

**First Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Ephraim Moravian Church - Ephraim, WI**  
January 10th, 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

Order of Service

Welcome & Announcements

**Chorale Prelude: “In Dulci Jubilo” (“In Sweet Rejoicing”) – by J.S. Bach, BWV 608**

Watchword for the Week: *‘Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name; Worship the Lord in holy splendor’* - Psalm 29:2

**Hymn #317: “Brightest and Best of the Stars”**

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining  
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall  
Angels adore him in slumber reclining  
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

Prayers of the Church & The Lord’s Prayer

**Congregational Sung Response (#71 in red hymnal):**

*Light of the world, into our hearts, let your full glory shine  
That we may follow now your star, until we reach your shrine. Amen.*

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 31: 15-17 & 21  
Matthew 2: 13-21

Reflection

**“Where’er You Walk” from “Semele” – by George Frideric Handel**

Meditation

## **The Lord's Supper**

Breaking of the Bread

### **Hymn #421: "Here, O my Lord"**

Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face!  
Here would I touch and handle things unseen  
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace  
And all my weariness upon you lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God  
Here drink with you the royal wine of heaven  
Here would I lay aside each earthly load  
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

The Cup of Salvation

### **Hymn, Page 221: "Now from this Table"**

Now from this table rise renewed  
In body, mind, and soul  
With Christ we die and live again  
His selfless love has made us whole.

Then grant us courage, Father God  
To choose again the pilgrim way  
And help us to accept with joy  
The challenge of tomorrow's day.

Pastor: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death  
Congregation: *Until He comes!*

Benediction

**Pièce Héroïque – by César Franck**

Reflection: Pleasant Dreams

You would think the people in the Bible slept an awful lot. They had dreams all the time. They didn't have Cable, after all. When we examine the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and total up all dreams and visions, and all the stories and actions that came out of those dreams and visions, we have about one-third of the Bible. I have dreams often that are truly bizarre. Some dreams are downright frightening such as a recurring dream about Sunday mornings, for example. I can't find my shoes, or car keys, or the key to the church, or my sermon. That's a nightmare! Some dreams, however, are actually fun and you don't want them to end.

Jesus' dad, Joseph, had dreams, as Matthew's Gospel tells us. Really, a dream is a story that points to a hidden or symbolic parallel meaning. Joseph's dreams tell us that he was a good father, protective of and caring for Mary and Jesus. It was no small task he was called to do, escaping to Egypt to avoid danger.

What we learn from this story is that God who is our Father leads us and protects us, loves us and forgives us. What a treasure this is! So, dream well, but not during the sermon, please!

- Pastor Dan G. Olson

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