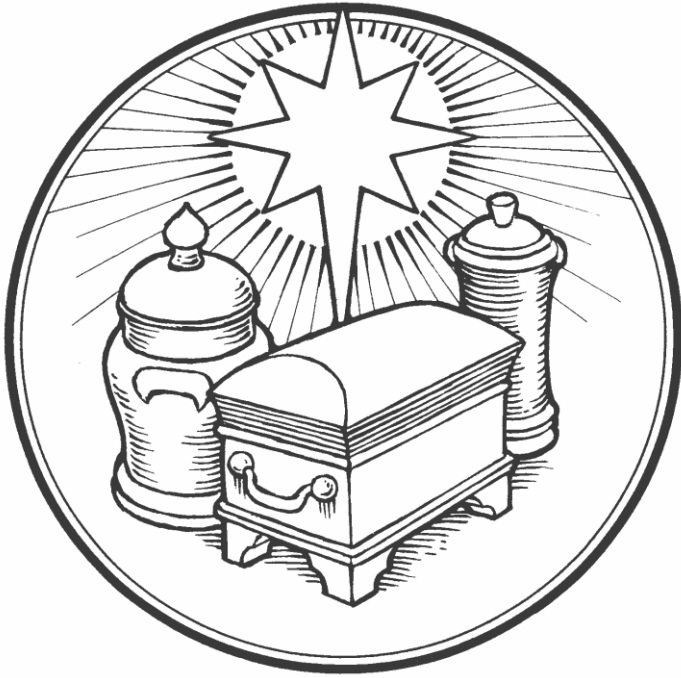


# Messiah Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod



## The Epiphany of Our Lord (observed) January 4, 2015 Divine Service I

*Isaiah 60:6* “They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.” Faith in God moves the heart toward thanksgiving, which moves us toward the action of giving. It’s simply what Christians do: our thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us simply must overflow into sacrificial giving to the Lord. What Isaiah prophesied, the Wise Men did, and we still do today: give with a thankful heart.

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**VISITORS WELCOME!** A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service, and we pray that the hearing and receiving of the Word of God in our midst will be filled with joy and thanksgiving!

**ATTENDANCE REGISTER:** During the offering we ask that you sign the attendance register located at the center aisle of each pew. **Please hand the filled in sheet to the usher as you exit at the end of the service. Let the usher know if you don't have a pad in your pew.**

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated every Sunday and on Feast Days. Visiting communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are invited to commune today. All other visitors are asked to speak with the pastor before coming to the altar. If there is time before the service, introduce yourself to the pastor or an elder. Other visitors are invited to use this time for prayer. If you desire information about attending communion, you are encouraged to visit with the pastor after the service today.

**PRAYERS OF PREPARATION** may be found in the opening cover of the hymnals in each pew. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer.

## **+SERVING TODAY+**

**Preacher/Celebrant:** Pr. Roemke

**Elder:** Don Moe

**Ushers:** Mark Varvil & Roger Jeschke

**Greeter:**

**Organist:** Evone Hagerman

**Altar Guild:** Carol Hernandez & Cara Russo-Bischel

**Cookies:** Today's cookies and juice are provided by the Colombe and Snodgrass families.

*Stand*

**Invocation**

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**+CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION+**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**+SERVICE OF THE WORD+**

**Introit**

*Ps. 72:1–2, 10–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*



Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,\*  
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.

**Give the king your justice, | O God,\***  
**and your righteousness to the | royal son!**

May he judge your people with | righteousness,\*  
and your poor with | justice!

**May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him |**  
**tribute;\***

**may the kings of Sheba and Seba | bring gifts!**

May all kings fall down be- | fore him,\*  
all nations | serve him!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,\*  
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.

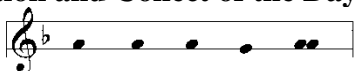
**Kyrie**

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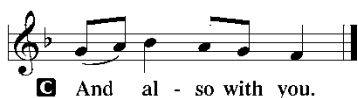
**Gloria in Excelsis**

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**Salutation and Collect of the Day**



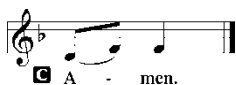
**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**P** O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.

<sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes all around, and see;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from afar,  
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and exult,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

<sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

# When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known

MLC Choir

## Epistle

*Ephesians 3:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— <sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

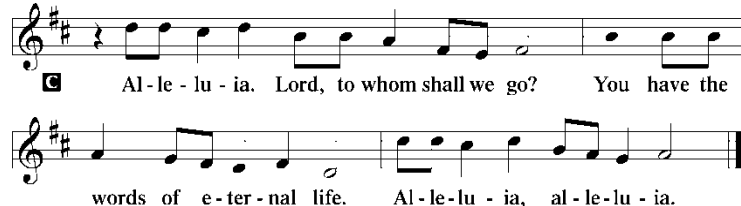
<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

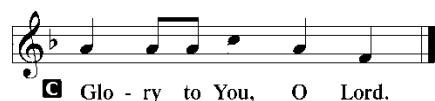


**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 2:1–12*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.



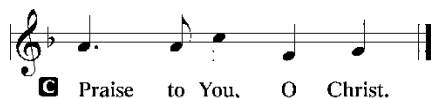
**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.””

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” <sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*Sit*

***O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright***

*LSB 395*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Nicene Creed**

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**Prayer of the Church**

*Sit*

**Offering**

*Stand*

**Offertory** *p159*

**+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

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**Distribution**

*The Star Proclaims the King Is Here* *LSB 399*

*Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning* *LSB 400*

*The People That in Darkness Sat* *LSB 412*

*Stand*

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**Benediction**

*Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light* *LSB 378*

**+PRAYER LIST+**

- ✠ For all the children and Christ Lutheran Academy Staff: Karen Moe, Ruth Mallmann, Stephanie Zuehls, Liesl Christensen, & Christa Hegland.
- ✠ Those who serve in our nation's armed forces: DuWayne Griepentrog, Exor Padro, and for veterans.
- ✠ Shut-ins: Elsie Rintamaki & Lillian Sciortino.
- ✠ For our adopted seminarian, Jacob Eichers, whom the Women's Bible Study is supporting.
- ✠ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Dennis Metallo, Joe Kayon, Richard Cleereman, Alison Daughtery (George Metallo's granddaughter), John Mills, Diane Gundlach, Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Allen Scheffer (friend of the Zuehls), Terri Nichols (diagnosed with cancer), Carol Wagner (friend of the Brothers), Amy, Natalie Lee (friend of Lynda Koch suffering from cancer), Ann Becht (Bev Murakami's sister suffering from liver cancer), Jerry Tobalsky (recovering from surgery), Ron Hulke (diagnosed with cancer), Mike Gundlach (cousin

of Sarah Billings), Al Bradmon (cousin of Steve Billings), Wally and Gloria Pipkorn, and David Dissen (Marilyn's brother-in-law).

## +ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 4, 2015+

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** will be taken down today after the service. Please stay to help if you are able.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Today we will continue discussing the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church. There will be no Sunday School, but all children are welcome to attend with the adults. (There will be some coloring pages available.) The next three Sundays, Brent Jiter will lead us in a Bible study about Stewardship.

**EDUCATION MATTERS** is a local radio show who offered to interview us about CLA. The interview will air Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am on WGTD, channel 91.1 FM.

## INCOME

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,717
Lord's Work Received 12/24, 12/25, & 12/28:	\$4,519
Difference Received vs. Needed:	\$802
Difference Received vs. Needed 2014:	-\$30,748

**ATTENDANCE** 12/24: 106 12/25: 86 Communed: 70  
12/28: 98 Communed: 82

## THIS MONTH'S EVENTS AT MESSIAH

1/7	Wednesday	Women's Bible Study	9:00 am
1/15	Thursday	Spiritual Life Council	6:00 pm
		Parish Planning Committee	7:15 pm
1/17	Saturday	Lutheran Confessions Study	9:30 am

## BIRTHDAYS

1/4	Alberta Helmke
	Amy Hulke
	Patricia Mills
1/5	Logan Lauer
	Lorraine Swift
1/9	Bill Colombe
1/10	Paul Swift

## BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

1/5	Joshua Jacobs
1/6	Bonnie Griepentrog
1/7	Cara Russo-Bischel
1/9	Kaiden Heitkamp
1/10	Louise Brava