

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.

Where is He



who has been born
king of the Jews?



Epiphany

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.

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 2 & 6, 2019

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Four p. 203
Hymns: 400, 398, 409, 805, LW 76, 397, 367
Sermon: "The Mystery Revealed"
Ephesians 3:1-12

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 12/30: 67 Comm.: 63 Offering: \$2,667.00
Attendance 12/31: 22 Comm.: 21 Offering: \$487.00
Budget Needs: \$3,397.00

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

SUN (1/06) 10:00 a.m. – Undecorate Church
WED (1/09) 3:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class
 7:00 p.m. – **Worship**
 8:00 p.m. – Bd. of Stewardship/Evangelism
THU (1/10) 12:30 p.m. – Ladies Aid
 4:00 p.m. – Bd. of Trustees
SUN (1/13) 8:00 a.m. – Sunday School/Bible Class
 9:00 a.m. – **Worship**
 10:00 a.m. – World Mission Presentation/Breakfast

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Ralph Haberland who is recovering from surgery.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Peter & Cheryl Kittel in memory of Duane Kittel.

ANNUAL REPORT ITEMS should be turned in already. If not, drop them off at the church office or email them to sblcbrillion@gmail.com ASAP. *Thank you*

PASSIONATE BELIEVERS CONFERENCE is Saturday, January 26 @ Divine Redeemer, Hartland. See the bulletin board & newsletter for more information. If interested, contact Pastor Krueger by next Sunday.

PENNIES FOR LIFE – You are encouraged to donate a penny for every year of life which God has granted you. Deposit your pennies in the jar in the narthex. *Please do not donate junk pennies or Canadian pennies.* Donations will go to Lutherans for Life of Wisconsin. Deadline is January 27.

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. You may also email your information to the church office.

WORLD RACE PRESENTATION & BREAKFAST - Sunday, January 13 @10 a.m. Join us as Nicole Wittmann gives us a recap of her 11-month mission journey and shares with us a Central American breakfast. Breakfast will consist of eggs, beans, fruit, etc. Please sign up on the bulletin board by Wednesday, January 9. There is no cost.

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS – If anyone is interested in joining our congregation from a non-Lutheran background or is interested in learning the basics of our beliefs as Lutherans, contact Pastor Krueger so a class can be set up.

2019 FLOWER CHART & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP – If you would like to donate flowers or sponsor bulletins for next year, please sign up on the bulletin board.

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.