



TRINITY EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Epiphany of our Lord
Sunday, January 7th, 2017

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Welcome! Long ago the Magi came to worship their King and offer him their dearest treasures. May we do the same today

Service theme: Jesus was revealed to the Magi as the promised King of the Jews. His glorious grace shines on us all.

Suggested silent prayer: Hymn 87, "Hail, O Source of Every Blessing"

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HYMN 80

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Stand

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

M: (♩) Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Gloria in excelsis Deo'. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody is written on a five-line staff with a long slur over the first two measures. The lyrics 'C: Glo - - - - - ri - a' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'in ex-cel-sis De - o, Glo - - - - -'. The third staff concludes the phrase with the lyrics '- - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests.

M: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father. We worship you, we give you thanks. We praise you for your glory.

All sing refrain.

M: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

All sing refrain.

M: For you alone are the Holy One. You alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

All sing refrain.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

M: Lord God, by the leading of a star you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith, to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

Be seated.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:10–62:5

I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹ For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch.

(To God's chosen) ² The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow. ³ You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴ No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called *Hephzi-vah* ["my delight is in

her”], and your land *Beulah* [“married”]; for the LORD will take delight in you, and your land will be married.⁵ As a young man marries a maiden, so will your sons marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

PSALM 72

A paraphrase of sung to CW 166

(♩) **A King on high is reigning
Whom endless ages bless,
From sea to sea sustaining
His rule of righteousness.
Beneath his strong defending
His people stand secure,
Whose justice knows no ending
While sun and moon endure.**

**As rains that gently nourish
And bring the seed to birth,
His righteousness shall flourish,
His peace possess the earth;
Her sceptered kings acclaim him,
Before his feet they fall,
The nations kneel to name him
The sovereign Lord of all.**

(quietly) **The poor are in his keeping,
He hears their bitter cry,
His watchfulness unsleeping
To answer every sigh;
The lonely and neglected,
The outcast and in need,
Forsaken and rejected,
To him are dear indeed.**

(with vigor) **His Name endures for ever
Who formed the fertile land;
The fruits of our endeavor
Shall prosper in his hand.
With prayer and song and story
His praises sound again,
In all the earth his glory;
So be it, Lord! Amen!**

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21:22–27

I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. ²⁵ On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. ²⁶ The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. ²⁷ Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

VERSE

(first pastor sings, then all sing the same melody)

M: Al - - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The top staff is for the Men's part (M) and the bottom staff is for the Congregation's part (C). Both parts are in a key with one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and consists of a few notes: a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a half note F4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating the duration of the notes.

M: “We have seen his star in the east and have come to worship him” (*Matthew 2:2*).

Pastor, then all, sing refrain.

Stand

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1–12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.”

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.”

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: ♪ **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated for the children’s Gospel

HYMN 79

“How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”

SERMON

Psalm 72

BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND

Stand

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be Seated

OFFERING & FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

Stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

M: Since all nations he invited to his humble, temporary home in Bethlehem, that many more from all nations in this our temporary home may adore our Lord with repentant hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: That godly, truthful missionaries may persevere in difficult language studies, and many may benefit from their efforts, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: That the Holy Scriptures may keep being translated into more and more languages so that all nations may hear the wonders of God in their own tongues, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For all around the world who share in Christ's sufferings, persecuted for his holy name, that their trials may serve to spread the good news and they may finally find relief from their anguish, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the leaders of the nations, that even those without hope in Christ may conduct their duties with honesty, and may let true tidings of peace and goodwill spread throughout their lands, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For our Christian brothers and sisters in nations torn by war and threatened by widespread violence, that they may find comfort in the cross and keep safe in every way, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For immigrants into our nation, that as they settle among us they may find a new home also among God's holy ones, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For all the weak, weary and wounded, including ... that God may shine in their hearts, help them and lead them home to him in joy and faith, even if by a way they could not have expected, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

(to the tune of "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear")

M: The King of 2018 and all eternity has taught us boldly to pray:

C: (♩) Our Father, Lord on heav'n's high throne,

Most holy be your name.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done—

On earth, in heaven the same.

Give us this day the food we need;

Forgiven may we be.

Into temptation do not lead;

From evil set us free.

Yours is the kingdom — gratefully

Before your throne we bow.

And yours the power — let us see

Your mighty presence now.

The glory yours — your praise be sung

By ev'ry citizen

Of ev'ry land, with angel choirs,

Forevermore! Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: ♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

C: ♪ **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.
You are my God, and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

C: ♪ **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

Be Seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: 84 & 83 *(Sunday only)*

Stand

C: ♪ **Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. [...] and † give you peace.

C: ♪ **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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A prayer for willing witnesses of the King:

*Lord, lay some soul upon my heart,
And love him through my love,
And speak through me; give me a part
In leading him above.*

*Peace came to earth when you were born;
Now I can die in peace.
Grant me to feel for all forlorn,
To share divine release.*

*When I get home and you I see,
Your saints all 'round appear,
May someone weep while hugging me:
"Thanks for your invite here."*

Our Weekly Catechism Review Page

“Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy,” God said.

Does this mean we must not work on Saturdays? Must we go to church each Saturday, like God’s people from the days of Moses until Jesus?

No. Paul wrote to people in ancient Colosse that now no one should judge us by what we eat or drink, or whether we worship on the Jewish Sabbath (Saturday) or not.

Those commands for the Jews were a shadow of things that were to come. The reality is found in Christ (*Colossians 2:16–17*).

So what are we to do, when it comes to God’s third commandment? Regard God’s Word as holy, and gladly hear and learn it.

Mary did that. Martha felt too busy to listen to Jesus, when she and Mary hosted Jesus. But Mary sat at Jesus’ feet, listening carefully. Martha wanted Jesus to make Mary stop and help her. Jesus said “no.”

His word is the one thing needful.



WHO IS INVITED TO TAKE THE LORD'S SUPPER WITH US

We invite to the Lord's Table the communicant members of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church and those who are members of other congregations of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS). If you our guest today we ask you to speak with our pastor prior to the service if you would like to join us at the Lord's Table.

Because of the serious nature of this Sacrament, and our Lord's charge that we administer it in accordance with his will, we practice close communion—as did the early Christian Church. We do this out of love for all people to ensure, as far as humanly possible, that all who commune with us:

- ◇ Are baptized.
- ◇ Are aware of the Real Presence of Christ's body and blood.
- ◇ Are trusting only in Christ's merits.
- ◇ Confess with us the truths of Scripture.

Since the Lord's Supper is a public declaration of unity in faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) we ask our children and our dear guests to make a public declaration of faith before receiving the sacrament with us. Our pastor is are happy to discuss with you what kind of discussion with him or classes this might involve.

Jesus' love and forgiveness are freely offered to all in God's Word whether they commune or not. In Christ we all stand on the same level before God. Our motive and goal is love (1 Timothy 1:5). Our love for God compels us to administer his sacrament according to Holy Scripture. Our love for people compels us to practice close communion so that we will not lead anyone into judgment, or encourage anyone to hypocrisy. If it is not possible today, we would love to have you come to the Lord's Table with us soon

TRINITY NEWS

FORWARD IN CHRIST'S for January are on the shelf for you to take and enjoy. A \$2 donation in the container to cover the cost would be appreciated!

GAMES & GOSPEL: The next function will be on Sunday, January 14th for the third annual "Chili Dump." We will have it after Bible class in the Fellowship Hall.

THE LADIES SEWING GROUP will start sewing again on January 8th at 1 pm at Elain Krohn's house. Please join in!

SECRETARY ON VACATION: The week of January 19th-26th Lori will be gone. You can always call her cell 507-380-4667 if you have a question.

MOUNT OLIVE: Applications are now being accepted for a part-time office assistant at Mount Olive Lutheran Church (ELS) in Mankato. A job description and application are available from Mount Olive. Completed applications are due January 7.

MOUNT OLIVE is hosting a free, hearty men's breakfast on Saturday, January 27 at 8 a.m. Dr. Michael Smith from Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato will lead a discussion of *Spiritual Leaders Seek to Protect their Families from Media Influences*. RSVP by January 25 to 507-345-4966.

MINNESOTA OWLS (ORGANIZATION OF WELS LUTHERAN SENIORS) will hold their annual spring rally at Martin Luther College on Monday, April 16. Registration and fellowship will be held in the Chapel of the Christ from 9:00 to 10:20.

The speakers for the day will be Timothy Redfield and his wife Megan, from Trinity, Belle Plaine, and Pastor Peter Georgson, Executive Director of Lutherans for Life. Pastor Redfield and his wife will share their experience bringing up their blind child, Libby.

OWLS will also get an MLC update and hear national OWLS news from Executive Director, John Paulson and Convention Coordinator, Werner Lemke. To register (\$10.00 fee includes lunch in the cafeteria) contact Dale Markgraf at demarkgraf@gmail.com.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday: Worship—9:00 am
 Bible Class & Sunday School —10:30 am

Monday: CEA meeting—6:00 pm
 Bible study —7:00 pm

Wednesday: Bible study—9:00 am
 Choir—6:30 pm
 Council—7:30 pm

Thursday: Trinity BB at Hutchinson 4:15 pm

Saturday: Worship—5:30 pm



Our Response to God's Grace

Saturday attendance : 17
Sunday attendance 9 am: 111 **New Years Eve:** 31

Operating (General Fund)	\$ 3,476.00
Missions:	\$ 290.00
Capital Fund:	\$ 140.00
Electronic Funds:	\$ 1,105.00
Debt Retire	\$ 205.00
MVL	\$ 25.00
Grain Gifting	\$ 677.04

Bulletin: Sandy Polzin in honor of Grandchildren and Great grandchildren

Organist: Joyce Lentz

Special Thanks to our video coordinators and ushers, singers & greeters.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 9 am-Worship Service 5:30 pm-New Years Eve Service	1 New Year's Day	2 7 pm—Elders	3 8 am Trinity begins Bible Study 9 am Bible Study	4 1:30 pm Ladies Guild	5 8 am-Trinity Chapel	6 10:00 am Christmas Clean-up 10:30 am Trinity Basketball at Samuel, Marshall 5:30 pm—Worship Service
7 9 am-Worship Service 10:30 am—Bible Study & Sunday School	8 3:05 pm-Faculty meeting 6 pm -CEA meeting 7 pm Bible Study-Fireside	9	10 9 am Bible Study 7:30 pm-Council meeting 6:30 pm-Choir resumes	11 4:15 pm—Trinity BB at Hutchinson	12	13 5:30 pm—Worship Service
15 9 am-Worship Service 10:30 am—Bible Study & Sunday School	15 NO school-curriculum day 7 pm Bible Study-Fireside	16 3:45 pm-Trinity BB at St. Peter	17 9 am Bible Study 6:30 pm-Choir	18	19 8 am-Trinity Chapel	20 5:30 pm—Worship Service 10:30 am Trinity BB vs. Sleepy Eye
21 9 am-Worship Service 10:30 am—Bible Study & Sunday School	22	23 4 pm—Trinity BB vs. Hutchinson 7 pm—School Anniversary	24	25 4 pm-Trinity BB @ Arlington	26 CEA potluck meal & board games	27 5:30 pm—Worship Service
28 9 am-Worship Service/ Trinity Children Sing 10:30 am—Bible Study & Sunday School	29 4 pm Trinity BB vs. Im-manual 7 pm Bible Study-Fireside	30 7:00 pm—Board of ED	31 9 am Bible Study 9 am-School open house 5:30 pm—School open house 6:30 pm-Choir			