



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Welcome to Trinity!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Thanks be to God!

GATHERING HYMN: *Rise, Shine, You People!* (ELW 665)

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.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

By the holy mystery of the Word made flesh, let us pray to the Lord.

Christ, have mercy.

By the lowly submission of the Maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

By the humble nativity of the King of light in the manger of Bethlehem, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

By the splendid manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and the magi, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace that His birth brings, for our salvation, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort and defend us, O Incarnate Word.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together.

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.

FIRST 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 darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
- ³ Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- ⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
- ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought 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 proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;
- ² **that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;**
- ³ that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
- ⁴ **Let him defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**
- ⁵ May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.
- ⁶ **Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**

- ⁷In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace
till the moon shall be no more.
- ¹⁰**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute,
and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**
- ¹¹May all kings bow down before him,
and all the nations do him service.
- ¹²**For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress,
the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**
- ¹³He has compassion on the lowly and poor,
and preserves the lives of the needy.
- ¹⁴**From oppression and violence he redeems their lives,
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power.

⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Bright and Glorious Is the Sky (ELW 301)

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered with all who seek the Christ child, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

As the lector closes each petition:

Hear us, O God.

The people respond:

Your mercy is great.

Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, keep you in his light
and truth and love now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (ELW 815)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Trinity Happenings

Sunday, Jan. 5	9:00 am	Worship
Epiphany	10:15 am	Fellowship
	through 1/12	Family Promise
Tuesday, Jan. 7	7:00 pm	Church Council
Wednesday, Jan. 8	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
	<u>Oasis</u>	
	5:55 pm	Dinner
	6:30 pm	Worship
	7:15 pm	Confirmation
Sunday, Jan. 12	9:00 am	Worship
Baptism of Our Lord	10:15 am	Fellowship
	10:15 am	Sunday School
Wednesday, Jan. 15	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
	<u>Oasis</u>	
	5:55 pm	Dinner
	6:30 pm	Worship

THOSE NEEDING OUR PRAYERS: Please keep the following members in your prayers this week: Ed Dolan, Addie Hopper, Marilyn Moen, JoAnn Merrill, and Emily Consonni. If there is someone that could be added to the Trinity Prayer Chain, please inform Jennie Lawrence by email at missjennae@yahoo.com.

QUESTIONS ABOUT GIVING? If you ever have any questions about your financial gifts to Trinity, please contact Trinity's financial secretary, Alison Shaver, at alebeda@uwyo.edu. If you need an up-to-date statement of giving, please contact the church office.

2019 Year-To-Date as of November 30

Expenses - \$192,097.98

Income - \$203,823.08

New Member Sunday

Sunday, January 19, 2020

Please talk to Pastor Nate if you would like to
become part of the Trinity community



Sunday, January 26, 2020
after worship

Spring 2020 Kickoff Dates

Women's Bible Study

Weds., January 8 @ 10 am

Oasis

Weds., January 8 @ 5:55 pm

Confirmation

Weds., January 8 @ 7:15 pm

Sunday School

Sun., January 12 @ 10:15 am

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Thurs., Jan. 30 @ noon

Serving in Worship

TODAY — January 5, 2020

Lector: Klaus Hanson

Ushers and Greeters: Jan Hanson

Stewards: OPEN

Altar Guild: Margot Birkholz

Fellowship: Sharon and Phil Rabon

Flowers: OPEN

NEXT SUNDAY — January 12, 2020

Lector: Lily Conyers

Ushers and Greeters: Deb and Lindsay Conyers

Stewards: OPEN

Altar Guild: Margot Birkholz

Fellowship: OPEN

Flowers: OPEN

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