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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 sign the guestbook near the front door and introduce yourself to the pastor after the service. We pray that the hearing and receiving of the Word of God in our midst will be filled with joy and thanksgiving!

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 are found in the cover of the hymnals. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer. **Please turn off and put away all electronic devices during the service.**

+SERVING TODAY+

Elder: TBD

Ushers: TBD

Greeter: Donna Boyd

Organist: Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: Bonnie Griepentrog & Cara Zietz

Arise and Shine in Splendor

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Stand

Confession and Absolution

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+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.**

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

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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.

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.

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.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

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.

Sit

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

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+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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Benediction

As with Gladness Men of Old

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+VDMA+

Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum
The Word of the Lord endures forever

+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Austin Nehls, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Rianon Padro, Rick Zuehls, and for veterans.
- ✘ The Enriquez Family as they mourn.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: David Kristopeit (brother-in-law of Linda Polcin), Henry Handschke (brother-in-law of Mary Jo Jiter), Herb Knautz (relative of Angela Pynaker), Donna Primuth, Marilyn Thornburgh, James Von Dissen (nephew of Marilyn Dissen), Rylie Snodgrass, Fran Kroll, Hannah Basquez (granddaughter of Jim & Kathy Vescova), Allison Heiman (granddaughter of Jane Gundlach), Vern and Judy Stern (relatives of Jane Gundlach), Jim Tomsheck (brother of John Tomsheck), Wendell Zirbel (brother-in-law of Mary Sandberg), and Nancy Davenport (aunt of Cara Zietz).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2nd+

- ✘ **DECORATIONS:** There will be no Sunday School or Adult Bible Study today. Please stay after the service to help put away Christmas decorations if you are able.
- ✘ **FUNERAL:** The visitation for Art Enriquez is this evening from 5 pm to 8 pm at Marsh Funeral Home in Gurnee, IL. The funeral will be here at Messiah tomorrow at 10 am.
- ✘ **HIGHER THINGS RETREAT** in Sheboygan will be February 18-20. The registration fees for students are being generously provided. If your teen would like to attend, please see Greg Grenyo to register before January 20th.
- ✘ **ALTAR GUILD:** The altar guild will meet on Saturday, January 8th at 10 am. Anyone who is interested in joining is invited to come and learn about it.
- ✘ **KITCHEN NEEDS:** There is now a whiteboard in the kitchen for keeping a list of kitchen supplies we are in need of. If you notice something we are getting low on, please write it down on the board. If you are able to pick up some of these items while you are out shopping, it is greatly appreciated.
- ✘ **SOCIAL WELFARE:** We donated 42 lbs. of food to the Shalom Center in December. Thank you!

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$4,648
Lord's Work Received 12/24-12/31:	4,295
Difference Received vs. Needed:	-353
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	-159
Mortgage Balance as of 10/4/2021:	64,896

ATTENDANCE 12/26: 86

BIRTHDAYS

1/2 Victoria Weber

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

1/6 Bonnie Griepentrog

1/7 Cara Russo-Bichsel

+JANUARY EVENTS AT MESSIAH+

Monday	Jan. 3	10:00 am	Art Enriquez Funeral
Saturday	Jan. 8	10:00 am	Altar Guild Meeting
Saturday	Jan. 15	9:30 am	Lutheran Confessions Study
Tuesday	Jan. 18	6:00 pm	Parish Planning Meeting
		7:00 pm	SLC Meeting