



Sunday, January 9, 2022

Epiphany

Theme of the day: *What Child is this? A light for all people.*

OPENING HYMN

83 – “As with Gladness Men of Old”

(The “Amen” is sung after the last hymn only.)

Please stand.

P: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, by the leading of a star you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith, to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON – 1 Kings 10:1-9

A queen from Africa visits King Solomon and comes to learn of the eternal love that the Lord has for all people.

When the queen of Sheba heard about the fame of Solomon and his relationship to the name of the LORD, she came to test him with hard questions. ² Arriving at Jerusalem with a very great caravan—with camels carrying spices, large quantities of gold, and precious stones—she came to Solomon and talked with him about all that she had on her mind. ³ Solomon answered all her questions; nothing was too hard for the king to explain to her. ⁴ When the queen of Sheba saw all the wisdom of Solomon and the palace he had built, ⁵ the food on his table, the seating of his officials, the attending servants in their robes, his cupbearers, and the burnt offerings he made at the temple of the LORD, she was overwhelmed. ⁶ She said to the king, “The report I heard in my own country about your achievements and your wisdom is true. ⁷ But I did not believe these things until I came and saw with my own eyes. Indeed, not even half was told me; in wisdom and wealth you have far exceeded the report I heard. ⁸ How happy your men must be! How happy your officials, who continually stand before you and hear your wisdom! ⁹ Praise be to the LORD your God, who has delighted in you and placed you on the throne of Israel. Because of the LORD’s eternal love for Israel, he has made you king to maintain justice and righteousness.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 72

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SECOND LESSON – Acts 13:46-49

Paul's mission was to preach the gospel to the Gentiles. For God desires salvation to be brought to the ends of the earth.

⁴⁶ Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: "We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. ⁴⁷ For this is what the Lord has commanded us: "'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'" ⁴⁸ When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed. ⁴⁹ The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him. Alleluia.

Please stand.

GOSPEL – Matthew 2:1-12

In his grace, God used a special light to lead foreign priest-astronomers to the Light of the world. These new believers respond with worship and sacrifice.

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." ³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶ "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.'" ⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." ⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

HYMN OF THE DAY

79 – “How Lovely Shines the Morning Star” (verses 1-3)

SERMON

Text: Ephesians 3:2-12

² Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. ⁴ In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. ⁶ This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. ⁷ I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰ His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹ according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Theme: Make Known the Mystery!

- 1) Accomplished by Christ
- 2) Revealed in the Gospel
- 3) Broadcast by the Church

Please stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Please be seated.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

FRIENDSHIP REGISTRATION

Guests: Please fill out name, address, and phone number.

Members: Please fill out name and any new information.

Please, return the booklet to its original location. Thank you!

HYMN

79 – “How Lovely Shines the Morning Star” (verses 4-5)

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

P: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

P: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

P: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocation, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 92 – “Brightest and Best” (verses 1, 3, & 4)



CHILDREN’S LESSON: Please encourage your children in the Pre-school through 4th grade to come quietly to the front when invited.

Announcements

CALL MEETING: There will be a call meeting **today**, January 9, immediately following second service, to call a 3rd & 4th grade teacher. All voting members are encouraged to attend, non-voters and the women of the church are also welcome.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION TAKEDOWN will take place **today**, immediately following the call meeting. So, stick around and lend a hand!

ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING: Will take place on Wednesday, January 26 at 7:30 pm. All voters are encouraged to attend. Voters consist of male communicant members who have reached the age of 18. The Lord has called men to be the leaders for the congregational team. More than likely your grandfather and father have served on the Lord's team over the past years. Now is the time for the next generation to show their love for Him by becoming part of the team. God wants you to serve Him. Your service as a voter is wanted and needed by your Lord and your church. Non- voters and the ladies of the church are also encouraged to attend.

REPORTS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING are due on January 19. Please have the completed and to the church/school secretary by this date. You may email them to tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org.

Passings - Dorothy Beach's name was inadvertently omitted from year end list of members who passed away in 2021. Dorothy left us in September. Apologies to the family.

FUNERAL SERVICES for Karen Beach were held in church on Saturday, January 8. Pastor Krueger officiated. May the peace of our ascended Savior comfort those who mourn.

WOMEN: Mark your calendars! Trinity Women's Ministry will be having a Bible study on abortion on Monday, January 24 at 7:00 PM in the church basement.

LET THE GAMES BEGIN! The Outreach committee is planning a game night on January 16, 2022 (yes-2022!) from 3-7:00pm in the school. There will be a supper at 5:00. Sign up on the sheet in the back of church. You better join us! Sounds like a great time. Thank you, Outreach Committee- you're all doing a fabulous job!



MORE GAMES: The annual Euchre Tournament is back. This year, Immanuel is hosting on January 29th at 6:30 pm at Immanuel Lutheran, 2300 Northridge Rd. (that's the Cracker Barrel road) in Findlay. Join us as we take on those wily card players from up north!

PRESCHOOL PLAYTIME: Do your kids need a warm place to get some energy out? Join us for a FREE open gym for all preschool aged children at Trinity Lutheran School on Monday, January 10 from 10:00-11:00 AM. We will have balls to play with, ride-on toys, mats to crawl/roll around on, mini-trampolines, slides, infant toys, and lots of space to run around and play.



WINTER DAYS: SNOWFLAKES, HATS, AND MITTENS: Mornings with Mommy meets Monday, January 17 and Tuesday January 18 from 9:30-10:30. Join us in the church basement with your children (ages 0-6) for all kinds of fun winter activities! Shovel snow, match mittens, make a snowfall painting, throw snowballs, and pull sleds. Find out more information and register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.

OPEN GYM: The school's gym continues to be available for those wanting to play basketball indoors on Sunday afternoons from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Please change into dry, non-marking athletic shoes before entering the gym to help keep our gym floor in good condition.

HANCOCK COUNTY annual Right to Life signature campaign is going on now. To sign your name, go to hancockcountyrighttolife.com. You may also sign the sheets on the table in the entryway. The deadline to submit names is Monday, January 10th.

WARM WINTER WALKING: We are again opening the school gym up for anyone who wants to get some exercise, or just get out of the house for a while. Everyone is invited to walk in the school's gym on weeknights beginning Monday, January 17. The doors will be unlocked from 7:00-8:00 PM. but you may walk longer if you wish. Please use the doors by the office and bring non-marking shoes to wear on the gym floor.



SECRETARIAL POSITION: Trinity Lutheran School is looking for a qualified individual to take over as school secretary starting June of 2023. However, this individual will start part time spring of 2022 to learn the role of church and school secretary while Janet is still the primary secretary. Applicants will be skilled in computer use to include word and excel documents, google, email and office equipment. Please contact the school office for a comprehensive list of duties as well as application.

**Registration for the Sisters in Christ
Retreat for 2022 is now open!**

Sisters In Christ Retreat April 1 - 3, 2022, Treetop Resort, Gaylord, MI

Dear Sister in Christ,

We are so excited to open our online registration for the First Annual Sisters inChrist Retreat! We thank you for your patience.

Register on-line (preferred), or you can print a paper registration form by going here:

www.sistersinchristretreat.org.

Printed registration forms can be found on the table at the back of church.

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of January 2, 2022)

Worship Attendance: 163; Mornings with Mommy: 41. On-line worship service views for December 26 were 43.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through January 15 are the members of Warren Pratt's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, January 16, will be the members of James Rausch's Undershepherd group.

GREETERS	today are:	Tom & Becky Smith – Early Service Richard & Ruth Johnson – Late Service
	Next Sunday:	Josh & Ashley Breitigam – Early Service John & Esther Spaeth – Late Service

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (January 9 through January 16)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; Children's Lesson; Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20; **CALL MEETING** immediately after 2nd service; Catechism 1:00.

MON Preschool Playtime 10:00; Board of Ed 6:00.

TUE Elders 7:00.

WED Choir Practice 7:00; Bible Information Class 7:00.

SUN **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30:** Communion; Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20; Catechism 1:00; Game Night 3-7:00 PM at the school.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

MON Faculty meeting 3:30.

WED Chapel 8:20; Cheer Practice 3:30-5:45; Basketball practice 5:00-6:30.

THU Cheer Practice 3:30-5:45; Basketball practice 5:00-6:30

SAT Basketball @ St. Stephens (AWAY) B-Team 9:30, A-Team 11:00.