



*"Where is the one who has been
born king of the Jews?
We saw his star in the east and
have come to worship him."*

Matthew 2:2

The Knowledge of Christ Has Enlightened Us!

January 9, 2022 | Epiphany Sunday

Welcome to Atonement!

“O Come! Let us worship the Lord!” So the Psalm writer exulted as he contemplated going to worship. Thank you for joining us today. May God richly bless our time together!

- † The worship order is meant to be both dignified and uplifting. To assist you in following along, the order is both printed in this service folder and also projected on the screens.
- † Restrooms are located in the back of church off the narthex. The Men’s room is on the parking lot side, and the Ladies’ room is on the Sherman Blvd. side.
- † Your children are welcome in our service. Thanks for bringing them to hear about their Savior Jesus! If they need a break, you may use the quiet room located just beyond the gathering area at the back of church.

Today’s Focus: Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of Jesus! The word “Epiphany” comes from a Greek word meaning “to reveal” or “to make known.” What has God revealed? He’s revealed to us that Jesus is the Savior, and that, as a result, our sins are forgiven. Today we particularly appreciate the fact that we KNOW these truths. Thank God that he’s revealed to us the knowledge that he has saved us!

Silent Prayer: Dear Lord, as I worship today, remind me of your amazing grace. Reveal your truths to me yet again, so that I may have a stronger knowledge of you and your love. Use that knowledge to sustain me as I continue to journey towards life everlasting. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Preaching: Pastor Tom Kock

Accompanist: Kevin Poston

A litany of **CONFESSION, FORGIVENESS, & PRAISE** *based on portions of Isaiah 60*

Minister: Arise, shine, for Jesus, your light, has come,

Congregation: And the glory of the LORD rises upon us!

However, the darkness of our sins still confronts us.

We cannot escape this darkness on our own.

Because of sin's darkness, we have not always trusted you and your enlightening Words.

We have sinfully looked to others for knowledge and truth.

While our sins bring darkness, God brings light. Your sins are forgiven!

The glory of the LORD has risen upon us and his glory appears over us!

O come! Let us worship the newborn Savior!

Let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation!

♪ **Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Once you sang creation's story;
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

Nations have come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Our eyes are lifted up and we look to you.

All assemble and come to you for your glory is radiant.

Our hearts throb and swell with joy because of you!

As Isaiah foretold, sons from afar brought your Son gifts of gold.
May we, too, honor and praise you, O Lord, the Holy One of Israel!

O come! Let us worship the newborn Savior!
Let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation!

♪ **Magi, leave your contemplations;
Brighter visions beam afar.
Seek the great desire of nations;
You have seen the Savior's star.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

Lord God, by the leading of a star you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith, to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

O come! Let us worship the newborn Savior!
Let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation!

♪ **Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In his temple shall appear.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Ever more you're your voices raising
To th'eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

WE LISTEN TO OUR GOD

FIRST READING

1 Kings 10:1-9 NIV

¹ When the queen of Sheba heard about the fame of Solomon and his relationship to the LORD, she came to test Solomon with hard questions. ² Arriving at Jerusalem with a very great caravan—with camels carrying spices, large quantities of gold, and precious stones—she came to Solomon and talked with him about all that she had on her mind. ³ Solomon answered all her questions; nothing was too hard for the king to explain to her. ⁴ When the queen of Sheba saw all the wisdom of Solomon and the palace he had built, ⁵ the food on his table, the seating of his officials, the attending servants in their robes, his cupbearers, and the burnt offerings he made at the temple of the LORD, she was overwhelmed.

⁶ She said to the king, “The report I heard in my own country about your achievements and your wisdom is true. ⁷ But I did not believe these things until I came and saw with my own eyes. Indeed, not even half was told me; in wisdom and wealth you have far exceeded the report I heard. ⁸ How happy your people must be! How happy your officials, who continually stand before you and hear your wisdom! ⁹ Praise be to the LORD your God, who has delighted in you and placed you on the throne of Israel. Because of the LORD’s eternal love for Israel, he has made you king to maintain justice and righteousness.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

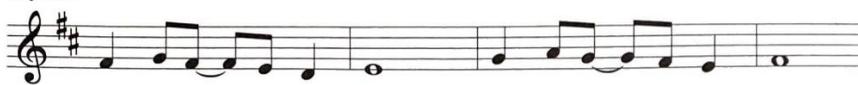
PSALM

“Every Nation on Earth”

Psalm 72, version C

Please join in singing the Refrain as you are comfortable. The song leader will sing the verses.

Refrain



Ev - 'ry na - tion on earth, ev - 'ry na - tion on earth,



ev - 'ry na - tion a - dores you, Lord, yes, ev - 'ry na - tion on earth.

to Verses



Ev - 'ry na - tion a - dores you, Lord, yes, ev - 'ry na - tion on earth.

after last refrain

Verses

Give the king your justice, O God,
And your righteousness to the king's son.
This one shall be the hope of the needy,
The hope of the poor and oppressed.

May he reign while the sun endures,
For as long as the moon lights the sky.
Fresh as the rainfall that waters the earth,
Gifting his people with peace.

He shall reign from sea to sea
To the farthest ends of the earth.
All of the nations shall praise and adore,
All peoples will bring him their gifts.

He shall answer the poor when they call
And shall hear the ones with no voice;
Mercy and help to the ones who are weak
And freedom to all those enslaved.

SECOND READING

Acts 13:46-49 NIV

⁴⁶ Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: "We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. ⁴⁷ For this is what the Lord has commanded us:

" 'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.' "

⁴⁸ When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.

⁴⁹ The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



1 As with glad - ness men of old Did the guid - ing
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to your
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare At your cra - dle,
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day Keep us in the
 5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright Need they no cre -



star be - hold, As with joy they hailed its light,
 low - ly bed, There to bend the knee be - fore
 rude and bare, So may we with ho - ly joy,
 nar - row way; And, when earth - ly things are past,
 a - ted light; You its light, its joy, its crown,



Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright, So, most gra - cious
 You whom heav'n and earth a - dore, So may we with
 Pure and free from sin's al - loy, All our cost - liest
 Bring our ran - somed souls at last Where they need no
 You its sun which goes not down. There for - ev - er



Lord, may we Ev - er - more your fol - lowers be.
 will - ing feet Ev - er seek your mer - cy seat.
 treas - ures bring, Christ, to you, our heav'n - ly King.
 star to guide, Where no clouds your glo - ry hide.
 may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King!

SERMON

Matthew 2:1-12 NIV

¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ " 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.' "

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S UNCHANGING LOVE

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The meaning of the 2nd Article of Apostles Creed

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

THANK OFFERING

If you prefer to give electronically, you are welcome to use the Vanco mobile app, or to go to AtonementWELS.org/worship. The members of Atonement have joined together to spread God's message both in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. You are our guests, and we thank you for giving us the opportunity to share God's Word with you!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Sung to the traditional tune of "Away in a Manger"

**♪ Our Father in heaven, all praise to your name!
Your kingdom among us, your will done the same.
By mortals and angels, come Lord, reign alone:
Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne.**

**The bread that we yearn for provide us each day;
As we forgive others, our sins take away:
In times of temptation, to lead us be near;
From evil deliver your children most dear.**

**For yours is the kingdom; o'er all things you reign.
And yours is the power; all things you maintain.
To you be the glory, resounding again
From all of creation, forever, Amen!**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Brightest and Best"



1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
3 Shall we not yield him in cost - ly de - vo - tion
4 Vain - ly we bring him the fin - est of of - f'ings,
5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall.
Rar - est of fra - gran - ces, tri - bute di - vine,
Vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure.
Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.



Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
An - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
Rich - er by far is the praise that the heart brings;
Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
Mak - er and mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.
Myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?
Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

*After the closing hymn there will be a moment for silent prayer and reflection. Please take a moment fill in the **Friendship Register** located on your pew nearest the center aisle.*

Our Mission: To GO into our neighborhood with the good news of Jesus' Atonement and gather around God's Word to GROW in our faith and service.

To Our Visitors

Thank you for coming! We're thrilled you worshiped with us today.

We pray that each of us were blessed as we reflected on God's love. If this is your first time at Atonement, we pray it will be the first of many! Please direct any questions you might have to Pastor Kock or one of the members. Come back soon!

Bible Information Class Beginning Monday, January 24th at 6 p.m. in the school PAC

For those who are interested in membership as well as those interested in a review of the fundamental teachings of the Christian faith.
Come and learn about who God is and what he has done for us.

This Week's Calendar

Tuesday School Board meeting 6:30 p.m.
Thursday Choir rehearsal 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Looking to Next Week

Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. (Communion)
Voters' Meeting
Monday **Martin Luther King Day**, Church office closed, No school
Thursday Choir rehearsal 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Atonement Lutheran Church is affiliated with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Our message is that Jesus Christ was crucified and rose from the dead for the salvation of all humans.

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SCHEDULE

WORSHIP – Sundays at 9:00 A.M.
BIBLE STUDY – Sundays at 10:15 A.M.
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HOLY COMMUNION

We celebrate Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.



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