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***God of all creation who gives us this beautiful day
and life itself,***

***who hung the stars in the sky,
and who also generously provides our daily bread,
we welcome you into our presence.***

Dear Lord, what can I do for you today?

January 7, 2018 — Epiphany of Our Lord



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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 10

Epiphany means “manifestation.” On this day we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations. Some Christian traditions celebrate three great epiphanies on this day: the magi’s adoration of the Christ child, Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan River, and his first miracle, in which he changes water into wine. The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God’s grace and mercy. We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

PRAYER

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the Holy One of Israel, the Word made flesh, the Power of the Most High, † one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Gathered in the name of Jesus, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Gracious God,

C **in Christ Jesus you come among us as light shining in darkness. We confess our failure to welcome this light. Forgive us and renew our hope, so that we may live in the light of your grace, and welcome the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

P I bring you good news of great joy for all the people: To you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord. Your sins are forgiven in † Jesus’ name.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

As with Gladness Men of Old

ELW HYMN 302

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P O God, 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.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

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.

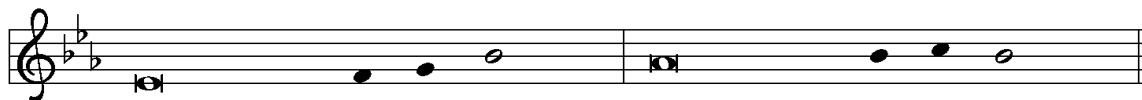
- ¹Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- ²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
- ³Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your 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 The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14

Sung responsively



- ¹Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
²**that he may rule your | people righteously**
and the | poor with justice;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

¹⁴**From oppression and violence he re- | deems their lives,
and precious is their blood | 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us: speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the second chapter.

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:

⁶And 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.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S TIME & SERMON

PASTOR GARY TESKE

HYMN OF THE DAY

In Christ There Is No East or West

ELW HYMN 650

Please stand for the final stanza of the hymn.

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

THE PRAYERS

A Let us pray for the church, the planet that is our common home, communities near and far, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A You are water that washes us into the community of faith together with the Lutherans on the Plains Parish of Sharon Lutheran in Sharon Springs and Our Savior Lutheran in Brewster; Bethany Lutheran in Weskan, Kansas, and the Women of the ELCA. Shower us anew with a sense of belonging and revive our

commitment to the visible unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic church.
Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You are water that replenishes the earth. Help us see our place in the river of life, and inspire us to seek ways to cool warming tundra and warm cooling tropics. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You are water that touches near and distant shores. Bring an end to conflict among the rulers of this earth carried out on land and sea, and provide just and equitable access to water among all people. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You are water that refreshes parched bodies, minds, and spirits. Accompany refugees fleeing their homes by boat and by foot, heal those whose bodies are weak or fragile, and be near to those whose breath of life is fading. We pray especially for Naomi Walker, Gay Marker, Howard Kunard, Don Longren, Lucille Brill, Kathryn Axelton, Jane Velen, Evelyn Johnson, and Russell Winsor. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You are water that flows from countless streams into rivers, lakes, and oceans. Give us vision to see and proclaim in our great diversity the singleness of humanity created in your likeness. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You are water that enlivens dry bones. Keep us in communion with all the saints who gather at the great and shining river, until at last we see you face-to-face. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Tribes and nations bow down before you, O God. Hear our prayers and praise, and raise us up to be your living body, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERING

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The tempo and meter are not explicitly stated but appear to be a common time signature. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God with us: You came as a baby to a manger. You slept on straw and greeted shepherds. You come again in bread and wine. Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things. And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others in the strength of your holy name.

C **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let every heart receive your Savior.
Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

We invite all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior to share with us in Holy Communion. All are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available as an alternative to wine. Everyone is invited forward to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate an openness to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing.

Note: we now have gluten-free communion wafers available. If gluten-free is your preference, please let the pastor know when you are at the communion rail.

COMMUNION HYMNS *Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair* **ELW HYMN 316**
Light Shone in Darkness **ELW HYMN 307**

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A On this day, O God, you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P May Christ, who by his incarnation has filled us with grace and truth, give you peace this Christmas and always. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Arise, Your Light Has Come* **ELW HYMN 314**

DISMISSAL

A Glory to God in the highest!

C Peace to God's people on earth!

A Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you have found the Spirit of God in our midst.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Alan Saatkamp, 605-214-1469.

Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for coffee and refreshments after worship.

Epiphany Sunday, January 7, 2018

Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall to see the nativity scenes that have been brought for sharing. Hopefully, the owners will have stories to tell about each of them.



Please Notice This



Members & visitors, please take note of the pew record books in your pew, fill out the information for yourself and pass it along to the other persons in your pew. This will help us keep up with prayer needs in your family and maintain our records of membership and attendance. Thanks!

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Jan. 7	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
.....	Children's Sunday School.....	9:00 AM
.....	Adult Sunday School with Pr. Teske	9:15 AM
.....	Confirmation Class	9:15 AM
.....	Blood Pressure Checks	after worship
.....	Old Town NIA meeting.....	3:00 PM
.....	Youth Group meeting	5:30 PM
Mon., Jan. 8	Women's AA.....	5:00 PM
Tues., Jan. 9.....	Quilters	9:00 AM
Wed., Jan. 10	Learning Committee Meeting.....	4:30 PM
.....	Church Council Meeting	5:30 PM
.....	Women's AA.....	5:30 PM
Thurs., Jan. 11.....	BUSN Welcome Lunch	11:45 AM
.....	Men's AA	7:00 PM
Sunday, Jan. 14.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
.....	Children's Sunday School.....	9:00 AM
.....	Adult Sunday School.....	9:15 AM
.....	Confirmation Class	9:15 AM

•Pr. Alan will be in Topeka on Wednesday, January 10 and Thursday, January 11.

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
Jan. 7, 2018	Dean McGinnis	David McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	Linda Longren	LaVell Winsor	Charlotte Blenden & Team Three	Shelley Andrews	Mary Heald	Pr. Gary Teske
Jan. 14, 2018	Vickie Jacobs	Duane Pomeroy	Mitchell Bean	Ted Murphy	Cindy McGinnis	Charlotte Blenden & Team Three	Duane & Debbie Pomeroy	Ted Murphy	Pr. Alan Saatkamp
Jan. 21, 2018	Martha Nemeth	Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Loni Reece	Ted Murphy	Charlotte Blenden & Team Three	Howard & Loni Reece		Pr. Alan Saatkamp
Jan. 28, 2018 Annual Meeting	Duane & Debbie Pomeroy	Ted Murphy	Laurie Jackson	Ted Quast		Charlotte Blenden & Team Three	Dean McGinnis	Vickie Jacobs	Pr. Alan Saatkamp

Welcome Luncheon for New Baker Nursing Students



On Thursday, January 11 at 11:45 we will be hosting lunch for 57 new students who will be beginning their studies toward a bachelor of science in nursing at Baker University's Stormont Vail campus. Your help is needed to welcome the students to our neighborhood. Plan on coming to meet the students and eat lunch with them. Salads and desserts are needed. If you can supply a salad or dessert, contact Diane Bottorff, 231-0379.

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS								
Date	General	Building Fund	Other	Flowers	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/Communion
Dec. 10	\$4,689.70	\$20,120.00	\$462.50	\$0.00	\$25,272.20	-\$2,643.92	\$22,628.28	47/44
Dec. 17	\$2,175.00	\$130.00	\$174.97	\$0.00	\$2,479.97	-\$2,643.92	-\$163.95	44/37
Dec. 24	\$1,844.00	\$40.00	\$68.00	\$0.00	\$1,952.00	-\$2,643.92	-\$691.92	59/49
Dec. 31	\$424.00	\$0.00	\$102.00	\$0.00	\$526.00	-\$2,643.92	-\$2,117.92	22/19
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.								
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead			
		November 2017	\$9,440.73	\$12,282.41	-\$2,841.68			
		Jan. thru Nov.	\$104,570.25	\$122,481.47	-\$17,911.22			

Please call the office, 233-0767, promptly about hospitalizations in our church family.



To share a prayer request please contact Barbara Apps at 249-7244 She will get the prayer chain started.

Remember our shut-ins!

Kathryn Axelton
Lucille Brill
Peggy Buchholz
Marlene Hassan
Marie Henriksen
Howard Kunard
Don Longren

Shawn Nowak
Roy O'Neil
Ron Owensby
Keith Springer
Naomi Walker
Evelyn Johnson





The mission of
**Trinity Evangelical
 Lutheran Church**
 is to

- worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

Together in Community • **L**iving with Christ • **C**aring for Neighbors

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