

## Old Testament Reading:

### Isaiah 60:1–6

- <sup>1</sup> Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- <sup>2</sup> For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.
- <sup>3</sup> And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.
- <sup>4</sup> Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
- <sup>5</sup> Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
- <sup>6</sup> A 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 bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

## Epistle: Ephesians 3:1–12

<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the

unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

## Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1–12

<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." <sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

# Where is He



who has been born  
king of the Jews?



**About the Cover:** "Where is He who has been born king of the Jews?" the Magi asked. God led some far-off foreigners by the star to start asking the right questions. He used the Holy Scriptures to provide the answer: Bethlehem, the city of David. This Epiphany, like every season, God leads people who were once far off to find their King present in His Word and Sacraments.

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**Sunday School & Adult Bible Class**

**\*8:45 AM**

**Divine Service**

**9:45AM**



In Our Prayers:

**For our Shut-ins:** Gladys Lambring, Dorothy Hoevener, Lois Nierman, Bertha Eggeman, Don Hoevener, Paul McMahon, Mabel Pollert, Everett Hackman, Joyce Sterling, Richard & Phyllis Lambring, John & Patty Surenkamp, Walter Miller.

**For Illness/Healing:** Sharon Rohr, Jim Reedy, Richard Bane, Dave O'Mara, Bryce Tormoehlen, Dave Schepman, Jack Wilson, Jane Pollert, Roberta Main, Allen Holle, Sarah Benter, Beulah Pottschmidt-Rieckers, Jane Pollert, Marsha Reynolds (Nancy Toppe's sister-cancer).

**January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

*Divine Service*

*Acolyte:*

*Acolyte for next Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>:*

*Organist:*

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Olivia Cain

Kate Connell

Ross Rieckers

**REMINDER:** The annual Voter's Meeting is next Sunday, @ 1:30pm

**Church Council** will meet on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, @ 6:30pm

**Poinsettias** are in the back of church and may be picked up after the worship service if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

**This Week's Schedule:**

Today:

**Epiphany**

+8:45a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

+9:45am Divine Service

+Installation of newly elected officers

Tuesday:

+6:15a.m. Elder's Meeting

+8:00a.m. Classes resume @ St. John Sauer's School

+2:00p.m. Pastor Muhlbach leading worship @LCH

+7:30p.m. Men's Club/Bible Study

Wednesday:

+1:30p.m. Ladies Aid/Bible Study

+6:30p.m. Church Council Meeting

+8:00p.m. Public School Confirmation Class

Friday:

+8:30a.m. Chapel

+10:00a.m. Church Cleaning

Next Sun.

+8:45a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

+9:45am Divine Service w/ Holy Communion

+1:30p.m. Voter's Meeting

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**Bulletin Announcements:** Please forward all items for the January 13<sup>th</sup>, bulletin to Holly Sawyer at [sjsoffice.hsawyer@gmail.com](mailto:sjsoffice.hsawyer@gmail.com), drop them by the school office, or text to 812-528-0645 by 8:00am,  
**Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. 837999.76**

Date:	12/30/2018
Envelopes/Loose	\$14,344.28
January Parsonage Rent	\$ 700.00
Preschool Fees	\$ 4,460.00
TLHS Dues	\$ 65.00
Tax Refund	\$ 49.72
New Year's Eve Service	\$ 4,865.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,484.00</b>
<b>Total Tithes/Gifts to Date (1/1/2018-12/30/2018)</b>	<b>\$520,726.00</b>
Week 52 (1/1/2018-12/30/2018) % of Budget to Date:	62%
<b>Line of Credit</b>	<b>\$58,000.00</b>
12/30 Attendance	260
12/31 New Year's Eve Service	41

**(Epiphany)** - Matt. 2:11 - "And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh." Worship and the giving of gifts go together. This makes sense because God is the great Giver of every good gift, and we worship Him and desire to grow into His image. We receive His gifts in worship and then, being conformed to the likeness of His image, we imitate His generosity.



- The entire theory of evolution was conceived as an attempt to write the Lord our God completely out of the equation. It does not really matter to evolutionists how outlandish or implausible any given argument might sound. (For example, an act of spontaneous combustion accidentally led to all the intricacies we observe in the world today.) All that really matters in the theory of evolution is the elimination of the Creator.
- At the polar opposite end of the spectrum, we who hold faith in God's work of creation cannot live without any aspect of it. Our faith in God's work of creation really has to do with our faith in the Holy Scriptures, which we believe to be the voice of the Holy Spirit. Our faith that God is the Creator also lays the cornerstone of our salvation, which is Christ Himself, crucified and resurrected from the dead. Creation is the conjoined twin of redemption: if you do not have the one, you cannot have the other. Without the creation, there is no salvation.

How shall we communicate the Scriptures to those who crassly reject the Scriptures—especially when we seem to be aliens from different planets? Such an "interplanetary obstacle," so to speak, might tempt us not even to attempt speaking the faith to the world.

By no means! We Christians have the living, powerful, and active Word of God. This Word continues to exert miracle-producing power wherever it goes. Thus, we Christians have a distinct advantage over all other people in the world. When we confess the faith, we are not merely speaking ideas, as all other people speak. When we confess the faith, we are speaking the very voice and Word of God, which God has sworn, "shall not return to Me empty" (Isaiah 55:11).

Keep on speaking! Yes, we are living on different planets from those who reject the faith. Praise be to God! His living Word is powerful to travel even that far.

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**Epiphany of Our Lord** – The Heavenly Father welcomed outsiders into His household at Christmas (Matthew 2:1, 11). He even escorted them toward His nativity and incarnation by an extraordinary gesture. His loving grace held the magi as precious as His own Son, regardless of their origin and location. God's favor shines the same way upon unborn ones, even in their sometimes unfavorable circumstances. And His forgiveness embraces all sinners—even those with histories checkered by violence against life.



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**INSTALLATION OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS** will be held during the worship service this morning. There are copies of the 2019 church and school officers contact information on the table in the narthex

<b>Newly Elected Officers:</b>	
Chairman	Doug Jaynes
Vice Chairman	Charlie Murphy
Elders	Stan Tormoehlen Gregg Stuckwisch Mike Benter Jeff Lorenzo
Trustee (Parsonage & Teacherage)	Todd Hunt
Trustee (Grounds & Communion)	Kyle Pollert
Trustee (Church)	Bradley Rollins
Church Treasurer	Rodney Burton
Cemetery Committee	Ron Lambring
School Board Trustees	Chad Decker Jay Rieckers
Mission Federal Delegate	Dwight Wischmeier
Head Usher	Tyler Reedy
LCFS/CrossLife Ministries Delegate	Erika Muhlbach

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**Purchase your tickets for the TLHS Taco Salad Dinner after the worship service today!** The Trinity boys' basketball team will be hosting a taco salad dinner fundraiser before the home basketball game this Friday, January 11 from 4:30 – 6:00. Come out and support your Cougar basketball team! Tickets will be available at the door for \$5.00 or can be purchased from any basketball player. Go Cougars! St. John Sauer's members who play on Trinity's basketball team are: Kaleb Baumgartel, Micah Baumgartel, Chase Sawyer, & Sam Schepman.

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**St. John Lutheran School** will resume classes at 8:00am, on Tuesday, 1/8.