



Gift of Frankincense

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Matthew 2:11

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

First Sunday After Epiphany

January 6 & 10, 2020

WELCOME TO ZION. It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

Worship Focus: We continue a 3-week sermon series on the Magi and their gifts to the Christchild of GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH.

Liturgy: Service of the Word

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OPENING HYMN: *CW 83 (vs. 1-3)*

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

EPIPHANY

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As with Gladness Men of Old



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!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98, alt.
Tune: DIX (77 77 77) Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872, alt.

P: The grace of our Lord (✠) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

The minister says the Prayer of the Day.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

First Lesson

Isaiah 49:1-6

¹Listen to me, you coastlands. Pay attention, you faraway peoples! The LORD called me from the womb. When I was inside my mother, he mentioned my name. ²He made my mouth like a sharpened sword. He hid me in the shadow of his hand. He made me a polished arrow. He concealed me in his quiver. ³He said to me, “You are my servant Israel, in whom I will display my glory.” ⁴But I said to myself, “I have labored in vain. I spent my strength and came up empty, with nothing. Yet a just verdict for me rests with the LORD, and my reward is with my God.” ⁵But now the LORD, who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to turn Jacob back to him, so that Israel might be gathered to him, so that I will be honored in the eyes of the LORD, because my God has been my strength— ⁶the LORD said: It is too small a thing that you should just be my servant to raise up only the tribes of Jacob and to restore the ones I have preserved in Israel, so I will appoint you to be a light for the nations, so that my salvation will be known to the end of the earth. (EHV)

Psalm 2

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The ultimate fulfillment of this psalm is clearly found in Jesus the Messiah. "Blessed are all who take refuge in him."

Refrain

Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-
lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

Psalm tone

Psalm tone

Why do the nations conspire*
and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers
gather together against the LORD*
and against his Anointed One.

Refrain

The One enthroned in heaven laughs;*
the Lord scoffs at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,*
"I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill."

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:*
He said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have become your Father."

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

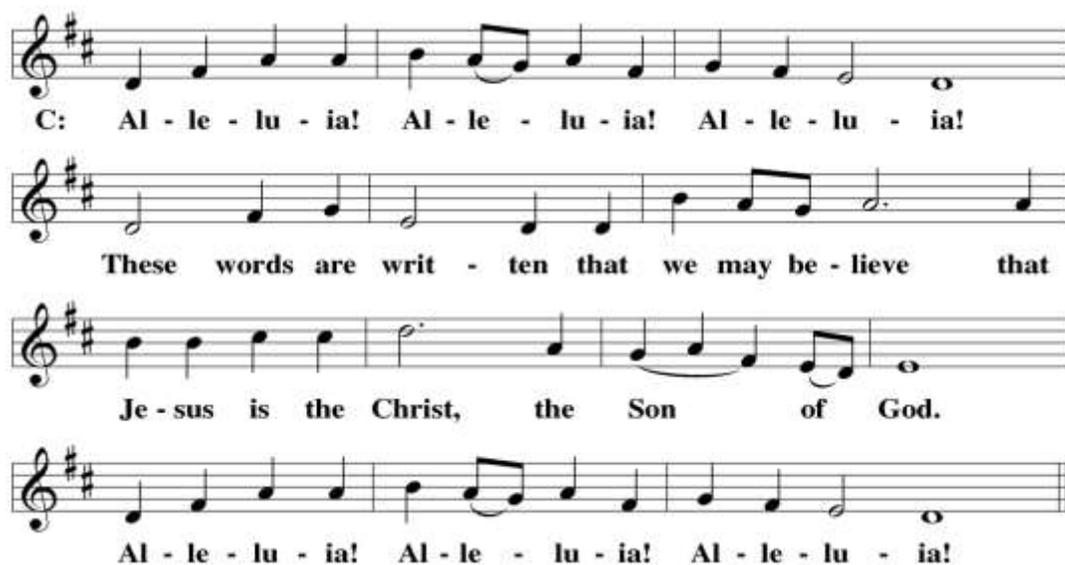
Second Lesson

Acts 16: 25-34

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. Instantly all the doors were opened, and everyone's chains came loose. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw that the prison doors were opened, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, because he thought that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted with a loud voice, "Don't harm yourself, because we are all here!" ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in, and fell down trembling in front of Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus[a] and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to everyone in his home. ³³ At the same hour of the night, he took them and washed their wounds. Without delay, he and all his family were baptized. ³⁴ Then he brought Paul and Silas into his house and set food before them. He rejoiced, because he and his whole household had come to believe in God. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia. (Mark 1:11b)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

STEWARDSHIP

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Forgive Us, Lord



1 For - give us, Lord, for shal - low thank - ful - ness,
 2 Teach us to thank you, Lord, for love and grace,
 3 For - give us, Lord, for self - ish thanks and praise,
 4 O - pen our eyes to see your love's in - tent,



For dull con - tent with warmth and shel - tered care,
 For life and vi - sion, for a pur - pose clear,
 For words that speak at var - i - ance with deeds.
 To know with minds and hearts its depth and height.



For songs of praise for world - ly wealth - i - ness,
 For Christ, your Son, and for each hu - man face
 For - give our thanks for walk - ing pleas - ant ways,
 Let thank - ful days in lov - ing la - bor spent



While of your rich - er gifts we're un - a - ware.
 That shows your mes - sage ev - er new and near.
 Un - mind - ful of a bro - ken broth - er's needs.
 Re - flect the tru - ly Christ - like life and light.

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 Tune: SURSUM CORDA (10 10 10 10) Alfred M. Smith, 1879–1971. © 1990 Historic Church of the Ascension, Atlantic City, NJ. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Sermon text and theme:

Matthew 2:1-11

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, when Herod was king, Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, ²“Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose^[a] and have come to worship him.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was alarmed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴He gathered together all the people’s chief priests and experts in the law. He asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, because this was written through the prophet:

⁶You, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are certainly not least among the rulers of Judah: because out of you will come a ruler, who will shepherd my people, Israel.”⁷ Then Herod secretly summoned the Wise Men and found out from them exactly when the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you find him, report to me, so that I may also go and worship him.”⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. Then the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them, until it stood still over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced with overwhelming joy. ¹¹After they went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (EHV)

MAGI BROUGHT THEIR GIFT OF FRANKINCENSE

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

EPIPHANY

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

C: You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

P: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those

doomed to death.

P: Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

P: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

STEWARDSHIP

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1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us With your
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you Glad - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en To our
 4 Yes, the sor - row and the suf - f' rings Which on
 5 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us With your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
 free - ly, of your own. With the sun - shine of your
 hum - blest char - i - ty In your own mys - te - rious
 ev - 'ry hand we view Chan - nels are for gifts and
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice,
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
 sen - tence, "You have done it un - to me."
 of - f' rings Due by sol - emn right to you,
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That you
 Right of which we may not rob you, Debt we
 Give us faith to trust you bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To th' un - thank - ful and the
 you, at length be - lieve That more hap - py and more
 need what we can do, Say - ing by your poor and
 may not choose but pay Lest that face of love and
 stay our souls on you; But, oh, best of all your



e - vil With your own un - spar - ing hand.
 bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
 need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you?"
 pit - y Turn from us a - noth - er day,
 gra - ces, With your love our love re - new.

BENEDICTION

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



EPIPHANY

82 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank-ful-ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph - et, Priest, and
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole Pal - sied limbs and
 4 Sun and moon shall dark - ened be; Stars shall fall, the
 5 Grant us grace to see you, Lord, Mir - rored in your



you we raise, Man - i - fest - ed by the star
 King su - preme, And at Ca - na, Wed - ding Guest,
 faint - ing soul; Man - i - fest in val - iant fight,
 heav'ns shall flee. Christ will then like light - ning shine;
 ho - ly Word. May our lives and all we do



To the Ma - gi from a - far, Branch of roy - al
 In your God - head man - i - fest; Man - i - fest in
 Quell - ing all the dev - il's might; Man - i - fest in
 All will see his glo - rious sign. All will then the
 Im - i - tate and hon - or you That we all like



Da - vid's stem, In your birth at Beth - le - hem.
 pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine.
 gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill.
 trum - pet hear; All will see the judge ap - pear.
 you may be At your great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 You by all will be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 And may praise you, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-85, alt.
 Tune: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR (77 77 D) George J. Elvey, 1816-93.



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WORSHIP FOR JANUARY: Zion Elders and Council have decided at this time that with still being in Phase 4 of COVID-19 we are going to maintain the current worship schedule. So there will be no Sunday School, Adult Bible Class or Youth Group. **Wednesday worship at 7:00 p.m., Sunday worship at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m., and Tuesday, Jan. 12th @ 1:30 p.m.** We will review the schedule each month and let you know if/when it changes. Council reviewed it on Dec. 17 for January. The Worship schedule will be reviewed on January 21 for February. Thank you for your patience.

ZION'S 1ST CALL MEETING: Zion will hold its 1st call meeting for an Associate Pastor on Sunday, January 17, 2021 at 2 p.m.

CHURCH SERVICE LIVE STREAMING VOLUNTEERS

Zion is looking for volunteers to help live stream church services. Once trained, volunteers will be scheduled for services based on their availability, similar to the usher schedule. All members 13 years old and older are welcome to volunteer. This is a great opportunity for youth to serve. Contact Steve Sordahl (sjsordahl@gmail.com) or the office for more information.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

- 1) While we are not mandating the use of masks for worship, we encourage those who want to wear them to do so. Please feel comfortable whatever your sensitivities.
- 2) We are roping off the pews so that social distancing can be maintained. Please recognize what seating is available and what is not available.
- 3) Make sure to sanitize your seat and surrounding area. Wipes are available in the back of the church on both sides. Please make use of them.
- 4) Pastor Ulrich will be keeping his distance from everyone. Although he would like nothing better than to shake your hand or give a hug, it is not wise to do so at this time. Please abide by this for now.
- 5) Please call church (734)242-1378 to reserve yourself a seat for worship. This is especially helpful for services. If you call ahead, we will know better how many bulletins to run off. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR DOING THESE COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR NOW.

COMING UP AT ZION

Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 Monday 9:45 a.m. Pastor's Circuit Meeting
 3:05 p.m. CEA Meeting
 Tuesday 1:30 p.m. Worship Service (IC)
 7:30 p.m. Board of Education Meeting
 Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service (IC)
 Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service (IC)
 2 p.m. Call Meeting

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

	Jan. 3	Jan. 6 & 10	Jan. 13 & 17	Jan. 20 & 24	Jan. 27 & 31
ALTAR GUILD	Kathy Vanisacker	Kathy Vanisacker	Kathy Vanisacker	Kathy Vanisacker	Kathy Vanisacker
USHERS	<p><u>8:30 a.m.</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee David Krueger Russ Vitale</p> <p><u>10:30 a.m.</u> Joe Koch Joe Schmeling Dave Bengé Aaron Bengé</p>	<p><u>Jan. 6</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee David Krueger Russ Vitale</p> <p><u>Jan. 10</u> <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Rob Krueger Martin Meier Ralph Naveaux</p> <p><u>10:30 a.m.</u> Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p>	<p><u>Jan. 13</u> Rob Krueger Martin Meier Ralph Naveaux</p> <p><u>Jan. 17</u> <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Bob Trowbridge Dave McKenzie</p> <p><u>10:30 a.m.</u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Klaus Koenig Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick</p>	<p><u>Jan. 20</u> Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Bob Trowbridge Dave McKenzie</p> <p><u>Jan. 24</u> <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Tony Affholter Dan Fuerstenberg Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg</p> <p><u>10:30 a.m.</u> Joe Koch Joe Schmeling Dave Bengé Aaron Bengé</p>	<p><u>Jan. 27</u> Tony Affholter Dan Fuerstenberg Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg</p> <p><u>Jan. 31</u> <u>8:30 a.m.</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee David Krueger Russ Vitale</p> <p><u>10:30 a.m.</u> Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson</p>