

# Concordia Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

801 Beacon Lane

Beulah, North Dakota

Rev. Toby H. Heller, Pastor

January 6, 2019

Epiphany of Our Lord



*"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."*

*Matthew 2:2b*

**DIVINE SERVICE**

Setting One

**Hymn of Invocation**

# 380

**Confession & Absolution**

p. 151

**Introit**

I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;

**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 uprightness;

**you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.**

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

**your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;

**therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.**

**Kyrie**

p. 152

**Gloria In Excelsis**

p. 154

**Salutation & Collect**

p. 156

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.

**Old Testament: Isaiah 60:1-6 (ESV)**

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For 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.

And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather

together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

Then 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.

A 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.

## **Gradual**

Praise the Lord, all nations!

**Extol him, all peoples!**

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

**bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

## **Epistle Reading:** Ephesians 3:1-12 (ESV)

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

Of 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. To 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, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

**Holy Gospel:** St. Matthew 2:1-12 (ESV)

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "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." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

"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."

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

**Nicene Creed**

p. 158

**Hymn of the Day**

# 397

**Sermon:** The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

**Installation of Officers**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering**

**“What Shall I Render”**

p. 159

<b>Service of the Sacrament</b>	p. 160
<b>Distribution Hymns</b>	# 394, 810, 643
<b>“Thank the Lord”</b>	p. 164
<b>Post-Communion Collect</b>	p. 166
<b>Benediction</b>	p. 166
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	# 409

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ’s Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination’s doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

**In our thoughts and prayers,**



- † Hollyn Baker;
- † Our new officers, installed into office today;
- † Our nursing home residents, that God would keep them under His gracious care.

**Welcome to worship** as we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. “Epiphany” means “appearance.” During the season of Epiphany, we celebrate the appearance of God in human body. By remembering the visit of the wise men, we learn that God has appeared to be the Savior of the Jews and Gentiles, which is why the historical name for Epiphany is the “Gentiles’ Christmas.” Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

**The following** members of our congregation have been chosen by their fellow members to assume positions of special importance and service in our congregation, assisting the work of the pastor in the work of Christ’s Church:

Executive Director	Jamey Backus
Assistant Executive Director	Kevin Hermann
Finance Committee	Howard Winkler
Treasurer	Fayette Schaan
Secretary	Carla Renner
Chairman, Church Properties	Jeff Gegelman
Chairman, Education	Terence Schmidt
Chairman, Evangelism	Bruce Voegele ( <i>appointed to complete term</i> )
Chairman, Stewardship	Richard Simenson
Lay Ministry	Eric Jeide
	John Neuberger ( <i>appointed to complete term</i> )
	Faron Scherer
	Marc Schriefer
	Ken Senske

**Council Members**, please remember our meeting Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm.



**LWML Mites** will be collected next Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, following the gathering of our morning offering.

**Contribution envelopes for 2019** are in your mailboxes this morning.

**2019 Greeters List** is posted on the bulletin board. Please consider being a greeter the month of your choice.



**“Souper Bowl”** Donations of soup and crackers will be collected for Women’s Action & Resource Center during the month of January. Please leave items in the shelf unit in entryway.



### **Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance**

Attendance: 90 Offerings: \$5,118.50

*“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.”*

*Matthew 2:11*

Worship and the giving of gifts go together. This makes sense because God is the great Giver of every good gift, and we worship Him and desire to grow into His image. We receive His gifts in worship and then, being conformed to the likeness of His image, we imitate His generosity.

