

We welcome you in the name of our divine Savior. The word *epiphany* means “a showing” or “a revealing.” Today we see Jesus revealed as Savior of the World, the hope of all nations. If you are a guest with us, please sign our guest register. We invite you to worship with us again!

## **Our Worship**

**Order of Service:** “Service Of Word And Sacrament” as found in this bulletin or on page 26 in *Christian Worship* if you would like to follow the music there.

**HYMN:** 91 vs.1-3

*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 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**

### ***LORD HAVE MERCY***

#### *Kyrie*

**M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.**

**M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.**

**C: (Sung) Christ, have mercy.**

**M:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

**C: (Sung) Amen.**

**M:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

***O LORD, OUR LORD***

**C: (Sung) O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth. Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love. You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit; you make us pure and holy in your sight. You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth. O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us; you made your Father known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the King of glory; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.**

**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 your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: (Sung) Amen**

*BE SEATED*

## **THE WORD**

**The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6 (NIV):** *The glory of the Lord shines for all nations; it is revealed in Jesus, the Savior of the world.*

<sup>1</sup> "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. <sup>2</sup> See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. <sup>3</sup> Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup> "Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm. <sup>5</sup> Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. <sup>6</sup> Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

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**The Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 3:2-12 (NIV)** *Hard as it was for the Jews to understand or accept, the gospel is for all people, Jews and Gentiles alike. Like Paul, our task is to make this truth known.*

<sup>2</sup>Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. <sup>4</sup>In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup>I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. <sup>10</sup>His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, <sup>11</sup>according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>12</sup>In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**M:** Alleluia. We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him. Alleluia.

**C:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## STAND

**The Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV):** *The wise men visit the young Jesus, fulfilling the prophecies that Gentiles would come to Jesus and proclaim him as Savior of the World.*

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup>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." <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: <sup>6</sup>" '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.' <sup>7</sup>Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

**C: (Sung) Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*BE SEATED*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 89**

**Sermon Text: Isaiah 60:1-6**

“THE LIGHT HAS COME; ALL ASSEMBLE”

*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**

*STAND*

**OFFERING HYMN: 49**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** (Saturday)

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS** (Sunday)

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **(Saturday)**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Or

### **(Sunday)**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## **THE SACRAMENT**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C: (Sung) And also with you.**

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**C: (Sung) We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**C: (Sung) 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.

**M:** 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.

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

*Sanctus*

**C: (Sung) 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:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

**C:** (Sung) Amen.

## **O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD**

*Agnus Dei*

**C:** (Sung) 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**

**HYMN:** 377

## **THANKSGIVING**

*STAND*

## **THANK THE LORD**

**C:** (Sung) Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell everyone 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: (Sung) Amen.**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: (Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** 16 (Please remain standing)



*We welcome those visiting us this weekend. If you are a resident of this area and have no church home, we invite you to consider Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, town of Liberty. If you are interested, please speak to the pastor. We pray the blessing of God's Holy Spirit upon his Word, which you have heard with us today. Please worship with us again!*

## **Announcements:**

### **Organist**

Our organist this weekend is Lynn Jungen, from Bethany, Manitowoc. We thank her for beautifying our worship with her organ playing.

### **Prayer Requests –**

- Marion Moldenhauer – who is at the Manitowoc Health Care Center, we pray for God’s mercy, that she may serve him in her walk with him toward glory.
- Virginia Ratsch – who is set to undergo major surgery at the end of the month, we ask our Great Physician, Jesus Christ, to bless the work of all who attend her and, finally, to bring her to new health and a fruitful faith.
- Allen Reichardt – who is suffering at home from back pain and sciatic nerve problems. Lord God, limit the pain of your servant, and deal with him gently by your Word and providence.
- Jesse Lietzau – back from the Middle East. We thank the LORD for graciously protecting him, body and soul, in Christ. May God’s care continue for Nicole Schultz, granddaughter of Ralph Schultz and Ed Vetter, now back in the states, and for Erika Chute, granddaughter of Orabelle Fisher, now serving in Iraq. We ask the same for John Wallander, nephew of Leon & Linda Wallander, also serving in Iraq, and for Lee W. Petersen Jr., grandson of Wayne & Elaine Petersen, who is now serving in Baghdad.

### **Greetings to our Newly Installed Officers!**

May God bless the labors of those who have been called to serve our congregation, that they may serve in faithfulness and holy joy.

## **MLHS Hot Lunch**

Trinity is scheduled to serve Hot Lunch this year Jan.27<sup>th</sup>. This is earlier than usual. On the menu is Macho Nachos. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you can help serve or give a donation of money, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

## **Building Expansion Committee**

There will be a Building Expansion Meeting on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

## **The Call to Heaven of our Former Teacher**

Carolyn Spaude, a well-known friend of the Trinity family, died on Tuesday, January 6. She was preceded in death by her first husband Elroy Vetter, and by her second husband Pastor Alvin Spaude. She was the lower grade teacher at Liberty for many years. The funeral will be on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at Bethel Lutheran Church on Appleton Road in Menasha. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery in Manitowoc. She is Lucille Vetter's sister-in-law and aunt of Gary Vetter.

## **Thank You**

The Trinity Youth Group would like to thank all the members of Trinity who donated bags of angel food candy, and angel ornaments for the tree at Camp Sinawa. The cabin was a great success. We would also like to extend special thanks to the people that helped behind the scenes. Stephanie Nagel, Polly Bonfigt, Nancy Matznick, Chris Mangin, Marty and Lisa Kiesow, Mark Kiesow, Carol Glaeser, Tammy Glaeser, Dan Knutson, Wally Kiesow and Pastor Pope. We would also like to thank the members of the youth group who helped out with decoration and their time to keep the cabin open. Desirae Kiesow, Trisha Petersen, Kalie Knutson, Brianna Glaeser, Nicole Glaeser and Uriah Matznick. We hope that you enjoyed the cabin and hope to see you next year!

## **Jubilee Sunday Coming Up Next Weekend**

Next weekend, we are planning to celebrate Jubilee Sunday, January 17 and 18. This event is a chance for us to thank God for the great blessings we have as part of the Wisconsin Synod. Special envelopes are in your church mailbox, which you may use for the door offering next weekend. The envelope also includes further information on Jubilee Sunday.

## **A Big Thank you For Filling a Big Need**

Last week the Trinity Family Center suffered a major problem with the heating system. We thank Jeff Kasten for his dedicated hard work all week in maintaining and working on the system.

## **Poinsettias**

Anyone who ordered poinsettias for Christmas can take them home. Thank you for adding beauty to our Christmas celebration!



We are looking for one or two new leaders for Sunday School. Anna Knutson and Jessica Jungbluth have decided to step down after this school year. We thank them from the heart for their dedicated service on behalf of Jesus' little lambs. If you would like to volunteer for this position, we could certainly use your talents. And don't worry, the current superintendents will guide you in starting out. Please contact Pastor Pope or Anna and Jessica.

## MLHS Happenings

### Week of 1/12 - 18

Tue 1/13 Boys' Basketball vs. Hilbert (H)  
Thur 1/15 Girls' Basketball vs. Roncalli (A)  
Fri 1/16 MLHS Lancer-for-a-Day  
Boys' Basketball vs. Wrightstown (H)  
Sat 1/17 MLHS Grade School Pom Camp; 8:30 – 11:00am  
Girls' Basketball vs. Mishicot (H); Grade School Pom Campers perform at halftime  
Sun 1/18 MLHS Sunday @ First German; 8:00 & 10:30am

### Calendar of Events

**Sat.10<sup>th</sup>** 7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
**Sun.11<sup>th</sup>** 8:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class  
8:15 a.m. Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
**Tues.13<sup>th</sup>** 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Committee  
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee  
**Wed.14<sup>th</sup>** 5:00 p.m. Confirmation  
**Sat.17<sup>th</sup>** 9:30 a.m. Building Expansion Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Worship – *Jubilee Sunday*  
**Sun.18<sup>th</sup>** 8:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class  
8:15 a.m. Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. WCUB Radio Broadcast  
9:30 a.m. Worship – *Jubilee Sunday*

### **Greeters:**

Jan.11<sup>th</sup> Todd & Tammy Glaeser family  
Jan.18<sup>th</sup> Keith Petersen

## **Ushers:**

Jan.10<sup>th</sup> Dave Williamson (Server), Mark Knutson (Server), Marty Kiesow

Jan.11<sup>th</sup> David Schultz (Server), Brian Glaeser (Server), Joseph Nagel,  
Wayne Otto

Jan.17<sup>th</sup> John Smith, Steve Pleuss, Jim Krim, Al Bonfigt

Jan.18<sup>th</sup> James Ott, Len Arnold, Elwood Free, Larry Hochkammer

## **Altar Guild: January- Group 1:**

Helen Isaacson, Elaine Petersen, Donna Nagel, Bonnie Wagner



*Happy Birthday and God's Blessings to...*

1/10 Anna Knutson  
1/15 Steve Schreiber



*Happy Anniversary To...*

1/18 Al & Marlene Sieker – 45 Years!

\*If you have a January birthday or anniversary that was missed or listed incorrectly please let us know so we can update church records! Thanks!