

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Epiphany of Our Lord

January 6, 2019



INTROIT

Psalm 45:6-8a; antiphon: v. 17



- P** I will cause your name to be remembered in all gener- | ations;*
therefore nations will praise you forever and | ever.
- C** Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your
kingdom is a scepter of up- | rightness;*
you have loved righteousness and hated | wickedness.
- P** Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness
beyond your com- | panions;*
your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and | cassia.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P** I will cause your name to be remembered in all gener- | ations;*
therefore nations will praise you forever and | ever.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: Students studied Deborah, one of the Old Testament judges. Through Deborah, Barak, and Jael, God brought about victory for His people and freed them from cruel oppression; through Christ's death on the cross, God brought about our victory and freed us from sin, death, and the devil. Parents could ask, "How did God use Deborah to help His people? How does God help His people today?"

2019 BOX ENVELOPES: Happy New Year! Have you picked up your box of envelopes from the Narthex? Make today the day you do! For members who don't currently have a box number for a fiscal end-of-year tax statement and would like to start tracking your Sunday tithes for your 2019 taxes, contact the office today! We have leftover available box numbers up for grabs!

Also, did you know that Messiah's envelopes are designed to perfectly fit standard checks and cash, without any folding? If possible, the Office appreciates receiving unfolded checks, as folded ones causes problems with our check scanner. Thanks for your consideration!

2019 SERVICE SCHEDULES: Don't have access to the internet, but still want access to the Jan – June 2019 schedule for your volunteer service? Fret not! Near the emergency exit perpendicular to the Sacristy door, a wall file folder has been installed. There, all service schedules for all ushers, elders, readers, etc will be found in the appropriately marked folders. Otherwise, all schedules will be updated and reposted periodically.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

LADIES' GUILD MEETING: Ladies' Guild will be meeting January 9th at 10:00 am. Coffee, tea and a sweet roll will be served. Please remember to bring your "Mites for Missions" money. All women of Messiah are invited to attend!

2019 FLOWER CHART: Have a Sunday that you'd like to commemorate with altar flowers? The new 2019 Flower Chart has been posted in the Education Hall.

THIS MONTH'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S NIGHT OUT: The next Men's Night Out will be held on Monday, January 14th at 6:00 pm at Mazatlan Restaurant, located at 6003 244th St. SW in Mountlake Terrace. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth, 206-363-5654.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT: The next Ladies's Night Out will be Monday, January 21st, at 6:00 pm and located at Green Papaya Vietnamese/Thai restaurant, 13310 Lake City Way NE. RSVP to Bev Edmon, (425) 773-3711, bevedmon@gmail.com.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DONATION REPORT: In the month of December, we collected the following items for Immanuel Lutheran Community Services and Compass Cascade Women's Center: 55 toothbrushes and 11 toothpastes. Thank you for helping those in need! In January, we will be collecting razors, shaving creams and after-shaves.

SOCIAL MINISTRY DONATION REPORT: Messiah donated a total of 26 new blankets and 57 new pairs of socks for children, ladies and men at the Compass Center. Lisa Lindstrom provided a \$250 donation from Thrivent to make this project a success. Members donated 4 new blankets and the new socks. Thank you.

AMAZONSMILE: Are you an Amazon customer? Did you know you can have a small portion of each purchase donated to Messiah Lutheran Church if you order via AmazonSmile? The merchandise and prices are exactly the same as Amazon.com—but the benefit is that .5% of your purchase will be donated to a charity of your choice. You can set Messiah Lutheran Church as the beneficiary. Go to Amazon.com, and do a search for AmazonSmile to learn more about this program.

DAILY READINGS

January 6: Is. 66:1–20; Luke 3:21–38; **7:** Ezek. 1:1–14, 22–28; Rom. 1:1–17; **8:** Ezek. 2:1–3:11; Rom. 1:18–32; **9:** Ezek. 3:12–27; Rom. 2:1–16; **10:** Ezek. 18:1–4, 19–32; Rom. 2:17–29; **11:** Ezek. 33:1–20; Rom. 3:1–18; **12:** Ezek. 34:1–24; Rom. 3:19–31.

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The top half of the image features a silhouette of three camels and their riders against a vibrant, multi-colored sky. The sky transitions from a deep orange at the bottom to a teal and blue at the top, with numerous small white stars scattered throughout. The camels are walking from left to right across a dark, silhouetted horizon line.

Epiphany

Matthew 2:9-12

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. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 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. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.