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**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**

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***WELCOME TO ALL*** guests and visitors. It is great to have you here with us to receive the gifts of God in this place. If you have any questions, please speak with an usher. We look forward to seeing you again!

**COMMUNION:** The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is being offered to our confirmed communicants today and is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we truly receive, under the bread and wine, the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, through which we further truly receive the forgiveness of sins. Besides individually receiving Christ's gift of forgiveness in this Sacrament, all those who commune here make a confession of their unity in the faith as it is believed and taught in our Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and in this congregation. Therefore, if you are not a confirmed communicant member, in good standing, of a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod congregation, we kindly ask that you respect our beliefs and refrain from coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament until you have had an opportunity to speak with the Pastor.

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN

*From God the Father, Virgin Born* ..... **LSB 401**

*Stand*

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## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 72:1-2, 10-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,  
**and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in his hand.**  
Give the king your justice, O God,  
**and your righteousness to the royal son!**  
May he judge your people with righteousness,  
**and your poor with justice!**  
May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute;  
**may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!**  
May all kings fall down before him,  
**all nations serve him!**  
**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.**  
Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,  
**and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in his hand.**

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*Sit*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 60:1-6*

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 afar,  
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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **EPISTLE READING** *Ephesians 3:1-12*

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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

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**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 2:1-12*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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**SERMON HYMN**

*Within the Father's House* ..... **LSB 410**

**SERMON** by Pastor Provost

“Jesus, the Light of the World, Has Come” *Isaiah 60:1-6*

*Stand*

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**CLOSING HYMN**

*Sing Praise to the God of Israel* ..... **LSB 936**

.....***This Week at Our Savior***

Day	Date	Time	Description
Sunday	8	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Worship Sunday School and Bible Study
Monday	9		
Tuesday	10	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Elders' Meeting Trustees' Meeting
Wednesday	11	1:30 PM 6:30 PM	'Sunday Readings' Bible Study Confirmation Class
Thursday	12		
Friday	13		
Saturday	14		
Sunday	15	9:00 AM 10:30 PM	Worship (Installation of New Officers and Recognition of "Retiring" Officers) Sunday School and Bible Study <b>LWML Book Fair (Fellowship Hall)</b>

.....***And Coming Up at Our Savior***

Monday	16	4:00 PM	LWML Meeting
Tuesday	17	9:00 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Quilting Council Meeting <b>Voter's Meeting</b>
Friday	20	9:00 AM	Quilting

**A LOOK AHEAD TO SUNDAY, JAN 15 -- EPIPHANY II**  
**Exodus 33:12-23, Ephesians 5:22-33, John 2:1-11**  
**Psalm: 67, Antiphon v. 1**  
**Hymns: 507, 398, 394**  
**Communion Hymns: 631, 617, 368**



**Happy Birthday!**  
 1/8 Audrey Friedrich  
 1/10 Carmen Sanders  
 1/14 Darryl Johnson

# ***Voter's Meeting*** ***January 17 at 7 P.M.***



**Ushers, Greeters, Fellowship and Altar Guild:** Volunteer "assignments" are posted on Marsha's door for 2023. Please

review and make any necessary adjustments. There are open months and more volunteers are needed. Please feel free to add yourself so we can get everyone involved. If you need training, just ask! Thank you for your assistance.



*Our Annual Book Fair* with all proceeds going to Mites. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>.

Bring any books, puzzles, games, DC's or DVD's you have to contribute and put in kitchen by ASAP.

**Next Sunday, January 15**  
Installation of New Officers  
and  
Recognition of our "Retiring" Officers