

## **CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*"Helping others receive grace, purpose and direction by proclaiming Christ's love."*

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**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**January 5, 2020**

# Epiphany of Our Lord

**Prayer Before Worship:** O God of light and peace, whose glory shining in the child of Bethlehem, still draws the nations to yourself: dispel the darkness that shrouds our path, that we may come to kneel before Christ in true worship, offer him our hearts and souls, and return from his presence to live as he has taught. Amen.

*(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)*

**KEY:** ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),  
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

\* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

**A Warm Welcome** to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

***Visitors**, we are especially glad to have you worshipping with us today.  
Please join us in the reception area after worship for coffee and fellowship.*

**Worship Information Cards:** Everyone is invited to fill out a Worship Information card as you enter so that we know you are here, will be communion today or if you have a prayer request you would like us to include during worship today. Once you have filled out the card, please pass them to the inside aisle for the ushers to pick up. Thanks!

## Prelude Music

## Welcome and Announcements

✠**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS**✠

## Call to Worship

Arise, shine, for your light has come,

**And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

The brightness of God's light shines upon all the nations.

**All are welcomed to the brightness of God's dawn.**

God calls us from the ends of the earth and gathers us as one.

**We respond in praise. With our gifts, with our very selves, we worship God!**

**Welcome Song: “Arise, Your Light Has Come”**

**ELW #314**

**\*Confession of Sins/Assurance of Forgiveness**

*(All may make the sign of the cross † the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, Love from the beginning, Word made flesh, Breath of heaven. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another, trusting in God’s endless mercy and love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of light and peace,

**We confess that we have shunned your light that reveals the truth about us. We cling to worldly things rather than sharing the gifts of this earth. We trust ourselves above all. Save your people, O God; sustain the rivers and trees that sing your praise; and free us to live boldly in the light and truth of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.**

Dear people of God, hear the good news: Christ the Savior is born! You are loved and forgiven in the name of † Jesus, who has come among us. You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved, because God’s love is given to you as the most precious gift of all. Rejoice in this love and share the light of Christ with all the world. **Amen.**

**\*Song of Praise: “All Hail King Jesus”**

**W&P #3**

**\*Greeting**

Christ comes to lighten our darkness.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

May the light of God’s glory be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

God of grace,

**May Jesus, Emmanuel, son of Mary and Joseph, be more than just a dream in our hearts. Open our hearts to receive your Son; save us, restore us and lead us in the way of grace and peace, that we may bear your promise of salvation into the world. Amen.**

‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Pew Bible p. 690, Old Testament

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Read Responsively

- <sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.  
<sup>2</sup>**May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.**  
<sup>3</sup>May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.  
<sup>4</sup>**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**  
<sup>5</sup>May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon,  
throughout all generations.  
<sup>6</sup>**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth.**  
<sup>7</sup>In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.  
<sup>10</sup>**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,  
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.**  
<sup>11</sup>May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.  
<sup>12</sup>**For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.**  
<sup>13</sup>He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.  
<sup>14</sup>**From oppression and violence he redeems their life;  
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

Pew Bible p. 193, New Testament

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

\*Gospel Verse

“Celtic Alleluia”

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!  
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening,  
speak your words of wisdom,  
for the words you speak are everlasting life.

**A holy day has dawned.  
Adore the Lord, you nations,  
for today a light  
has come on the earth.**

**\*Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**

**Pew Bible p. 2, New Testament**

*Response after the announcement of the gospel:*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Response after the gospel reading:*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Kids Sermon**

**Angie Hinze**

**Sermon:**

**Pastor Chris**

*(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)*

**‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡**

**\*Hymn: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"**

**ELW #815**

**\*Profession of Faith: The Apostles Creed**

**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.**

**\*Prayers of the Church**

**W&P #27**

*(Sung Prayer Response)*

**I cast all my cares upon you;  
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.  
And anytime that I don't know what to do,  
I will cast all my cares upon you.**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.)*

**Offering**

**Offertory: "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"**

**Choir**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

Good and loving God,

**we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be a blessing to others. With the shepherds, wise men and angels, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**‡HOLY COMMUNION‡**

*(The Words of Institution are spoken by the pastor, ending with... "now and forever. Amen." The congregation responds by singing "We Remember You")*

**W&P #152**

**In broken bread and the cup that we share, we remember you.  
In broken bread and the cup that we share, we remember you.  
We remember you, Jesus. We remember your love for us.  
We remember the blood you shed. We remember you.**

**\*The Lord's 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.**

**\*Invitation to Communion**

Love has come: God's love for all people. Come and eat, for Christ invites you.

*(Sung Response)*

**"Feed Us Now"**

**OSB #89, v.2**

**Distribution of Communion:**

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

**All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.**

*(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.*

*WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.*

*Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)*

**Prayer Stations:** If you wish to have someone pray for and with you this morning, please feel free to make your way to the narthex either before or after you receive Communion this morning. All prayers and conversations will be confidential.

**Distribution Song: "Communion Carol"**

**Choir**

**\*Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer**

Emmanuel, God with us, you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all. **Amen.**

**‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡**

**\*Benediction**

May the Word that Mary brought to birth carry you into new and abundant life.  
**Amen.**

May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms enfold you with love and strength.

**Amen.**

May the Word that the angels proclaimed in song bring harmony to our world.

**Amen.**

May the Word that drew the Wise Men from afar draw you into Christ's presence.

**Amen.**

The blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"**

**W&P #123**

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. The star of Bethlehem guiding you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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the **Give Online** button OR download the

**Give+Church App** on your smartphone. It's safe and secure.





## **JANUARY FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED**

**FOOD PANTRY:** household items (laundry soap, dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, household cleaners, etc.) and can openers

**BACKPACKS:** 16 oz. peanut butter (in plastic)



## **Fighting Malaria**



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**WOMEN OF THE ELCA JANUARY MISSION PROJECT:** The WELCA mission project for January and February will be the ELCA Malaria Campaign. Just \$10 can purchase a treated mosquito net, \$50 provides medicine for 25 people, and \$100 trains a village health team. Make donations in the tan “designated giving” envelopes and mark them for WELCA.

### **‡In Our Thoughts and Prayers‡**

**Prayers for healing:** **Beth Janecek** (surgery), **Neal Blomenkamp** (surgery), **Barry Bassett** (recovering), **Elnora Sell** (recovering), **Virginia Pickett** (recovering), **Deanna Zweifel** (recovering), **Michael Dietrich** (friend of Dave & Penny Stevens), **Julie** (cancer treatment--Travis Miller family), **Barb** (cancer--Marlene Downer’s sister-in-law), **Ella** (Andi Dorn’s friend), **Sean Woodral** (recovering), **Joan** (cancer--niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer--Jim Dorn’s sister-in-law), **Judy Lueningborg** (recovering--Deanna Zweifel’s sister-in-law), **Kevin Feil** (healing--Melissa Guerrero’s father), **Bonnie Noble** (Leah Nikont’s mother), **Jeanette Chasek** (knee surgery).

**Prayers for comfort:** family of **Dale Schmidt** (Carol Bosshardt’s father) upon his death

**OWLS** will meet on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Chili and cinnamon rolls will be served. Silver Sneakers program from the YMCA. Learn some valuable exercises to keep you moving and healthy.





## **BIBLE STUDIES RESUME**

Sunday morning, 9 a.m. @ church

Tuesday morning, 8:30 a.m., men's group @ church

Tuesday noon, women's group @ church

Tuesday evening, 7 p.m. @ church

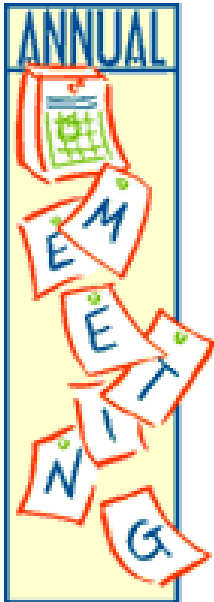
Thursday evening, 6:45 p.m. @ Steeles'



*Natalie Laughlin, 1/9; Barrett Samuelson, 1/9;*

*Makenzie Todd, 1/9; Geri Bartel, 1/11*

*If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.*



## **Reminders:**

**January 9 – Annual Reports Due**

**January 13 – Council Meeting**

**January 19 – Budget Forum**

**January 26 – Annual Meeting**

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**This Sunday – January 5**

**Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer**

**USHERS:** Jeff VanPatten, Maunette Loeks

**PRAYER ASSISTANTS:** Andi Dorn, Val Rahrs

**LAY READER:** Marti Wegelin

**COMMUNION ASSTS:** Dennis Gorr, Barb Gorr, LaDonna Schmidt

**POWERPOINT:** Gracee Michael

**ACOLYTE:** Ella Foote

**ALTAR GUILD:** Deb Brown, Vicki Howell, Tracy Steele

**PIANIST:** Dee Brady

**COFFEE SET UP: Volunteer today!**

**HOSPITALITY: Volunteer today!**

**Next Sunday – January 12**

**USHERS:** Monty & Shari Copsey

**LAY READER:** Susan Martin

**COMMUNION ASSTS:** Bill Huelle, Jeannie Stormoe, Fran Johnson

**POWERPOINT:** Kierra Miller

**ACOLYTE:** Josh Miller

**ALTAR GUILD:** Angela Bonow, Andi Dorn, Carmen Kleager, Shelly Koehler, Jessica Laughlin

**ORGANIST:** Rhonda Boettcher

**COFFEE SET UP: Volunteer today!**

**HOSPITALITY: Volunteer today!**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, January 5**

9 a.m. – Adult Study

10 a.m. – Worship

**Monday, January 6**

*EPIPHANY!*

7 p.m. – Hannah Circle

**Tuesday, January 7**

8:30 a.m. – Men's Study

11:30 a.m. – Exec Committee

Noon – Women's Study

1 p.m. – Quilting

7 p.m. – Bible study

7:30 p.m. – Priscilla Circle

**Wednesday, January 8**

10 a.m. – Ruth Circle

Noon – OWLS luncheon

6 p.m. – JAM

6 p.m. – Confirmation

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

**Thursday, January 9**

**Annual Reports due!**

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study @ Steeles

**Saturday, January 11**

5:30 p.m. – Worship

6:30 p.m. – Social Ministry gathering

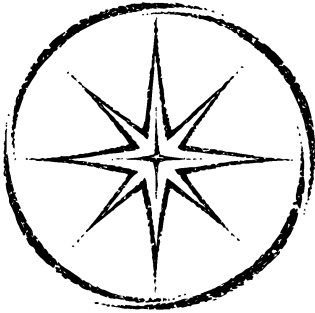
**Sunday, January 12**

9 a.m. – Adult Study

10 a.m. – Worship

## Guided by a Star

January 5, 2020



The feast of Epiphany (“manifestation”) concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people.

### Daily Bible Readings @ Home

**Sunday – Read Matthew 2:1-12** The magi offer gold, a possession of kings; frankincense, used in ritual to indicate the presence of the deity; and myrrh, an oil used at the time of death as well as for anointing priests. Reflect on what the gift of the Magi tell us about Jesus’ identity and ministry.

**Monday – Read Isaiah 60:1-16** Isaiah proclaims that the light of God’s goodness and blessing will soon displace the darkness of misery, despondency, and malaise in the nation. Pray for God’s light to shine dispelling the darkness of our world.

**Tuesday – Read Ephesians 3:1-12** Paul states that he is a servant of the gospel. What does he mean? How are we also called to be servants of the gospel? What does that mean for you and how you live?

**Wednesday – Read 1 Peter 5:1-11** Try to recall times that you have been especially aware that God cares for you. Did you feel free to ‘cast’ your anxieties on God? If not, why do you think that was so?

**Thursday – Read Genesis 50:14-21** With the death of their father, Joseph’s brothers finally seek the forgiveness of Joseph. Joseph response is gracious and profound. Telling them that what they intended for harm, God used for good. All is forgiven. Is there someone you need to forgive or ask forgiveness from?

**Friday – Read 2 Corinthians 12:1-10** Paul proclaims that ‘whenever I am weak, then I am strong.’ What do you think Paul means? Think about your own weaknesses; Journal about how you might find God’s strength in the midst of your weaknesses?

**Saturday – Read Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14** The psalmist prays that the king will have care and concern for the poor, the weak and the needy. Throughout scripture God’s concern for the most vulnerable among us is made known. Make a donation to a ministry that helps the poor, the weak or the needy this week.