who is born for you, and the lifegiving Spirit who shines on you, + bless you and keep you in hope and peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN 301

BRIGHT AND GLORIOUS IS THE SKY

stanzas 1, 2, 5, 6

please turn and face the cross as it exits the sanctuary

SENDING

L: People of Zumbro, what is our mission?

C: Our journey of faith leads us to build bridges of understanding and peace, to reach out with compassion, and to share the hope of Jesus. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

HOW BRIGHTLY SHINES THE MORNING STAR

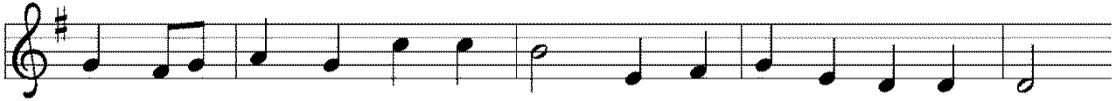
ARR. ROBERT A. HOBBY

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Jason Bryan-Wegner; **WORSHIP LEADER**-Lisa Kipp; **LECTORS**-Erika Polansky (8:30am); Janet Swanson (10:30am); **ORGANIST**-Kristy Giere; **SONGLEADER**-Janette Reeves; **SINGING**-Ralph Schornack; Zumbro Lutheran Choir-Bob Giere, director (10:30am); **GREETERS**-Carol Noonan (8:30am); Sandy Simonson (10:30am); **USHERS**-Helen and Phil Erickson, Russell Johnson, Bill Miller, Richard Miller, Lyle Solem, Les Thronson, Luanne Wussow (8:30am); Susan, Kyle, and Larry Boehm, Gloria and Ron Bonnicksen, Vickie Gullickson (10:30am); **COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**-Maggie Bartels, Julie Caesar, Karen Campbell, Karen Cohen, Amy Holtan, Kathy Morton, Ann and Noel Peterson (8:30am); Gene Flaten, Laurel Otteson, Mary Schneckloth, Leone Trygstad, Lori Windhorst (10:30am); **CROSSBEARERS**-Kyle Boehm (10:30am)

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As with Gladness Men of Old



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.

Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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Bright and Glorious Is the Sky



1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the
 2 On that ho - ly Christ - mas night through the dark - ness
 3 Sa - ges from the east a - far, when they saw this
 4 Him they found in Beth - le - hem, yet he wore no



heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.
 beamed a light; all the stars a - bove were pal - ing,
 won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions
 di - a - dem; there they saw a maid - en low - ly



All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to
 all their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing as the won - drous
 and to of - fer their ob - la - tions to the child, the
 with an in - fant pure and ho - ly rest - ing in her



heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.
 star drew nigh, as the won - drous star drew nigh.
 new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.
 lov - ing arms, rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.

5 Guided by the star, they found
 him whose praise the ages sound.
 We too have a star to guide us,
 which forever will provide us
 with the light to find our Lord,
 with the light to find our Lord.

6 And this star, as bright as day,
 that will never lead astray
 with its message so appealing,
 is the word of God, revealing
 Christ, the way, the truth, the life,
 Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

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