



THE 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.

THOSE SERVING IN JANUARY;

Pastor: Rev. Michael Manz
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Greeter: Doug & Jo Ringger
Fellowship: Deanna Ihde
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PASTOR MANZ' OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Monday	12:00pm - 4:00pm
Tuesday	10:00am - 2:00pm
Wednesday	9:00am - 1:00pm
Thursday	10:00am - 2:00pm
Friday	Off

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HYMN OF INVOCATION

What Child is This.....LSB 370

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INTROIT

Psalm 45:6–8a; antiphon: v. 17

- P** I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;
C therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.
P Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;
C you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.
P Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;
C 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.
P I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;
C therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

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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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

GRADUAL

P Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

C **For great is his steadfast love toward us,
 and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

P Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
 bring an offering, and come into his courts!

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

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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.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

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OSL Education Opportunities:

Sunday School: Sundays @ 10:30-11:30am, leaders – *Anna Harkin, Doug Woebeking, Hanna Boger*

Adult Bible Class: Sundays @ 10:30-11:30am, leader – *Pastor Manz*

Wednesday Bible Study: 1-2:30pm, leader – *Pastor Manz*

OSL West (3rd Thurs of the month): 10:15-11am, leader – *Pastor Manz*

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Isaiah 60:1–6
Ephesians 3:1–12
Matthew 2:1–12

The Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son

The 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).

The new volunteer lists are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex next to the mailboxes. There are several empty spaces to be filled. Please consider giving of your time and talents and signing up for one or more of these opportunities.



This Week at Our Savior

Day	Date	Time	Description
Sunday	4	9:00a 10:00a 10:30a	Worship Service Fellowship Bible Study & Sunday school Acolyte – Blake Sorensen MITEBOX SUNDAY
Monday	5		
Tuesday	6	6:00p 7:30p	Men's Group Elder's Meeting
Wednesday	7	1:00p 7:00p	Bible Study Junior Confirmation
Thursday	8		
Friday	9		
Saturday	10		
Sunday	11	9:00a 10:00a 10:30a 1:00p 1:30p	Worship Service w/Officer Installation Fellowship Bible Study & Sunday School Council Meeting Voter's Meeting



Happy Birthday to:
January 6 – Lincoln Pratt
January 7 – Tamie Schiller
January 10 – Carmen Sanders



Happy Anniversary to:
 No Anniversaries this week.



Acolyte for January:
 January – Blake Sorensen

UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

December 28-January 14 – Collections for “Not Just Books” Fair

January 6 @ 6p	Men’s Group
January 6 @ 7:30p	Elder’s Meeting
January 7 @ 1p	Bible Study
@ 7p	Confirmation
January 11	Installation of Officers
January 11 @ 1:00p	Council Meeting
January 11 @ 1:30p	Voter’s Meeting
January 12 @ 4:00p	LWML Meeting
January 13 and 16 @ 9a	Quilting
January 18 and 25 –	“Not Just Books” Fair
January 27 and 29 @ 9a	Quilting

LWML will once again hold their annual "Not just Books" Fair this coming January. Wouldn't it be great to check off your first January resolution win - to declutter your shelves - with this perfect opportunity to donate those dusty items and bring new joy to others! "Not Just for Books" Fair welcomes all forms of media entertainment - dvds, cds, vhs tapes, puzzles, games, and of course, books, books, books! A collection spot will be designated in the fellowship hall for bringing in your donations (Dec 28 thru Jan 14). The "Not Just for Books" Fair will officially open for business on Sunday, Jan 18 and 25. Proceeds from the Fair will go towards Mites.

The Sunday, January 11 worship service will include the Officer Installation for those beginning newly elected/appointed positions for Our Savior Lutheran. Those who are *currently serving terms* are also asked to be present at this installation to receive an affirmation of their continued terms. If you're unable to be present at this service, please make Randy Ervin (president) aware. Below is a listing of our current officers. Those with an asterik (*) by their name depicts the newly elected/appointed members.

President	Randy Ervin
Elders:	Doug Woebbeking Tim Huegel Ron Dlouhy Jary Boger*
Trustees:	Rick Schiller Bob Meisner Joel Tool* Reese Jones*
Foundation:	Rick Hartz Chris McKinney* Jon Harkin*
Secretary:	Selina McKinney
Treasurer:	Sue Fortune
Financial Secretary:	Donita Huegel

January 11 at 1:30p will be our next Voter's Meeting. This will be the 4th quarter reports for 2025. The packets for the meeting are available on the table in the Narthex and will also be available next week.

Please plan to attend.

Remember in your prayers.....

- Shane Hoffman, a former member and the son of Tammy Hoffman DeJong. We are grateful for a successful surgery. He continues to be hospitalized as he recovers from meningitis.
- Marge Mesner, Bob's mother, who had a stroke.
- Stephanie Wellik, who is under hospice care.
- Carole Zimmerman for skin cancer.
- Esther Schulz for recovery from surgery on her leg.
- Dianne Breckenridge, who has multiple health issues.
- Tom Tisdale, who is seeking further answers from Mayo Clinic on his health issues.
- Marva Doerring, who is in long term Skilled Care at Newton Village.
- Nancy Janssen who is in Valley Vista.
- The Ministry of The Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa

Our Missionaries

Rev. James & Angela Sharp & Family – Puerto Rico
Pastor Carl & Chenhsi Li Hanson, Korea.
Cody & Aurelie Mock & Family - Latvia



*In case of hospitalization or desire for a pastor visit, please contact Pastor
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Please let Mickey know if you have an addition
or update to the Prayers for the congregation. Thank you.