

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Worship in Sanctuary: Sunday at 10:00 am

Drive-In Worship: Sunday at 11:30 am (Tune Car Radio to 87.9FM)

Broadcast Sunday mornings, 8:00-8:30, on KAPS Radio (660 am)

You are created uniquely by God and you are welcome here.

Your Abilities· Age· Culture· Economic Status· Gender Expression/Identity· Life Circumstances· Marital Status· Questions·
Race· Sexual Orientation· are welcome here

January 9– Epiphany

GATHERING

PRELUDE

GREETING:

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all. (*2 Corinthians 13:13*)

All: And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who sends the word with angels,
who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth.

C: Amen.

L: In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Holy God,

C: we confess our sin before you.

We replace compassion with competition.

We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek.

We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.

We have not put on love in harmony with you.

Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word.

Swaddle our hearts with your peace,

that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us. Amen.

L: I bring you good news of great joy for all people:

God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord.

In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN “We Three Kings” BLUE HYMNAL HYMN #646

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: Let us pray, O God, ...

C: on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star.

Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: FIRST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6

Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought 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 proclaim the praise of the LORD.

L: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14

¹Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to ¹ the king's son;

²**that he may rule your ¹ people righteously
and the ¹ poor with justice;**

³that the mountains may bring prosperity ¹ to the people,
and the ¹ hills, in righteousness.

⁴**Let him defend the needy a- ¹ mong the people,
rescue the poor, and crush ¹ the oppressor.**

⁵May he live as long as the sun and ¹ moon endure,
from one generation ¹ to another.

⁶**Let him come down like rain upon ¹ the mown field,
like showers that wa- ¹ ter the earth.**

Continues...

⁷In his time may the ¹ righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall ¹ be no more.

¹⁰**May the kings of Tarshish and of the ¹ isles pay tribute,
and the kings of Sheba and Seba ¹ offer gifts.**

¹¹May all kings bow ¹ down before him,
and all the nations ¹ do him service.

¹²**For the king delivers the poor who cry out ¹ in distress,
the oppressed, and those who ¹ have no helper.**

¹³He has compassion on the low- ¹ ly and poor,
and preserves the lives ¹ of the needy.

¹⁴**From oppression and violence he re- ¹ deems their lives,
and precious is their blood ¹ in his sight.**

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:1-12

What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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L: THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW **C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12

God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

L: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD **C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY RED HYMNAL HYMN #300 "*The First Noel*" (vs 1-4)

CREED:

L: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit. (*Ephesians 1:13-14*)

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

L: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: pray in the Holy Spirit. (*Jude 20*)

L: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. (*Jude 21*)

L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new! (*2 Corinthians 5:17*)

WE SHARE THE MEAL

OFFERING/MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, you have done great things for us and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you – ourselves, our time, and our possessions – that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORDS PRAYER

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION: RECEIVE CHRIST IN BREAD AND WINE

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

WE SEND TO SERVE

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN “*As With Gladness Men of Old*” RED HYMNAL HYMN #302

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE