

**Epiphany of Our Lord  
JANUARY 4-5, 2024**

**ORDERS OF WORSHIP**

**Saturday Worship - 5pm**

Welcome & Announcements  
 Invocation  
 Call to Worship  
 Confession & Forgiveness  
 Litany of Praise  
 Prayer of the Day  
 Bible Readings  
 Message  
 Hymn of the Day  
 Creed, Prayers and Peace  
 Offertory Song

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The Words of Communion  
 Communion  
 The Lord's Prayer  
 Blessing & Sending

**Sunday Liturgical - 10am**

Prelude  
 Invocation  
 Confession & Forgiveness  
 Opening Hymn  
 Greeting  
 Kyrie  
 Prayer of the Day  
 First Bible Reading  
 Psalm of the Day  
 Second Bible Reading  
 Gospel Acclamation  
 Today's Message  
 Hymn of the Day  
 Creed, Prayers & Peace  
 Offertory  
 Offering  
 Eucharistic Liturgy & Lord's Prayer  
 Lamb of God & Distribution  
 Blessing & Prayer  
 Benediction & Sending Hymn  
 Dismissal

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Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

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**WEEKLY WORSHIP  
 BULLETIN FOR  
 ST. JOHN'S  
 LUTHERAN CHURCH  
 OF THE ERIE LUTHERAN PARISH**

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**YOU BELONG HERE**

We welcome you to our congregation this weekend! We are glad to have you with us. We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. We believe that Christ is present in this meal of forgiveness and unconditional love. We welcome all to join us at the Lord's Table. If you choose not to commune, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing.

If you are new to us, everything you need for worship is projected on the screen and in this bulletin. Please feel free to use the red hymnal found in your pew, if you are more comfortable. The pages and hymn numbers are to the left of this bulletin.

Please join us for coffee after worship in the lobby.

Should you need a restroom, they are through the glass doors in the back of the nave (sanctuary) and down the hallway on your left. A family/handicap accessible restroom with baby changing station is available in the front lobby (Peach Street entrance).

**TODAY'S THEME**

The feast of Epiphany ("manifestation") concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.

**Today's Bible Readings**

Isaiah 60:1-6	Pew Bible p. 602
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Pew Bible p. 464
Ephesians 3:1-12	Pew Bible p. 950
Matthew 2:1-12	Pew Bible p. 783

**Today's Message**

*"The Work of Christmas Begins"* by Rev. Ralph Mineo

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**PSALM RESPONSE:**



Psalm 72:11

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**OUR PRAYER LISTS:**

**Members:** Barb Huff, Tom Tell, Nancy Varner, Janel Anderson, Katie Kay

**Cancer treatments:**

**Friends of the congregation:** Ian Minner, Rev. Jerry Gray, Michelle, Baby Easton, Matt, Mary Bemis, Derf Hopsecger, Vickie Baldwin, Jonathan B., Joe Mineo, family of Audrey Hettrick, Heidi Sturtevant, Jill Eichner.

**Cancer Friends:** Canda, Chris

**Other prayer requests:** The family and friends of Ken Marshall

*Prayer Requests/Names will be removed on the 1st of each month unless otherwise requested. If you would like a name on the prayer list, please use the "Prayer Request" link on our church website, email or phone the church office.*

We would like to thank the St. John's Chancel Choir for their gift of music today.

**Choir Rehearsals** – Choir rehearsals will resume on Sunday, January 5th. The Chancel Choir rehearses at 9:00 AM and the Bell Choir at 11:15 AM. New members are welcome. Start the New Year with a resolution to sing and ring for the Lord.