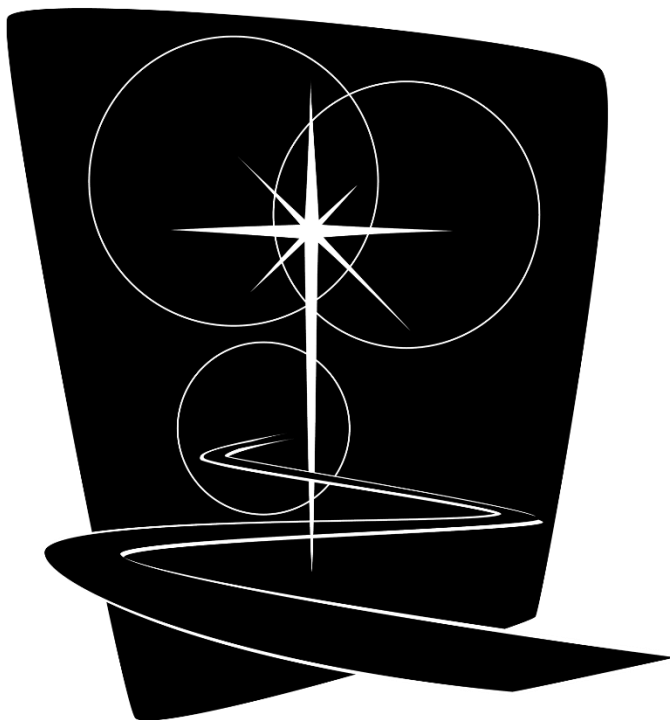


Epiphany (observed)

Sunday, January 7, 2018



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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know
Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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HYMN "The Star Proclaims the King is Here"LSB 399 vs. 1,2,3,5 Δ

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INTROIT

Ps. 45:6–8a; antiphon: Ps. 45:17

*P: I will cause Your name to be remembered in all generations;
therefore nations will praise You forever and ever.*

C: 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.

P: 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.

C: 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.

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therefore nations will praise You forever and ever.*

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ² 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. ³ And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 3:1-12

¹ For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles – ² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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. ⁸ 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, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that He has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² 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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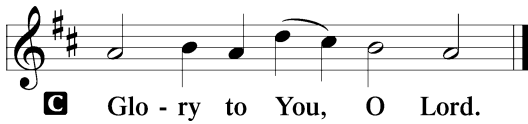


C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 2nd chapter.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

¹ 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, ² 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." ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶ '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.'" ⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ 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." ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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.



HYMN "As with Gladness Men of Old" *LSB 397 vs. 1-4*

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"LSB 400

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thank the Lord"page 181

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT & BENEDICTION page 183

HYMN "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" LSB 394 vs. 1,2,5

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THIS WEEK AT CLC — (1/7/18 – 1/14/18)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am

Tuesday: Board of Evangelism, 4:15pm

Wednesday: Bible Class, 8:30am; 1st year Confirmation, 5:00pm; 2nd year Confirmation, 6:00pm

Thursday: Worship/HC, 6:30pm

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending December 17, 2017)

General & Building Funds: \$5699.00; Blessings: \$33.83; Road Sign: \$60.00;
Giving Tree: \$1790.00

Attendance: Thursday: 56; Sunday: 148

(Week ending December 24, 2017)

General & Building Funds: \$9352.48; Blessings: \$59.90; Road Sign: \$125.00

Attendance: Thursday: 33; Christmas Eve: 192

(Week ending December 31, 2017)

General & Building Funds: \$21,888.01; Blessings: \$13.18; Road Sign: \$60.00
Attendance: Christmas Day: 57; Sunday: 128

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS AND VISITORS: We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible class following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

HELP IS NEEDED to take down the Christmas decorations on Monday, January 8. We will begin the process at 5:00pm. Any and all assistance would be greatly appreciated!

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY is January 21st: Area Pro-Lifers have invited us to participate in the Signature Ad which will appear in the Wausau Daily Herald on Monday, January 22nd. The sign up form and the donation canister are located on the podium in the Narthex from now until next Sunday, January 14th. **A donation (\$2 or more) is requested for each signature/printed name to help defray the cost of the ad; checks may be written out to "WRL" or "Wisconsin Right to Life."**

MOVING ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED! Richard Lobner needs help moving from his current house to his new one. Moving day is Friday, January 19. The truck needs to be loaded by 10:00am. If you can help in any way (loading, driving the truck, pre-packing) please let Richard know. Thanks!

THANK YOU for all your thoughts, prayers, and gifts during the holiday season. Have a blessed new year! Pastor Wetmore

DONATIONS TO THE GIVING TREE allowed the two needy families to receive \$2000 in cash to help with their medical bills. That was over and above the gift cards, presents, and food that was collected for them. Well done, good and faithful servants!

CLC BLOOD DRIVE will be taking place on Tuesday, January 30th from 3:30 - 6:15pm in the lower level of the church. A sign-up sheet is located on the podium in the fellowship hall. Walk-ins are always welcome. Save a life, donate blood!

THANKS to the members at Christ Lutheran Church and other local churches, three cases of Bibles were purchased by Greater Wausau Christian Services after depleting the 2017 budget, with 18 already delivered to individuals at the Marathon County Jail. Brian Otten represents CLC on the Board of the organization.

“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life

“Our happiness, therefore, does not depend on a new year or a changed situation, but upon the Lord and our changed relationship, our deepened growth, in Him and in terms of His will for us ... ‘Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you’ (Matthew 6:33 KJV).” *R. J. Rushdoony, philosopher, historian, and theologian – (www.lutheransforlife.org)*