

**Messiah Lutheran Church**  
**The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**



**Epiphany and The Baptism of  
our Lord**

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**Divine Service I**

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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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:** Pastor Roemke

**Elder:** Brent Jiter

**Greeter:** Liz Schultz

**Organist:** Monica Scholz

**Altar Guild:** Bonnie Griepentrog, Doris Colombe, & Kathy Capriotti

**Altar Flowers:** Today's altar flowers are provided by Steve Billings and Jane Gundlach in honor of Sarah's birthday.

**Cookies:** Today's cookies and juice are provided by Jane Gundlach.

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. 89:1, 26–28; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Ps. 89:20



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

I have found David, my | servant,\*  
with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.

**I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;\***  
**with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all**  
**gener- | ations.**

He shall cry to me, “You are my | Father,\*  
my God, and the Rock of my sal- | vation.”

**And I will make him the | firstborn,\***  
**the highest of the kings | of the earth.**

My steadfast love I will keep for him for- | ever,\*  
and my covenant will stand | firm for 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.**

Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,\*  
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.  
I have found David, my | servant,\*  
with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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**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 and at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; 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.

## Gradual

*Is. 60:6b, 1*



Those from She- | ba shall come.\*

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

Arise, shine, for your | light has come,\*  
and the glory of the LORD has risen up- | on you.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 1:26–31*

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 2:1–12; 3:13–17*

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



<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....

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

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



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

***To Jordan's River Came Our Lord***

*LSB 405*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Nicene Creed**

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**Prayer of the Church**

*Sit*

**Offering**

Come Follow That Star

*MLC Choir*

*Stand*

**Offertory**

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**+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

**Preface**

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**Sanctus**

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**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**The Words of Our Lord**

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**Proclamation of Christ**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Pax Domini**

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**Agnus Dei**

*Sit*

**Distribution**

*We Know That Christ is Raised*

*LSB 603*

*Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star*

*LSB 872*

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

*LSB 739*

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

*LSB 394*

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

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**Post-Communion Collect**

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**Benediction**

*I Bind unto Myself Today*

*LSB 604*

**+PRAYER LIST+**

- ✘ Those who serve in our nation's armed forces: DuWayne Griepentrog, Exor Padro, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Evan Smith, Austin Nehls, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Lillian Sciortino, Myrtle Meier, Ernie Kapellusch, Richard Cleereman, Wally and Gloria Pipkorn.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Richard Schneider (Kathleen Judson's father), Carol Hernandez, Jason Stephans, Mike Ricchio (nephew of Kathy Shafer), Gerald (Sandra Babel's brother), Betty Nemeth (Mary Jo Jiter's sister), Lorraine Swift (undergoing chemo), and Bob Hogan (Ash Noble's uncle).

**+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2017+**

- ✘ The shield for Epiphany is on a midnight blue field. A metallic silver eight-pointed star breaks the darkness of the night. In the center of the star are the Greek initials for Jesus Christ, in blood red. This teaches us that Jesus is the Light of the world Who shines in the darkness, though the darkness perceived Him not. The eight points of the star teach us two things: one, that the Gospel Light of Jesus Christ shines to all corners of the earth and two, that by His Epiphany, the eighth day of new creation has come to interrupt the death and decay brought into the world by the sin of Adam and Eve. The initials of Christ's name are a deep, blood red, teaching us that His Epiphany is not some spiritual feeling, but a real, historical, flesh and blood event.
- ✘ **2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the fellowship hall.
- ✘ **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** need to be put away today after the service. Please help if you can.
- ✘ **LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS STUDY** will meet this Saturday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>. We will begin with Matins at 9:30 am.
- ✘ **CARDS:** Would you like to send a thinking of you card to a shut-in? Need a special thank you card? Check out the cards on the back table! \$2 includes envelope. All money goes directly to purchasing coffee, sugar, creamer, etc. for fellowship. Thank you!
- ✘ **BIRTHDAY CARD:** Messiah's oldest member, Ernie Kapellusch, will be turning 100 on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Please take a moment to sign the large birthday card for him in the fellowship hall today.

**+CONTRIBUTIONS+**

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly (2016):	\$3,584
Lord's Work Received 12/25-12/31:	\$4,118
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+534
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+13,387
Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly (2017):	\$3,949
Lord's Work Received 1/1-1/7:	\$3,519
Difference Received vs. Needed:	-430
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	-430

**ATTENDANCE**    12/25: 91            Comm: 80            1/1: 105    Comm: 91

**BIRTHDAYS**

1/8    Sara Lyngen  
 1/9    Bill Colombe  
       Emily Vallis  
 1/10   Paul Swift  
 1/12   Sarah Billings  
 1/14   Jeff Zuehls

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

1/10   Louise Braya  
 1/12   Tamara Weathersby

**ANNIVERSARIES**

1/12   Mark & LeAnn Varvil (21)