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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 6, 2019 — Epiphany of Our Lord

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 2

Epiphany means “manifestation.” Today we celebrate the revelation of Christ 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.

HYMN SING-A-LONG

SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER	ELW HYMN 423
GATHER US IN	ELW HYMN 532
HERE I AM, LORD	ELW HYMN 574
THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD	ELW HYMN 614
BLESSED ASSURANCE	ELW HYMN 638
JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE	ELW HYMN 697

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who shines in glory, clothes us in compassion, and bears gifts of mercy for all.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sins with confidence in God’s promise of forgiveness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P God, wonderful counselor,

C we confess that we have turned from your gifts and chosen our own way. We have not made room for you in our hearts or in our world. We have lived in fear; we have not welcomed the stranger; we desire gifts that will not endure. Forgive us our sins, known and unknown, and open us to receive the peace of Jesus dwelling in and among us. Amen.

P God’s lovingkindness has appeared to us in Christ our Savior. We are saved, not by anything we have done, but by God’s mercy poured out on us richly. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Through the Spirit living in you, God give you faith to trust Jesus, who is Love born for you, now and always.

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.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Please be seated.

WORD

C Thanks be to God.

bers 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, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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: 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.”⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.⁸ Then 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.”⁹ When 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.¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.¹¹ On 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.¹² And 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 *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* **ELW HYMN 308**

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 Dwelling in the presence of God with us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A Drawn into the light of God, we pray for the proclamation of the grace of Jesus Christ. Give courage and boldness to us and to Sharon Lutheran in Sharon Springs, Our Savior Lutheran in Brewster, Bethany Lutheran in Weskan, Kansas, and the Women of the ELCA to go forth into the world to tell the good news of what God has done. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Drawn into the glory of creation, we pray for the earth. Sustain every living thing with abundant resources, clean water, and sustainable harvests. Help us to steward all that you have provided. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Drawn into the brightness of God's presence, we pray for the nations of the world. Reveal your compassion and peace for the sake of all who live in the shadow of oppression, violence, and fear. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Drawn into the light of healing mercy, we pray for all who wait for healing and relief of suffering, especially Linda Longren, Russell Winsor, Susan Fitz, Jane Velen, & Debbie Pomeroy. Give us hope in the promise of new life where pain and suffering will be no more. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Drawn into the dawn of a new day, we pray for the ongoing reconciliation between people. Make us bold to name sin in our lives and unite us in the promise of forgiveness and mercy. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Drawn into the promise of everlasting light, we pray for those who mourn and give thanks for all the saints who now rest in the brightness of God's presence. We offer a special prayer for the family of Mike & Laurie Jackson as they mourn the death of Mike's mother, Margaret Ann "Marmie" (Morse) Jackson, who passed away December 28th. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Trusting in the presence of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, we commend all for whom we pray, dwelling in the light and hope of Christ, our Savior.

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 & OFFERTORY

Please stand as you are able.

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray.

C **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

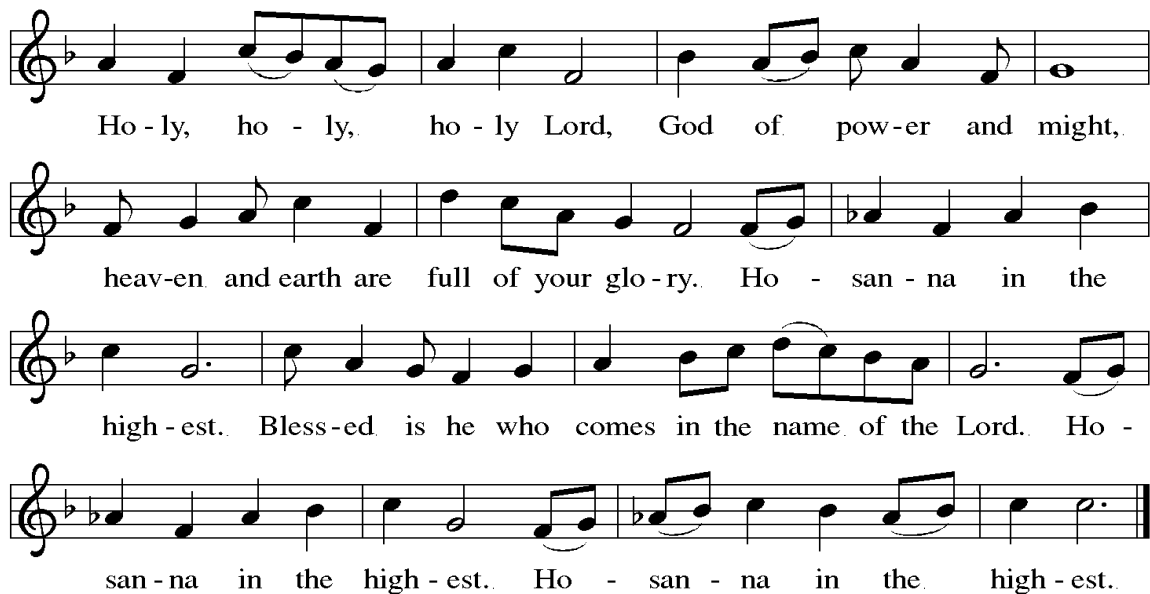
P Lift up your hearts.

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 - en 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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

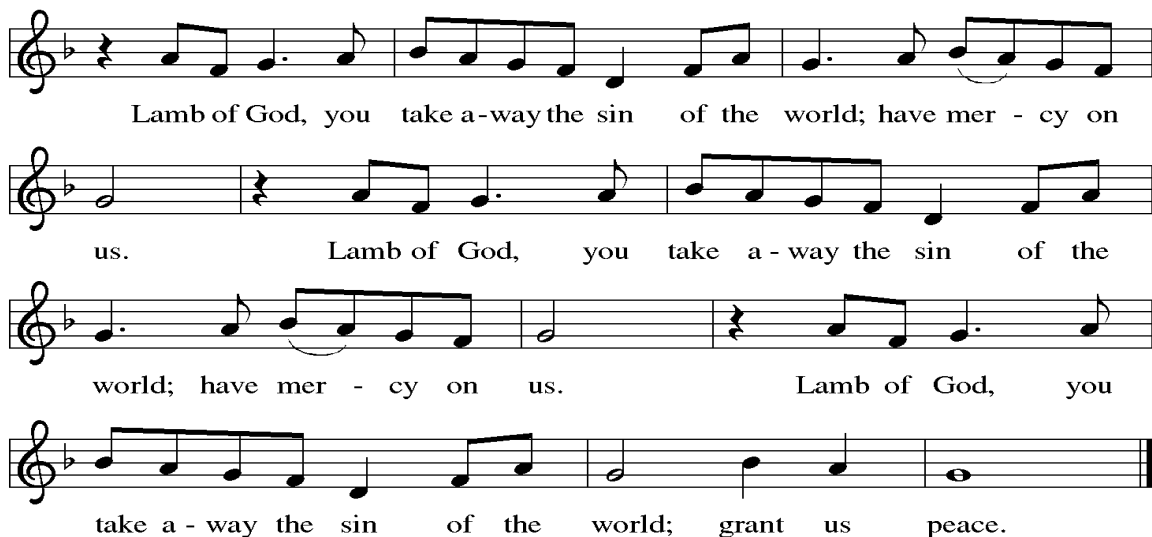
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the table where Christ meets you. Eat, rejoice, and be glad!

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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 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

*Shine, Jesus, Shine
This Little Light of Mine*

**ELW HYMN 671
ELW HYMN 677**

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 God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P God the Creator who delights in you, Jesus the Savior who is born for you, and the life-giving Spirit who shines on you, ☩ bless you and keep you in hope and peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People!

ELW HYMN 665

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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We welcome Pastor Gary Teske as he leads us in worship today.

Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you, members and visitors, 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 contact the church office at 785.233.0767

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
January 6, 2019	Marilyn Hypse	Walt Laughlin	Mitchell Bean	Duane Pomeroy	Ted Murphy	Cindy McGinnis & Team 1	Bob & Janeen Horton	Rosie Nichols	Pr. Gary Teske
January 13, 2019	Dorothy Strom	Curt Lewis	Laurie Jackson	LaVell Winsor	Duane Pomeroy	Cindy McGinnis & Team 1	Mike & Shelley Andrews	Ted Murphy	
January 20, 2019	Don & Charlotte O'Brien	Duane Pomeroy	Mitchell Bean			Cindy McGinnis & Team 1	Walt & Helen Laughlin	Vickie Jacobs	Pr. Dinah Dutta
January 27, 2019	Julie Reeves	Linda Longren	Laurie Jackson	Shelley Andrews	Curt Lewis	Cindy McGinnis & Team 1	Mike & Laurie Jackson	Bob Horton	Pr. Dinah Dutta

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/Communion
Dec. 16	\$1,822.00	\$0.00	\$1,822.00	-\$2,643.92	-\$821.92	53/44
Dec. 23 & 24	\$4,142.00	\$45.00	\$4,187.00	-\$2,643.92	\$1,543.08	44/41
Dec. 24						107/80
Dec. 30	\$8,804.58	\$186.00	\$8,990.58	-\$2,643.92	\$6,346.66	53/52
The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund.						
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		Nov. 2018	\$5,652.34	-\$6,096.12	-\$443.78	
		Jan. - Nov.	\$116,067.31	-\$104,396.42	\$11,670.89	

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Jan. 6, 2019	Adult Sunday School.....	9:15 AM
.....	Hymn Sing-Along	10:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM
.....	Blood Pressure Checks	after worship
.....	Youth Group Meeting	5:30 PM
Mon., Jan. 7	Women's AA.....	5:00 PM
Tues., Jan. 8.....	Quilters	9:00 AM
.....	Church Council Meeting.....	5:30 PM
Wed., Jan. 9	Women's AA.....	5:30 PM
.....	Historic Old Town NIA Meeting.....	6:30 PM
Thurs., Jan. 10.....	Men's AA	7:00 PM
Sunday, Jan. 13.....	Adult Sunday School.....	9:15 AM
.....	Worship with Holy Communion.....	10:30 AM

The next planning meeting for the 150th Anniversary Celebration will be January 15, 6:00 pm. All are welcome.

Pastor Michael Haar has graciously agreed to provide pastoral care to our members until a more permanent arrangement is in place. Anyone desiring a pastoral visit (hospitalization, illness, communion, etc.) should contact the office (Cindy) during office hours or a Council member (see the back of the bulletin for names & phone numbers) outside of office hours. Cindy, Bob Horton or Mary Heald will contact Pastor Haar about the need.

Remember our shut-ins!

Kathryn Axelton	Don Longren	Keith Springer
Lucille Brill	Shawn Nowak	Naomi Walker
Peggy Buchholz	Roy O'Neil	
Marlene Hassan	Ron Owensby	





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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