

January 3, 2021

Pastor Green's Daily Encouragement

Greetings on this first Sunday of 2021. January 6th is Epiphany, when the Christian church celebrates the arrival of the Magi who came to visit the Child Who was born King of the Jews. You always remember the gifts that they brought for the King, gold, frankincense, and myrrh. As today is the closest Sunday to Epiphany, many churches, including St. Paul Lutheran will be celebrating Epiphany. The liturgical season of Epiphany begins and leads us from Christmas to the Transfiguration on the Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. You can't have Christmas without Lent, and Easter, and you can't have Easter and Lent without Christmas. These things just go together, and it's part of God's plan to bring His children home to Him. Our Sunday Hymn of praise this morning is going to be an Epiphany Hymn that many might hear in church today, and that is "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light." We all have an opportunity to walk in the Light of Christ, and in that Light He will illuminate our path in life, and He will guide us to an eternal glory that we could never find on our own. Are you excited about the Buffalo Bills winning their first Division title in a quarter of a century? That is nothing compared to the how Jesus won our victory over sin and death and the devil. I'm going to worship and thank God for these gifts today, and I'll probably thank Him for the Bills' season. Be lifted high in the love of God today, and walk as a child of His Light. Amen.