

Old Testament

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For 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. ³And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴Lift 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. ⁵Then 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. 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 bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

Epistle

Ephesians 3:1-12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— ²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which 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. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of 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. ⁸To 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, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all

things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

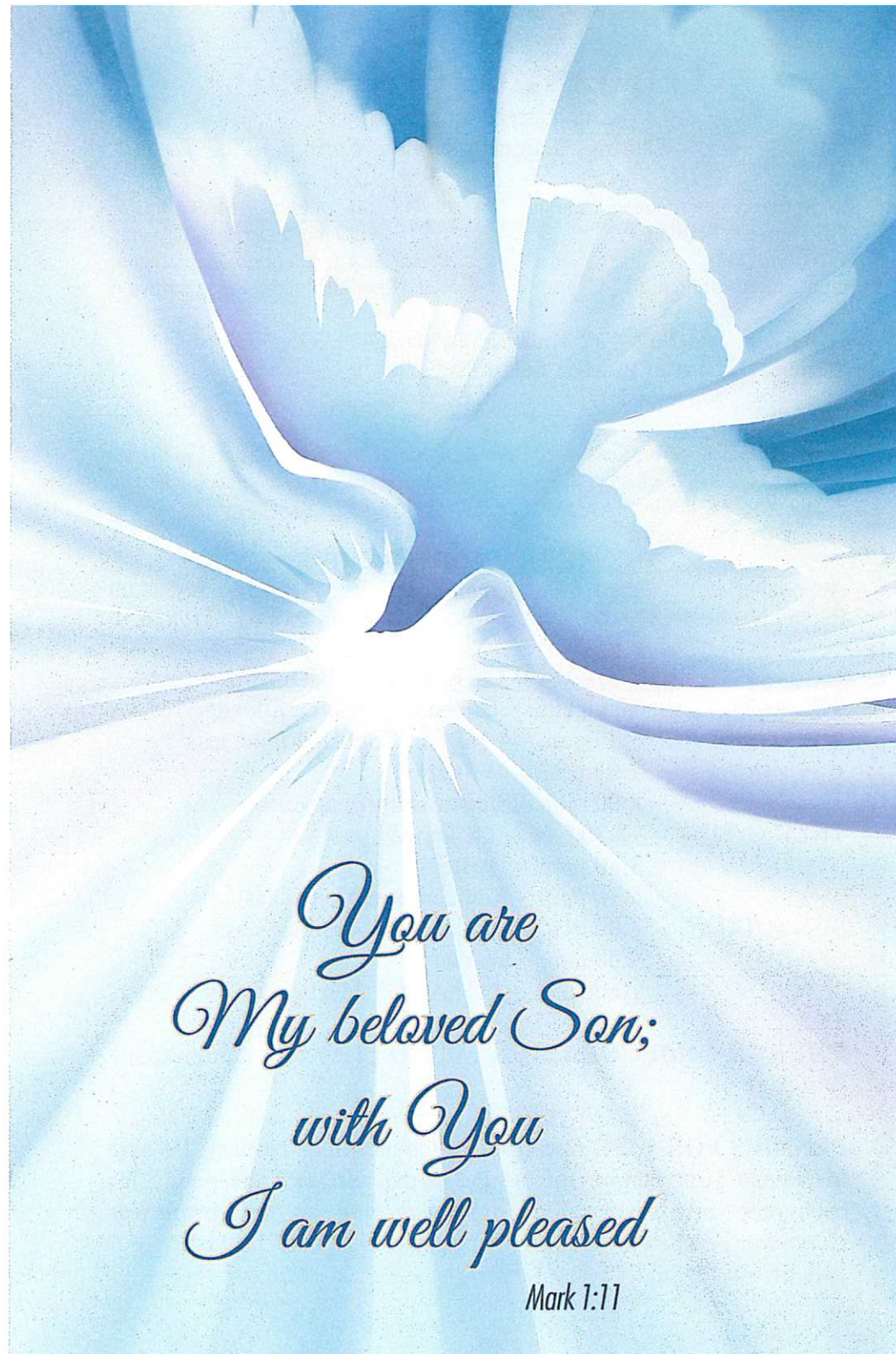
¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶"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.'"

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And 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." ⁹After 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. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And 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. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.



Epiphany

About the Cover: At Jesus' Baptism by John, our heavenly Father provided verbal witness that this Jesus is indeed His "beloved Son," and that the Father is "well pleased" with Him (Mark 1:11). The Father knows what lies before His Son, and He also knows that Jesus will accomplish keeping the Law on our behalf. God's salvation plan was inaugurated in Jesus' Baptism and was finished on the cross of Calvary.



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 3 & 7, 2018

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Hymns: 394, 399, "We Three Kings," 805, 400, 395, 397
Sermon: "Star of Wonder, Star of Night"
Matthew 2:1-12

Holy Communion: Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 12/31 (Sun.): 69 Comm.: 66 Offering: \$2,524.00
Budget Needs: \$3,330.00 Scrip Profit 12/31: \$36.50

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

SUN (1/7) 10:00 a.m. – Undecorate church after service
WED (1/10) 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
 7:00 p.m. – **Worship**
 8:00 p.m. – Stewardship/Evangelism
THUR (1/11) 12:30 p.m. – Ladies Aid
 3:30 p.m. – Trustees
 6:30 p.m. – Adult Information Class
SUN (1/14) 8:00 a.m. – Sunday School/Bible Class
 9:00 a.m. – Worship
 10:00 a.m. – C.H.A.O.S. Meeting

CHURCH UNDECORATING will take place after church today (Sunday).

PENNIES FOR LIFE runs through the month of January. Be sure to deposit your pennies in the jar in the narthex (one penny for each year you've been alive.) *Please do not put junk pennies or Canadian pennies in the jar.* Donations will go to Lutherans For Life of Wisconsin.

ADDRESS, PHONE & EMAIL CHANGES! Please check and update the information we have for you on the sheets in the narthex, including any changes or additions.

2018 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES – If you have not yet picked up your envelopes, please do so as soon as possible as some box numbers have changed since last year.

2018 FLOWER CHART & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP – If you would like to donate flowers or sponsor bulletins for next year, please sign up now.

NEWSLETTER HARD-COPY - If you would like a hard-copy of the church newsletter, please contact the church office and we will put one in your church mailbox each time it is printed.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

Isaiah 60:6 "They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD." Faith in God moves the heart toward thanksgiving, which moves us toward making offerings to the Lord in His House. It's simply what Christians do: our thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us simply must overflow into sacrificial giving to the Lord. What Isaiah prophesied, the Wise Men did, and we still do today: give with a thankful heart.

DISTRICT MISSIONS – In this week following the Epiphany, please remember the **multi-cultural missions** of our South Wisconsin District in your prayers. Ask that we may reflect the radiance of the Gospel to the people of all nations around us, leading them to see and know the Savior of the world.