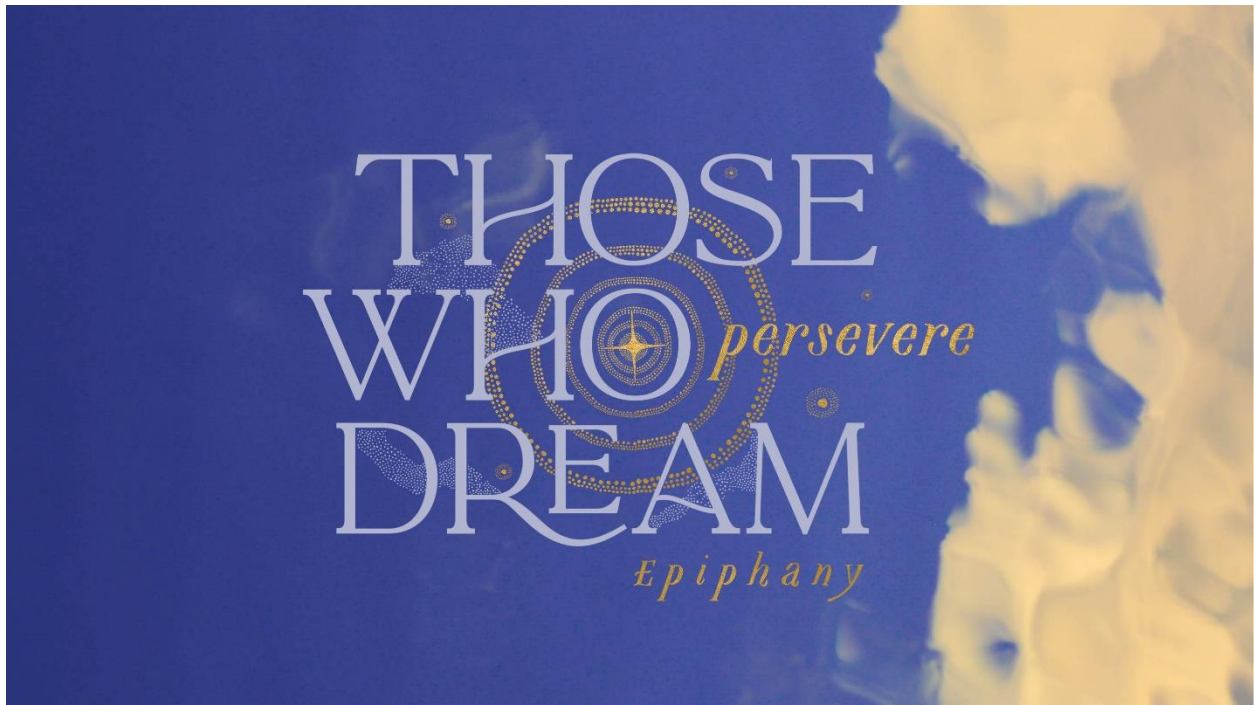




Sunday, January 3, 2021
10:00 A.M.



GATHERING

PRELUDE

The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy

**The Virgin Mary had a baby boy
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy
And they say that his name is Jesus**

**The angels sang when the baby was born
The angels sang when the baby was born
The angels sang when the baby was born
And they sang that his name is Jesus**

Chorus: He come from the Glory,
He come from the Glorious Kingdom,
He come from the Glory,
He come from the Glorious Kingdom,
Oh yes, believer, oh, yes, believer
He come from the Glory,
He come from the Glorious Kingdom,

Instrumental Solo

The shepherds came where the baby was born
The shepherds came where the baby was born
The shepherds came where the baby was born
And they say that his name is Jesus

The wise men saw when the baby born
The wise men saw where the baby born
The wise men went where the baby born
And they say that his name is Jesus

Chorus

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

GATHERING SONGS: *Go Tell it on the Mountain*

Chorus: Go, Tell It On The Mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, Tell It On The Mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born
And God send us salvation,
That blessed Christmas morn

Chorus

**While shepherds kept their watching
Over silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens,
There shone a holy light**

Chorus

**The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Saviour's birth**

Chorus

We Three Kings of Orient Are

**We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts, we traverse afar
Field and fountain, Moor and mountain
Following yonder star**

Chorus: **Oh, star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, Still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light**

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold we bring to crown him again
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign**

Chorus

**Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a deity nigh
Prayer and praising, all men raising
Worship him God on high**

Chorus

**Myrrh is mine,
Its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom.
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone cold tomb.**

Chorus

**Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,
Sounds thru the earth and skies**

Chorus

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL – Matthew 2:1-12

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Christina Garrett Klein

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to pray... through song, through silent reflection, through words, or anything else in between. May this song guide your prayers today. If you would like to lift prayers up so that others might pray, too, please do so in the comments section during our livestream worship.

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

**The trumpets sound, the angels sing
The feast is ready to begin
The gates of heav'n are open wide
And Jesus welcomes you inside**

***Chorus:* Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight
Come and revel in heaven's love and light
Take your place at the table of the King
The feast is ready to begin
The feast is ready to begin**

**Tables are laden with good things
O taste the peace and joy He brings
He'll fill you up with love divine
He'll turn your water into wine**

Chorus

**The hungry heart He satisfies
Offers the poor His paradise
Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud
The amazing goodness of the Lord**

Chorus

MEAL

We practice two sacraments in the Lutheran tradition: baptism and holy communion. These are celebrated in community, in public worship, where we can all participate and remember together: God is known for using ordinary earthly things (like water, bread, and wine) to make extraordinary promises (like forgiveness, salvation, healing and new life) to creation.

Today is a good reminder that this simple meal nourishes God's community across time and space. We would rather be with you in person for the sacrament today, but we trust Jesus to show up beyond our limitations, to meet us in this separation with a Spirit that unites, to feed us with the bread of life who is our source and strength.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

We don't serve ourselves communion because there's something holy about that promise coming from outside our own bodies, a perfect declaration from God spoken to us by our neighbor: This is the body of Christ, given for you. This is the blood of Christ, poured out for you. If you are gathered together with others from your household, speak these words aloud when you serve each other. If you do not have someone in the room with you while you receive the sacrament, hear my voice as the external word of grace and invitation.

+ + *Receive the Meal* + +

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

We pause for prayer and reflection, offering time to commune one another.

SENDING

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *Jesus, the Light of the World*

**Hark! the herald angels sing,
Jesus, the Light of the world;
“Glory to the newborn King,”
Jesus, the Light of the world.**

**Joyful, all you nations, rise,
Jesus, the Light of the world;
join the triumph of the skies;
Jesus, the Light of the world**

Chorus

**We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,
come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright.
shine all around us by day and night,
Jesus, the Light of the world.**

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Jesus, the Light of the world;
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Jesus, the Light of the world**

**Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace
Jesus, the Light of the world;
Hail the Son of righteousness
Jesus, the Light of the world**

Chorus

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.



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***See you next week for worship livestream
at 5pm on Saturday and 8:45am & 10:45am on Sunday!***



Thank you for worshipping with us today as we seek to be in community with one another while minimizing physical contact. As a gentle reminder, please continue to wash your hands for the recommended 20 seconds, wear a mask and create safe boundaries through physical distancing.

We know that God is with us and God is at work, wherever we worship. With coronavirus cases on the rise, we will continue worshipping online at this time. Please be vigilant and check your email, Facebook, etc., for additional notifications and updates in the coming weeks, and contact the church council (council@edgebrooklutheran.org) with any concerns.

Stay safe and be well! God's peace to you!!