

## ***The Epiphany of Our Lord*** ***January 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014***

The word *epiphany* means “a showing” or “a revealing.” Today we see Jesus revealed as Savior of the world.

### **Communion Announcement**

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Here at Trinity we practice a “close” Communion. God tells us that we are to be properly prepared for the Lord’s Supper and that we show a unity in our faith when we go to Communion. Since the Lord’s Supper is an expression of our common confession and we wouldn’t want to put our guests in the awkward position of confessing beliefs they might not hold to, we ask that only members of the WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) and ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) church come forward. If you have any questions or are interested in membership, please speak with the pastor.

### **Our Worship**

**Order of Service:** “Divine Service II” on page 28 of the *Christian Worship Supplement*.

**Hymns:** 708, 706, 742\*, 743\*, 745

\* Communion hymns

**Prayer of the Day:** 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.

## **First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6 (NIV)**

<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.

**Psalm of the Day:** 72 on page 51 (blue hymnal)

## **Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:2-12 (NIV)**

<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

Alleluia. We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him. Alleluia. (Matthew 2:2b)



## Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV)

<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.

## **Sermon Text: Matthew 2:1-12**

“FOLLOW THE STAR AND BE A WISE MAN”

After offering: Installation of Officers (Sunday)



*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 Evangelical 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. Come worship with us again!*

## **Announcements:**

### **Organist**

Our organist this weekend is Tammie Nagel. We thank her for beautifying our worship of God.

### **Church Decorations**

So quickly Christmas is over, but now God blesses us so that we can look forward to spring! Thanks to everyone who came Saturday morning, the 10<sup>th</sup>, to take down the church Christmas decorations. Your work is appreciated.

### **Stewardship Visits**

You can expect a phone call in the next week or two from a Trinity member or Pastor Pope, seeking to set up a home visit with you. This will be to present a synod-produced Bible class called, "It's All About Jesus". As the title indicates, this is not a meeting meant to focus on money. It is an opportunity for us all to get refreshed on what God's Word says about stewardship – that we are blessed to live in thanksgiving to Jesus. Please be accommodating when the visitor calls. The home visit should be no more than 45 minutes. Thank you – The Stewardship Committee

### **Reminders**

- Next weekend, January 17 and 18, is our 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month door collection and this month it is for our Tuition Assistance Fund (for more information on this fund, see Pastor's newsletter article this month).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Sat.10<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
<b>Sun.11<sup>th</sup></b>	8:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	8:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class
	9:30 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion – Installation of Officers
	11:00 a.m.	Stewardship Visitor Meeting
<b>Tues.13<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
<b>Wed.14<sup>th</sup></b>	5:00 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism
<b>Thur.15<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 p.m.	Choir
<b>Sat.17<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 p.m.	Worship
<b>Sun.18<sup>st</sup></b>	8:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	8:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class
	9:00 a.m.	WCUB Broadcast
	9:30 a.m.	Worship

### **Ushers:**

January 10<sup>th</sup> Greg Buechner (Sever), John Smith (Server), Mark Kiesow  
January 11<sup>th</sup> Gary Vetter (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), Andy Fisher, David Petersen  
January 17<sup>th</sup> Fred Schnell, Peter Liermann  
January 18<sup>th</sup> Keith Olm, Elwood Free, Alex Free, Paul Nagel

### **Greeters:**

January 11<sup>th</sup> Connie Mangin  
January 18<sup>th</sup> Alan & Marlene Sieker

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

*Helen Isaacson, Darlene Kiesow, Donna Nagel, Elaine Petersen*

### *A Happy Birthday to...*

1/10 Josh Petersen  
1/10 Addelyn Schaus  
1/10 Elsie Schaus  
1/11 Randy Siebert  
1/15 Steve Schreiber  
1/15 Samantha Braun  
1/16 Jessica Bratz

### *Happy Anniversary...*

1/12 Greg & Rhonda Buechner – 11 Years  
1/18 Alan & Marlene Sieker – 51 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!*