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The Epiphany of our Lord

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Divine Service I

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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: Todd Walther

Greeter: Liz Joslyn

Organist: Monica Scholz

Ushers: TBD

Altar Guild: Diana Dissen & Marilyn Dissen

Cookies: Today's King Cakes are provided by Lesa Roemke, Debbie Davidson, & Sarah Billings.

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+

Stand

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.**

Behold 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



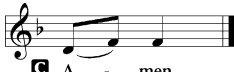
P The Lord be with you.



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

- ¹Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- ²For 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.
- ³And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
- ⁴Lift 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.
- ⁵Then 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.
- ⁶A 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

Ephesians 3:1–12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—
²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which 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. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of 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. ⁸To 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, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in 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



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.

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “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.” ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶“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.”

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And 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.” ⁹After 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. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And 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. ¹²And 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.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known

MLC Choir

Stand

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+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Austin Nehls, Michael Shafer, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Kevin Boyd, Rianon Padro, Sean Gleason, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Lillian Sciortino, Richard Cleereman, and George Metallo.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Lorraine Swift, Elaine Roloff (Evone Hagerman's mother), Angela Wilz (sister of Monica Scholz), Katy Billings, Carol Hernandez, Rhoda (friend of Anita Brothers), Billy Weathersby, Kathy Judson, Helga Schriener (mother of Monica Scholz), Henry Grenyo, David Scholz (Ted's brother), Alberta Helmke, Vern and Judy Stern (uncle and aunt of Sarah Billings), Debbie Snodgrass, and Pastor Roemke.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 6, 2019+

- ✘ **AFTER THE SERVICE:** The Christmas decorations are coming down today, so please help with that if you are able. There is no Bible study or Sunday school, but we will be showing a video about the Siberian Lutheran Church in preparation for the Bishop's visit next Sunday.
- ✘ **NEXT SUNDAY:** The Bishop from the Siberian Lutheran Church will be preaching during the Divine Service in the morning. Following that, we will have a potluck meal in the fellowship hall. At 3:30 that afternoon, we will have a special Vespers service followed by refreshments and a presentation by the Bishop. We are very blessed to have this opportunity; please join us!
- ✘ **POINSETTIAS:** If you purchased a poinsettia, please take it home with you today after the service.
- ✘ **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** are encouraged to attend the presentation by Bishop Vsevelod Lytkin after the service next week. We will resume regular classes on January 20th.
- ✘ **HIGHER THINGS RETREAT:** The annual retreat at Trinity Sheboygan will take place Feb. 15th – 17th. If your child would like to attend, please see Greg Grenyo for more information.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$4,102
Lord's Work Received 12/24-12/31:	\$4,877
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+775
Difference Received vs. Needed 2018:	+10,276

ATTENDANCE 12/30: 121

Communed: 111

+ORGAN FUND UPDATE+

Amount Paid:	-30,000
Donations Received:	+18,970
Balance:	-11,030

BIRTHDAYS

1/8 Sara Lyngen
1/9 Bill Colombe
Emily Vallis
1/12 Sarah Billings

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

1/6 Bonnie Griepentrog
1/7 Cara Russo-Bichsel
1/10 Louise Braya
1/12 Tamara Weathersby

ANNIVERSARIES

1/12 Mark & LeAnn Varvil (23 years)