# Notes: Sermon Text "The Magi teach us true faith," said Martin Subject Luther. Given the obstacles they encountered, we would understand if they had given up altogether! First, the travelers were "off the mark," coming to Jerusalem to seek a newborn king in a "royal palace." Then, directed to Bethlehem, the wise men found a sight "so utterly out of keeping with a king" — a poor young woman and child, in a "poor hut" — that one might expect them to head straight home. "But," declares Luther, "with a great, strong and full faith they ... follow the word of the prophet and the witness of the star in all purity of heart," bowing to worship and honor the Savior. —Based on Luther's sermon for the Festival of the Epiphany (1522), Luther's Works Spiritual "To Do List" (things God has shown me today) Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, humanity in God, God in humanity, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look ... their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die. —Peter Chrysologus (5th century)

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Welcome to worship as we celebrate the coming of the Savior for the whole world. *Epiphany* refers to the *'showing forth or appearance'* of the Savior to the wise men who were Gentiles. The message is that Christ is for every person - Jew or Gentile - and that is a cause for us to rejoice as we face the unknown year ahead.

#### Announcements

- January 21 7:30 p.m. Zone Rally at Rockwood PHC
- January 21 9 -11 p.m. Night of Prayer
- January 23 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
- February 18-20 Mid-Winter Youth Convention

#### Call To Worship

Isaiah prophesied:

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come,

And the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God, *Alleluia!* 

—Isaiah 60:1-3: Psalm 98:3b

O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through Christ our Lord. Amen. —BCP

SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Cobleskill 4:00 p.m.— WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 p.m.

### **Prayer Requests**

- **This** week we are praying especially for our sister church in Monticello, NY. Michael Musser is the pastor.
- **Pray** for our nation during this uncertain time. **Pray** for the pulling down of the strongholds of evil in our land. (II Corinthians 10:4)
- **Pray** for the persecuted church, and Christians in danger all over the world.
- Continue to pray for:
  - Special requests for those on our hearts, especially Byron S., Ethan, Rowan S., Bernie, Joshua M., and Steven H.
  - The village of **Middleburgh**, that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
  - Missionaries: Nichole Barr, the Davises, the Easleys, B. Fay. the Himelicks, the Millses, R. Moulton, the Samborskis, Jack Sherman, Judy Sherman, and the T. Shermans.
  - Bible Colleges GBSC, PVBI, AWC, UBC, HSBC
  - Safety and protection for our Armed Forces.
  - Our President, Congress, and Supreme Court, that they may make righteous choices.
- Pray for these physical need requests:
  - Heidi Clark, Bill Ford, Pat and Marie Rooney, Cliff, Barry and Cathy E., Mary Braun (Victory Trio), Pastor Gary Mills, Betty Case, Kendall Straight, Paul Easley, Stephen Cassady, Janet Albertson, Joanna Howell, Rollin Mitchell, Lois Schenck.
- Online and phone requests:
  - Jennifer Howell, Cliff
- From Early Woodland:
  - Doris, Joanne, Pat, Maureen, Betty R., Ronald

As of this past Monday, Lois Schenck is residing at Palatine Nursing Home. She would appreciate mail. The address is on the bulletin board in the foyer.

#### Suggested Daily Scripture Reading

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
OT Genesis 20:1-22:24 NT Matthew 7:15-29 PSA Psalm 9:1-12 PROV Proverbs 2:16-22	Genesis 23:1-24:51 Matthew 8:1-17 Psalm 9:13-20 Proverbs 3:1-6	Genesis 24:52-26:16 Matthew 8:18-34 Psalm 10:1-15 Proverbs 3:7-8	6 Genesis 26:17-27:46 Matthew 9:1-17 Psalm 10:16-18 Proverbs 3:9-10
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Matthew 9:18-38 Psalm 11:1-7	Genesis 30:1-31:16 Matthew 10:1-23 Psalm 12:1-8 Proverbs 3:13-15	Genesis 31:17-32:12 Matthew 10:24-11:6 Psalm 13:1-6 Proverbs 3:16-18	Genesis 32:13-34:31 Matthew 11:7-30 Psalm 14:1-7 Proverbs 3:19-20

### Notes:

(	Other announcements & prayer requests

## The Light of the World Is Jesus



## Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

MARGARET Emily E. S. Elliott, 1836-1897 Timothy R. Matthews, 1826 - 1910 1. Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy king - ly crown, When Thou rang when the 2. Heav-en's arch - es an - gels sang, Pro fox - es found rest, and the birds their nest In the 4. Thou cam'st, O Lord, with the liv - ing word That should 5. When the heav - eus shall ring and her choir shall cam - est to earth for me; But in Beth-le-hem's home there was claim - ing Thy roy - al de - gree; But in low - ly birth didst Thou of the for - est tree; But Thy couch was the sod, O Thou peo - ple But with mock-ing scorn, and with free: Let Thy voice call me home, say-ing, com - ing to vic - to ry. REFRAIN room For Thy ho - ly Na-tiv - i - ty. 14. 0 found earth, And in great hu - mil - i - tv. of God, In the des - erts of Gal - i - lee. of thorn, They bore Thee to Cal - va - ry. "Yet there is room; There is room at My side for thee!" come to my heart. Lord Je - sus; There is room in my heart for Thee. heart shall re-joice, Lord Je - sus, When Thou com-est and callest for me.

# As with Gladness Men of Old



Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: Allelu, Alleluia.

—Matthew 6:33, 7:7