

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
TOGETHER IN CHRIST
EMPOWERED TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
SUNDAY
JANUARY 5, 2020
8:00 AM



Introduction to the day

The feast of Epiphany ("manifestation") concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.

Prelude: David Severtson

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
Love from the beginning,
Word made flesh,
Breath of heaven.

Amen.

Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another,
trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

Merciful God,

we confess that we are not perfect.

We have said and done things we regret.

**We have tried to earn your redeeming grace,
while denying it to others.**

**We have resisted your call
to be your voice in the world.**

Forgive us, loving God.

**Give us your righteousness,
the strength to put aside our failures,
and the courage to try again. Amen.**

Dear people of God, hear the good news:
Christ the Savior is born!
You are loved and forgiven
in the name of † Jesus, who has come among us.
You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved,
because God's love is given to you
as the most precious gift of all.
Rejoice in this love and share it with the world.
Amen.

Gathering Song: *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Canticle: *Brightest and Best of the Stars* (ELW 303 verse 1)

Prayer of the Day

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Word

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 (GNT Pew Bible p. 875)

¹ Arise, Jerusalem, and shine like the sun;
The glory of the Lord is shining on you!
² Other nations will be covered by darkness,
But on you the light of the Lord will shine;
The brightness of his presence will be with you.
³ Nations will be drawn to your light,
And kings to the dawning of your new day.
⁴ Look around you and see what is happening:
Your people are gathering to come home!
Your sons will come from far away;

Your daughters will be carried like children.

⁵ You will see this and be filled with joy;

You will tremble with excitement.

The wealth of the nations will be brought to you;

From across the sea their riches will come.

⁶ Great caravans of camels will come, from Midian and Ephah.

They will come from Sheba, bringing gold and incense.

People will tell the good news of what the Lord has done!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (GNT Pew Bible p. 691)

¹ Teach the king to judge with your righteousness, O God;
share with him your own justice,

² **so that he will rule over your people with justice
and govern the oppressed with righteousness.**

³ May the land enjoy prosperity;
may it experience righteousness.

⁴ **May the king judge the poor fairly;
may he help the needy
and defeat their oppressors.**

⁵ May your people worship you as long as the sun shines,
as long as the moon gives light, for ages to come.

⁶ **May the king be like rain on the fields,
like showers falling on the land.**

⁷ May righteousness flourish in his lifetime,
and may prosperity last as long as the moon gives light.

¹⁰ **The kings of Spain and of the islands will offer him gifts;
the kings of Sheba and Seba will bring him offerings.**

¹¹ All kings will bow down before him;
all nations will serve him.

¹² **He rescues the poor who call to him,
and those who are needy and neglected.**

¹³ He has pity on the weak and poor;
he saves the lives of those in need.

¹⁴ **He rescues them from oppression and violence;
their lives are precious to him.**

Here ends the reading.

Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 102)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 (GNT Pew Bible p. 1132)

¹ Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea, during the time when Herod was king. Soon afterward, some men who studied the stars came from the East to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the baby born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star when it came up in the east, and we have come to worship him."

³ When King Herod heard about this, he was very upset, and so was everyone else in Jerusalem. ⁴ He called together all the chief priests and the teachers of the Law and asked them, "Where will the Messiah be born?"

⁵ "In the town of Bethlehem in Judea," they answered. "For this is what the prophet wrote:

⁶ "Bethlehem in the land of Judah,
you are by no means the least of the leading cities of Judah;
for from you will come a leader
who will guide my people Israel."

⁷ So Herod called the visitors from the East to a secret meeting and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem with these instructions: "Go and make a careful search for the child; and when you find him, let me know, so that I too may go and worship him."

⁹⁻¹⁰ And so they left, and on their way they saw the same star they had seen in the East. When they saw it, how happy they were, what joy was theirs! It went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹¹ They went into the house, and when they saw the child with his mother Mary, they knelt down and worshiped him. They brought out their gifts of gold,

frankincense, and myrrh, and presented them to him.

¹² Then they returned to their country by another road, since God had warned them in a dream not to go back to Herod.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: *Fear and Joy* Pastor Tim Malek

Hymn of the Day: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (ELW 815)

Creed, Prayers of Intercession, Peace (ELW p. 105)

Meal

Special Offering Music: *The First Noel* Karina Rice & Mandy Severtson

Offering: *In the Bleak Midwinter* (ELW 294 verse 3)

Offering Prayer and Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer (ELW p. 112)

Songs during Communion:

The First Noel (ELW 300)

Bright and Glorious Is the Sky (ELW 301)

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

Sending

Announcements and Blessing

Sending Song: *As with Gladness Men of Old* (ELW 302)

Dismissal

Christ is born! Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.

Thanks be to God.

**IN CHRIST'S NAME
WELCOME TO CALVARY**

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Everyone is invited to sign the Friendship Registers at the end of each pew.

KIDS CORNER is a place where you can find kid-friendly items to use during Worship. It is located in the Narthex next to the coat room.

CALVARY'S PRAYERGROUND is located in the back of the Sanctuary. This area is designated for quiet play for children together with their parents.

CALVARY'S NURSERY is located on the west side of the Sanctuary and is available for your use. A nursing lounge is available in the Prayer Room located on the north end of Bethany Hall (in the basement).

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED

Gary Wyffels, Marlis Mortensen, Rice Hospital.

WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY and remember in our prayers the families of LaVern Evers, nephew to Diane Asche and Evelyn Mikes, mother of Terry Mikes.

TODAY'S FORUM Dean E. Johnson will speak on Race Relations in the Military. Friendship Room at 9:05 AM.

NOISY OFFERING

Today during the 10:15 am Worship Service, we will be taking Noisy Offering. Children will pass a bucket during the closing worship song and worshipers are encouraged to share their coin money. The Noisy Offering will be in addition to our regular offering. Funds collected from

January through May, will support Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. Thank you for your support.

CHILDREN'S CALENDAR:

Today, Sunday, January 5

9:05 am - Sunday school resumes.

9:05 am - Early Childhood Family Sunday school in the Youth room.

Wednesday, January 8

Programming resumes.

5:00-6:00 pm – Creative Heart. Join us for a Mask Making Workshop.

6:00-7:00 pm – Dinner Church/Confirmation

7:00-8:00 pm - Confirmation

CREATIVE HEART - Wednesdays - January 8, 15 & 22nd - 5-6 PM

Mask Making Workshop All ages and abilities are invited to join local theatre artist Nikki Bettcher Erickson to create your own hand made masks. You will get our hands dirty, create a mask that represents you and have fun adding many finishing touches to truly make it unique!

WOMEN'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDIES – JAN. 7, 2020

Hope – 8 AM at Brother's Cafe

Humility – 8:30 AM in the Friendship Room

Joy – 9:30 AM at Middle Fork, Willmar

Peace – 9:30 AM at McMillian's

Good Faith – 1:00 PM in Bethany Hall

Charity – 7:00 PM in the Friendship Room

Calvary Staff

Pastors: Tim Malek, Naomi Mahler,
Dean E. Johnson

Vicar: David Severtson

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Jasmine Rankin

Head Usher: Randy Novak

Prayer Ministry: Sandi Bennett, Julie Neumann
and Dianne Plahn

Kitchen Coordinator: Enola Dowdell

Calvary Cemetery Sexton: Ron Keith

Missionaries

Philip & Lou Knutson, Southern Africa

Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson, Tanzania

Reverend Alex LaChapelle, Republic Of South
Africa

2019 Executive Committee

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Michael Newberg (19-22)

Serving Today

Preaching: Pastor Tim Malek

Presiding: Pastor Dean E. Johnson

Assisting: Pastor Naomi Mahler

Acolytes:

8:00 - Emery Holwerda, Carson Eichhorst

10:15 - Macy Loge, Gavin George

Communion Assistants:

8:00 - Mike Haugsby, Sara Bennett

10:15 - Jena Berget, Peter Johnson

Greeters:

8:00 - Daryl & Cathy Pederson,
Don & Sandy Kemnitz

10:15 - Jan & Colleen Ruby,
Mark & Beth Bloomquist

Lectors:

5:30 - Lois Shaw

8:00 - Nancy Hultgren

10:15 - Brad Rice

Office Volunteer:

8:00 - Nancy Fritz

10:15 - Olive Beck

Sound:

8:00 - Victoria Larsen

10:15 - Mark Johnson

Video:

Chris Bennett

January Altar Guild: Ann Amundson, Caryn
Behr, Carolyn Gripentrog, Linda Weitzel, Ellin
Wentzell.

Next Sunday--January 12

Baptism of our Lord

Isaiah 42: 1-9

Psalms 29

Acts 10: 34-43

Matthew 3: 13-17

Our Week at Calvary

Sunday 5	<p>Epiphany of our Lord</p> <p>8:00 AM First Word Worship with Holy Communion 9:05 AM Sunday School 9:05 AM Early Childhood Sunday School 9:05 AM Forum 10:15 AM Foundation & Praise Worship with Holy Communion 6:30 PM Sr. High Youth Group</p>
Monday 6	<p>9:00 AM Women's Bible Study "Amazing Collection" 10:30 AM Prayer Time 5:15 PM Grief Care 6:00 PM One Accord Rehearsal 6:30 PM Building, Grounds & Maintenance Committee 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Scouting USA</p>
Tuesday 7	<p>CIRCLES MEET</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:30 AM Program Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Executive Committee 5:30 PM Social Concerns 6:00 PM Daisy Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Board of Stewardship</p>
Wednesday 8	<p>9:00 AM Beliveau Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM Christ Care (Kopitzke) 1:30 PM Deaconess 5:00 PM Creative Heart 5:15 PM Yoga 6:00 PM Dinner Church/Confirmation 7:00 PM Adult Education</p>
Thursday 9	<p>9:30 AM Bible Study 1:00 PM Doing Days/Quilting 6:30 PM Girl Scouts Troop 3516 6:30 PM Trailblazers</p>
Friday 10	<p>12:15 PM Yoga 6:00 PM Thorpe/Zaft Wedding</p>
Saturday 11	<p>9:00 AM Foundation & Praise Rehearsal 5:30 PM Chapel Worship</p>
Sunday 12	<p>Baptism of our Lord</p> <p>8:00 AM First Word Worship 9:05 AM Sunday School 9:05 AM Forum: Coffee with the Council 10:15 AM Foundation & Praise Worship 3:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 3500 6:30 PM Sr. High Youth Group</p>

**A Measure of Our Faithfulness
Worship Attendance**

Saturday, December 28		27
Sunday, December 29	9:30	124
Total:		151