



ADORATION OF THE WISE MEN - BY BOUGUEREAU

And the Gentiles shall come to thy light,
and kings to the brightness of thy rising.
Isaiah 60:3

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
Louise Avenue, 2 Blocks West of Southside Fire Station
(Seventh Day Adventist Church Bldg.)
Morristown, Tennessee

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Sunday School 9:30 A.M.

The Service 10:30 A.M.

Prelude and Silent Prayer

The Opening Hymn Hymn 39

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The Collect for Epiphany

The Epistle Isaiah 60: 1-6

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 2: 1-12

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the Gentiles"

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The Offering

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The Benediction and Silent Prayer

The Closing Hymn Hymn 42

Pianist: Judy Havely
Acolyte: Jimmie Conners

Ushers: C.B. Westerdahl
H.M. Sherrod

THE SHCEDULE FOR SUNDAY

- The Church at Study - 9:30 A.M. C.R. Holt, Adult
Dep't. Supt., Mrs. G.R. Kyler,
Children's Dept. Supt.
- The Church at Worship - 10:30 A.M. - THE SERVICE with
Holy Communion
- The Church at Work - 2:30 P.M. Congregational Visits
C.B. Lowe, Evangelism Ch'm.
Paul Rhodes, Stewardship Ch'm.
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THE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

- Tuesday - 7:00 P.M. - Church Council at Parsonage
Wednesday - 1:30 P.M. - ULC Women at 123 Brown Avenue
Wednesday - 7:00 P.M. - Choir Practice at Parsonage
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A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS PRESENT TODAY.

A congregational meeting will be held after THE SERVICE
this morning for the purpose of calling a pastor,
and requesting the Board of American Missions for
a loan on the Church Building Site.

A NEWSLETTER was mailed to all of the members of the
church this week. If you did not receive your copy
of this NEWSLETTER, please notify the pastor.

Our thanks to everyone who carried on the regular
Sunday program last week in the absence of the pastor.
Our especial thanks to Mr. Charles Hoyle of Knoxville
who supplied the pulpit.

LAST WEEK: S.S. 14 The Service 25 Offering \$24.01



The Sixth of January

IF YOU WERE TO LOOK OVER all the Christmas greeting cards received by your family in the last four years, no doubt you would find a large number of them bearing pictures of wise men, camels, stars, gold, frankincense and myrrh. On the other hand, if you were able to recall all the Gospel lessons read to your congregation on the Sundays of those four years, you might be surprised to discover that the story of the wise men was not once the appointed lesson for the day.

Why? Because it is the Gospel lesson for the Festival of the Epiphany, and this Festival does not always fall on a Sunday. It is one of the *immovable* Festivals of the church year, which means that it has been assigned a definite date on the secular calendar. Epiphany Day is always the sixth of January. That date falls on a Sunday only 14 times in the 100 years of the Twentieth Century.

Of course, the familiar story of the wise men has probably been read many times at other services in your church. In fact, an increasing number of congregations are celebrating the Festival

of the Epiphany on the sixth of January even in those years when it falls on a weekday.

This day proclaims a most important message of our Christian faith. It reminds us that Jesus came to earth not only as the Messiah of the Jewish nation, but as the Saviour of all men—Jew and Gentile alike. "Epiphany" means "manifestation" or "showing forth." The story of the wise men is an appropriate one for this day because it expresses the thought that the coming of Christ was announced to all men for all men. Our imaginations follow these kingly worshipers back to their homes at the far corners of the earth where we see them telling the story of the Infant Saviour to their own people.

It is natural that our church should emphasize the importance of missions during the Epiphany season each year.

The sixth of January will not fall on a Sunday again until the year 1963, and only four other times in this century, but our familiarity with the story of the wise men, and our faith in Christ as our Saviour, will keep us zealous in making Him known to all people everywhere.