

SERMON NOTES . . .

“Gifts for a King” Matthew 2:10,11

1. _____ is the only Gospel that tells of the visit of the Magi. Yet their visit is extremely significant.
2. We assume there were _____ Magi because of the three gifts given. However, the Bible does not say how many there were.
3. Most likely the Magi knew of the writings of the prophet _____, who in time past had been the chief of the court seers in Persia.
4. They were guided to Jesus by a _____. They gave costly _____ to Jesus and worshipped him when they arrived.
5. Like the star of Bethlehem which led the wise men to Jesus, we must _____ to our fellow men and lead them to Christ.
6. After the star led them to Jesus, they submitted themselves to Christ and then _____ him.
7. “Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful and so worship God acceptably with _____ and awe.” (Hebrews 12:28)
8. The first gift the Magi presented to Jesus was _____. It represented Christ’s deity and his purity.
9. Each time we _____ ourselves to Christ we are offering him “higher quality gold”. It may include refinement by Him.
10. The second gift the Magi presented to Jesus was _____. It is a symbol of holiness and righteousness.
11. Each time we _____, it is as though we present our incense.
12. The third gift the Magi presented to Jesus was _____. It symbolizes bitterness, suffering, and affliction.
13. The Magi brought valuable gifts to the Christ child. How can we, with a clear conscience be content to give him anything less than our _____?



West Prairie Lutheran Church, LCMC

Pastor Steve Bang

Welcome to West Prairie Lutheran Church!

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)

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Please sign the attendance sheet provided in each pew. If you are a visitor, please include your mailing address, and we invite you to join us again.

8:30 a.m.—January 1, 2017

Service of Holy Communion for the 1st Sunday after Christmas

All who are baptized in the Christian faith and have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are invited to celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Prelude

Pastoral Greeting

Please stand if you are able.

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 77

Opening Hymn, *Bright and Glorious Is the Sky*LBW # 567

Kyrie page 78

Hymn of Praise *This is the Feast* page 81

Prayer of the Day

(All) Almighty God, You wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature. In Your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

You may be seated.

First Lesson: Isaiah 63:7-14

I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD, the deeds for which He is to be praised, according to all the LORD has done for us—yes, the many good things He has done for Israel, according to His compassion and many kindnesses.

He said, “Surely they are My people, children who will be true to Me”; and so He became their Savior. In all their distress He too was distressed, and the angel of His presence saved them.

In His love and mercy He redeemed them; He lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. Yet they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit. So he turned and became their enemy and He himself fought against them.

mas tree!

- ◆ The Advent Adventure committee for organizing the pot-luck dinner;
- ◆ Everyone who donated items and helped to fill, wrap and deliver the shoeboxes to Crisis Intervention. We filled 75 boxes this year!

Thank You . . .

to the West Prairie ladies for the good cookies. It brought back memories of Christmases before when I could bake. Thank you for the memories and the cookies. They hit the spot. Eldora Reil

Memorial Service . . .

For Spring Scott will be held Saturday, Jan. 7 at 11:00 AM at Bethel Lutheran Church, Scarville, Iowa.

Prayer List . . .

Jonie Bang, Marilyn Holland, Denise Holst, Irene Eide, Marlys Haugen, Blanche Durby, Ben Charlson, Dale Zingg, Angela Haugen, Dorothy Kall, Elaine Ritz, Eldora Reil, Monte Branstad, Mike Haack. All prayer requests can be submitted to: www.westprairiechurch.com/prayer; or leave a message on the church answering system @ 641-567-3733; or call Pastor Steve @ 641-590-7894.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn, *As With Gladness Men of Old*.....LWB #82

Postlude

Pastor: Steve Bang

Organist/Pianist: Melissa Phillips

Usher: Jeff Holland

Lectionary: Janet Haugen

Acolyte: Faith Finer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today...

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

7 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday, Jan. 3rd

7 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, Jan. 4th ...

3 p.m. Confirmation Class

7 p.m. Sarah Circle

7 p.m. Naomi Circle

Next Sunday, Jan. 8th ...

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

7 p.m. Youth Group

Attention ...

Please provide your record books along with reconciled bank statements to the auditors, Julie Reimann and Rita Schutter. We need this completed as soon as possible after your books are closed for 2016.

Thank you goes out to ...

- ♦ Everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas;
- ♦ The Juveland family for the surprising gift of a live Christ-

Then His people recalled the days of old, the days of Moses and his people—where is He who brought them through the sea, with the shepherd of His flock? Where is He who set His Holy Spirit among them, who sent His glorious arm of power to be at Moses' right hand, who divided the waters before them, to gain for Himself everlasting renown, who led them through the depths?

Like a horse in open country, they did not stumble; like cattle that go down to the plain, they were given rest by the Spirit of the LORD. This is how You guided Your people to make for Yourself a glorious name.

Here ends the reading.

Psalm 111 (responsively)

L: Praise the LORD.

C: I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

L: Great are the works of the LORD;

C: they are pondered by all who delight in them.

L: Glorious and majestic are His deeds,

C: and His righteousness endures forever.

L: He has caused His wonders to be remembered;

C: the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

L: He provides food for those who fear Him;

C: He remembers His covenant forever.

L: He has shown His people the power of His works,

C: giving them the lands of other nations.

L: The works of His hands are faithful and just;

C: all His precepts are trustworthy.

L: They are established for ever and ever,

C: enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.

L: He provided redemption for His people; He ordained His covenant forever—

C: holy and awesome is His name.

L: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His precepts have good understanding.

C: To Him belongs eternal praise.

Second Lesson: Galatians 4:4-7

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are His sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are His child, God has made you also an heir.

Here ends the reading

Please stand.

Alleluia page 83

The Holy Gospel according to: Matthew 2:1-12

Cong.: *Glory to You, O Lord*..... page 83

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the Child and His mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the Child to kill Him."

So he got up, took the Child and His mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: "A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the Child and His mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the Child's life are dead."

So he got up, took the Child and His mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So

was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that He would be called a Nazarene.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Cong.: *Praise to You, O Christ* page 83

You may be seated.

The Sermon: Pastor Bang

"Gifts For a King" Matthew 2: 10, 11

Hymn: *We Three Kings of Orient Are*.....Grey Hymn Book #206

Please stand.

Nicene Creed page 84

Prayer

Sharing of the Peace.

You may be seated.

Offering

Please stand

Offertory: *Let the Vineyards* page 86

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

Cong.: **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving..... Page 88

The Lord's Prayer page 91

You may be seated.

Pre-Communion Canticle, Lamb of God page 92

The Ministration of Holy Communion

Communion Hymns.....Grey Hymn Book #180, 192, 201

Post-Communion Canticle, Thank the Lord page 92

Prayer page 94

Benediction page 95

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.