

# Galilee Evangelical Lutheran Church



## Epiphany of our Lord

**January 5, 2019**

### **Mission Statement**

*To gather people together to hear the story of God's love in Jesus Christ,  
to be nurtured in faith and knowledge, and  
to share the Good News through word and deed.*

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January 5, 2020

9:30 a.m.

ELW Setting 3

The feast of Epiphany ("manifestation") concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.

## Serving in Worship this Morning

**Altar Guild:** Barb Strenge

**Assisting Minister:** Barb Strenge

**Lector:** Jo Ann French

**Organist:** Raymond Nottidge

**Ushers:** the O'Keefes

**Children's Message:** Jo Ann French

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Regular - **Liturgist**

**Bold - Congregation**

**+ Stand as able**

### GATHERING

#### PRELUDE

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world  
you have created. Forgive, restore and strengthen us through our Savior  
Jesus Christ, Amen.

#### + GATHERING SONG

*Bright and Glorious Is the Sky* (vs. 1, 3, 5, 6)

Hymn #301

#### + GREETING

Response: **And also with you.**

#### + KYRIE

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#### + CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*This is the Feast*

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#### + PRAYER OF THE DAY

## WORD

### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

*Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.*

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14**

(Spoken, alternating verses by each side of congregation)

Organ side:

<sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the king's son;

**Pulpit side:**

<sup>2</sup>**that he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;**

<sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup>**Let him defend the needy among the people,  
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.

<sup>6</sup>**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.**

<sup>7</sup>In his time may the righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

<sup>10</sup>**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute,  
and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**

<sup>11</sup>May all kings bow down before him,  
and all the nations do him service.

<sup>12</sup>**For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress,  
the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**

<sup>13</sup>He has compassion on the lowly and poor,  
and preserves the lives of the needy.

<sup>14</sup>**From oppression and violence he redeems their lives,  
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

## SECOND READING

## Ephesians 3:1-12

*What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>In 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: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of 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. <sup>8</sup>Although 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, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so 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. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jo Ann French

## + GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

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## **+ GOSPEL**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the second chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.*

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, "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."

<sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>'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.'"

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then 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." <sup>9</sup>When 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. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On 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. <sup>12</sup>And 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**

*(A time of silence for reflection will follow the sermon.)*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*The First Noel*

#300

## **+ NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



**+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**+ PEACE**                      The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**  
The congregation is invited to greet one another with a gesture of peace using the words "Peace be with you" and then be seated.

<b>MEAL</b>
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**OFFERING**  
(Children are invited to come to the altar with their offering for global missions.)

**+ OFFERING PRAYER**

**+ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** p. 144

**+ THE LORD’S PRAYER**              *Our Father, who art in heaven* p. 145

**COMMUNION** (by line)              *Lamb of God* p. 146

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** p. 146

<b>SENDING</b>
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**+ BLESSING**

**+ SENDING SONG**              *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* #815

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**+ DISMISSAL** **All: Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME** Welcome to all guests and visitors. We are glad that we can worship together this morning. We invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex. If you would like to sign up for an event, you can do so in the kiosk notebook. The Voice of Galilee, our monthly newsletter, is also available in the kiosk.

**HOLY COMMUNION** Everyone of all ages is invited to celebrate Holy Communion. The real presence of Christ is celebrated in this sacrament. Communion today is served in a line, by intinction. The chalice with the white ribbon is grape juice.

**GLOBE OFFERING** The Galilee Sunday School Program has selected where our 2019 GLOBE Offering will go to: "SCHOOL FEES AND UNIFORM FOR A GIRL." More than half of the world's out-of-school children are girls. Many girls stay home to help their families by caring for younger siblings and gathering water. So far we have raised \$1242.50, enough for thirty-one girls! Watch the bulletin board for the student's progress.

**QUILTING GROUP** We have a quilting group at Galilee. Welcome all! We meet the first and third Monday of each month. 1 p.m. However, in January, we will only meet January 6. Please join us!

**ADULT CONFIRMATION & NEW MEMBER CLASS** Join us at 10:30 a.m. on Fridays January 10 and January 17.

**REFRESHMENTS** Join us today for refreshments hosted by Leessa Matthews and Sherie Garrod. Confirmation Sunday, January 12. Families of Monique Taylor, Jeremy Brown and Kendra Fehrman invite you to a reception following worship in celebration of their confirmands. January 19 will be New Member Sunday. (Pastor Dana will bring cake to welcome our new 2020 members.)

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** The Altar Guild is asking you to recycle your Christmas cards by donating them to us. We make favors out of them and donate to a worthwhile organization.

## **BIRTHDAYS January 5 - January 11**

7 Abraham Watson

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**January 12** - Confirmation Celebration

**January 19** - New Member Sunday

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

The prayers of the congregation are requested for:

Terry Clasen (Karen Groebner's brother)  
Donna (Donis Colvin's sister)  
Terry Clasen (Karen Groebner's brother)  
Family & friends of Carolyn Draxten (friend of  
Lyn Grunewald)  
Richard Eagan (Dawn Babin's s/o)  
Family & friends of Earl Eberhart  
Delaney Gill (granddaughter of the Schmidts)  
Fred Hayes and Judy Hogan  
Family & friends of Greg Hudalla,  
(Peter Solberg's sister's, husband)  
Family & friends of Bruce Lee  
Bruce Leonard

Patti Lindblom (friend of Lyn Grunewald)  
Judith Londroche  
Family & friends of Matt McIntyre  
(son of Solberg's friends]  
Brenda Meyer  
Karen Murphy  
Barbara Ososki (Tom & Elaine's mother)  
Family & friends of Valerie Taylor (Veniessia  
Taylor's sister)  
Uhominyi Parish, Tanzania  
Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church  
St. Paul Friends Nepali Church

*All prayer requests are also supported through Galilee's Prayer Circle.*

*We are delighted to pray for anyone and include their name on our prayer list, as well as mention them in the intercessions during Sunday worship. Please keep the church office informed about their status. We will keep these names on our prayer list for one month. If, on the other hand, you would like us to keep them on the prayer list for longer than a month, please call the church office.*

## THIS WEEK AT GALILEE

### Sunday, January 5

Galilee Worship.....	9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time .....	10:30 a.m.
Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church Worship .....	11 a.m.
St. Paul Friends Church .....	11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Vacuuming Duty: Wayne Christensen.....	Evening

### Monday, January 6

Quilting Group.....	1 p.m.
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### Tuesday, January 7

Donut Group .....	9:30 a.m.
Evangelism Team .....	11 a.m.
Worship & Music Team.....	7 p.m.

### Wednesday, January 8

Villa Park Devotions .....	1 p.m.
Bells of Galilee .....	6 p.m.
Galilee Choir.....	7:15 p.m.

### Thursday, January 9

TSE Training.....	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Bible Study.....	11 a.m.
Congregational Council Meeting .....	6:30 p.m.
Saint Paul Clown Club .....	6:30 p.m.

### Friday, January 10

TSE Training.....	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Mutual Ministry.....	10 a.m.
Adult Confirmation & New Member Class .....	10:30 a.m.

### Saturday, January 11

Chinese Prayer .....	6 a.m.
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### Sunday, January 12

Galilee Worship.....	9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time .....	10:30 a.m.
Adult Forum/Sunday School & Confirmation.....	11 a.m./11:15 a.m.
Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church Worship Service .....	11 a.m.
St. Paul Friends Church .....	11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Vacuuming Duty: Joe Juneau .....	Evening

Large print bulletins are available on the left side pocket of kiosk, or ask the ushers for assistance.