

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Imperial NE**

05 January 2020

The Epiphany of Our Lord

**Introit**

*Psalm 45:6–8a; antiphon: v. 17*

I will cause your name to be remembered in all gener- | ations;\*  
therefore nations will praise you forever and | ever.

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.

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.

**Glor|y 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.**

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.

**Gradual**

*Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all | nations!\*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,\*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\*

bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

**Verse***Matthew 2:2b*

Alleluia. 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. Alleluia.

**About the Readings:**

Description: Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son\rThe Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a "Thirteenth Day" of Christmas, and yet it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. Where Christmas has focused on the incarnation of our Lord, that is, on God becoming flesh, the Season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. For the Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1-2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth, not only to the Jews but also to Gentiles (Eph. 3:8-10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5-11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3-6).

**Readings:**

This Week

Next Week

*Old Testament*

Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah 42:1-9

*Psalm*

Psalm 72:1-11

Psalm 29

*Epistle*

Ephesians 3:1-12

Romans 6:1-11

*Gospel*

Matthew 2:1-12

Matthew 3:13-17

**Hymns:**

This Week

Next Week

395

407

399

404

412

594

**What am I listening for in the sermon?** (space left for notes)

**Instruction:** What did the Word of God teach you in this sermon?

**Confession:** Having heard this sermon, what sins should I confess?

**Thanksgiving:** After hearing this sermon, for what should I give thanks?

**Prayer:** After hearing this sermon, what should I pray for? (For myself and others)

THIS WEEK IN CHRIST ACADEMY I, II, & III

**Bible Story:** The Wise Men Visit Jesus—Matthew 2  
*120 Bible Stories, 156-157*

**Catechism:** **The Introduction to the Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven.

*What does this mean?*

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

For further study, see *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation (2017)*, pp. 237-241.

FAMILY DEVOTION

**Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

PSALM

READING

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

TEN COMMANDMENTS

APOSTLE'S CREED

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

