

**Epiphany of Our Lord
January 5, 2020**

Preparation for Worship – We bow before You, O Lord!

Prelude Organist
Announcements
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Confession of Sins/Absolution.....Inside cover of hymnal

Adoration in Worship – We Praise You, O Lord!

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Instruction in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!

First and Second Scripture Readings
Special Music
The Gospel.Luke 2:40-52
The Chorus: "Thank-You Lord"
Children's Sermon
Sermon: "Quest for Truth"- Luke 2:40-52 Pastor Chris

Dedication in Worship – We Serve You, O Lord!

Offering Hymn....."As with Gladness Men of Old".....#163
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Prayers
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Closing Hymn....."Good Christian Men, Rejoice".....#151
Benediction

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: Jan 5th thru Jan 12th

Today:	Holy Communion
	9:00 a.m. Worship at Lands
	9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Trinity
	10:15 a.m. Sunday School at Lands
	10:30 a.m. Worship at Trinity
Wed:	6:00 p.m. Confirmation at Lands
	8:00 p.m. Parish Council at Trinity
Thurs:	1:30 p.m. Quilting Workshop at Lands
Sat:	9:30 a.m. Romsdal Women meet at the Church
Sun:	8:15 a.m. Handbell practice at Lands
	9:00 a.m. Worship at Lands
	9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Romsdal
	10:15 a.m. Sunday School at Lands
	10:30 a.m. Worship at Romsdal

Lands Financial Reports for 2019 and all 2019 Parish Reports are due next Sunday, January 12th. Also due are 2020 Budget & Ballot nominations.

Please note that next Sunday morning, January 12th, Lands Handbells will meet at 8:15 a.m.

Thank You to everyone who prayed, sent cards or visited during my recent illness. The Lord is good.

Thank-you,
Paul Aamot

Prayer of the Day

Dear Lord, As we join together in worship, may we remember Your patience and love in dealing with us. Use us in Your service, that we might draw others into Your kingdom.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Today's Readings

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First Reading: 1 Kings 3:4-15

4 The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. **5** At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." **6** Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. **7** Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. **8** Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. **9** So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?" **10** The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. **11** So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, **12** I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

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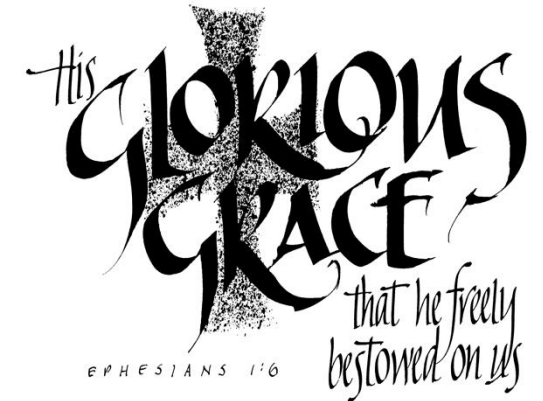
13 Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. 14 And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.” 15 Then Solomon awoke—and he realized it had been a dream. He returned to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord’s covenant and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then he gave a feast for all his court.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. 4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, 9 he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, 10 to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. 11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, 12 in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. 13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:40-52

40 And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him. 41 Every year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. 42 When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. 43 After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. 44 Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. 45 When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.” 49 “Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” 50 But they did not understand what he was saying to them. 51 Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.



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Next Sunday's Texts: Isaiah 42:1-9
Romans 6:1-11
Matthew 3:13-17