

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.



About the Cover: Jesus came to be our Savior. To do so, He had to obey God’s Law perfectly. So, He went to be baptized by John in the Jordan River in order “to fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15). At that, the Father said, “This is My beloved Son” (v. 17). When we obey God’s Law, the heavenly Father is pleased also with us. He is pleased with us always through His beloved Son, Jesus.

This is My beloved Son



THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 4 & 8, 2017

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Special Order of Service

Hymns: LW 76, 394 vs. 1, 4-5, 397, 805, LW 79

Sermon: "Right Questions – Correct Answers" Matthew 2:1-12

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 12/31 (New Year's Eve.): 43 Comm.: 41 Offering: \$1,772.00

Attendance 1/01 (Sun): 61 Comm.: 49 Offering: \$1,907.00

No S.S./No Bible Class

Budget Needs: \$3,330.00

Scrip Profit 1/01: \$ 81.25

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WEDS (1/11) 3:30-4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. Worship with Communion

THURS (1/12) 12:30 p.m. Ladies Aid

SUN (1/15) 8:00 a.m. S.S./B.C.

9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion

6:30 p.m. C.H.A.O.S. Meeting

Life Sunday

MON (1/16) February Newsletter Items Due

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Mark Wittman who is recovering from surgery at home.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Pastor & Kris Krueger in memory of Ella Wildhagen.

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.

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.

CHURCH UNDECORATING will take place after church (Sunday). Please stay around after church for a few minutes to help.

GREETER SCHEDULE FOR 2017 – A Sign-up Genius schedule has been created for Greeters. You can access the link via <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054daaab2da5fa7-2017>. It is also posted on the Home page of the church website. We have also placed a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those without internet access.

2017 FLOWER CHART & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP – If you would like to donate flowers or sponsor bulletins for next year, please sign up now on the sheets posted on the bulletin board.

2017 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.

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY – There are still a few household copies on a table in the narthex. If you haven't picked up your copy, please remember to do so. Even if you didn't have a picture taken, you still receive a copy.

HERE I AM LORD – LUWISOMO SUMMER 2017: Our theme this summer is based on 1 Samuel 3:8-10 when Samuel is called by God and willingly says, "Speak, for your servant is listening." God has called us to do different things in our lives. We must be willing, like Samuel and countless others in the Bible, to hear Him and answer with a willing heart, saying, "Here I am, send me!" Each day campers will learn more about our theme through chapel, Bible study, and campfire devotions. To learn more about our youth camps, visit: <http://www/luwisomo.org/youth-camp-summer>.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON: Today in Sunday school, the lesson was, "Jesus Calls Disciples." Jesus preached, taught, and healed, and He called His first disciples to do the same. The children learned that Jesus chose ordinary, sinful men to follow Him and be His disciples. In Baptism, Jesus chooses us to be His children. Underscore that in Jesus' forgiveness we find peace and favor with God whose Word testifies repeatedly and consistently that Jesus is His Son and our Savior. Ask your children, "*Through whom does Jesus continue His saving work where His Word is preached and His Sacraments are administered today?*"