

Epiphany Sunday



TRINITY  LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Sunday, January 5, 2025
9:00 am Service

Order of Worship

Prelude

Karla Keller

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

O God of Celebration,

We gather here in your presence to remember all that you have done for us as your generosity brims over into every aspect of our lives. But too often we forget to share with others the generosity you have first shown to us. Forgive us Lord, for those times when we are selfish and greedy, when we forget who gives us all that we have. Forgive us Lord, for those times when we ignore the needs of others, when we choose not to share all that we have. Remind us of your overflowing love and the generosity shown by your Son, Jesus. Help us to follow in his footsteps, and lead us to the light that shines in our darkness. Amen.

People of God: By the grace of Almighty God, you are forgiven. The light of Christ shines in our lives, and we are given forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace of God through Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Bright and Glorious Is the Sky

Hymn #301

Verses 1, 3, 4, & 5

Bright and glorious is the sky, radiant are the heavens high,
Where the golden stars are shining, all their rays to earth inclining,
Beckon us to heav'n above, beckon us to heav'n above.

Sages from the East afar, when they saw this wondrous star,
Went to the find the King of nations, and to offer their oblations
To the child, the newborn King, to the child, the newborn King.

Him they found in Bethlehem, yet He wore no diadem,
There they saw a maiden lowly, with an infant pure and holy,
Resting in her loving arms, resting in her loving arms.

Guided by the star they found, him whose praise the ages sound,
We too have a star to guide us, which forever will provide us
With the light to find our Lord, with the light to find our Lord.

Invocation

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

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Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word, it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving power, create in us new hearts!

Hymn of Praise

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Glory be to God in heaven, peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth.
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you, here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heaven above;
On the cross you died to save us, now you reign at God's right hand,
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us, in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you, Lord alone, to you we call,
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all.
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright,
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

**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.**

Children's Moment

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2

The Visit of the Wise Men

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the clans of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 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." When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Hymn of the Day

As With Gladness Men of Old

Hymn #302

1. As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious Lord, may we ever more be led by thee.
2. As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before thee whom heav'n and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

3. As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.

4. Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way,
And when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last,
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

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 the Church

Congregational Response: Hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

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Offertory Response

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

Hymn #814

Take, oh, take me as I am, summon out what I shall be,
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Distribution of Holy Communion

Please come forward for Holy Communion this morning by using the center aisle and returning by the side aisle. If you prefer, gluten free wafers are available on the center table and white grape juice is located in the inner circle of the tray.

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, you have filled the earth with the light and love of your incarnate Word. By your grace, empower us to reflect your light in all that we do. Comfort us in our darkness, and turn us toward the love of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, so that others might be drawn into the light which alone brings comfort, courage, and peace. Amen.

Benediction

May Almighty God, Creator, Christ, and Comforter, keep you in God's light, God's truth, and God's love, now and forever.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Hymn #310

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
Manifested by the star to the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem, in thy birth at Bethlehem,
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

2. Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme,
And at Cana, wedding guest, in thy Godhead manifest,
Manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine,
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

3. Manifest in making whole weakened body, fainting soul,
Manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might,
Manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill,
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

4. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word,
Grace to imitate thee now and be pure as pure art thou,
That we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,
And may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Karla Keller

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In Our Prayers:

Elvina Nelson, Don Hendricks, Dick Stadtlander,
Nancy Fritzke (wife of Frank Fritzke), John Panzer (brother of Mike Panzer),
Lisa Diffley (niece of Liz Hirsch), Ned Lindberg (brother of Tom Lindberg),
Dick Erickson, Aiko Landgraf (niece of Sue Magnuson),
our missionary in Papua New Guinea, Rev. Andrew Ronnevik and family

We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of Leon Fritzke and
Lyle Kuntz (father of Kim Kuntz) who both passed away recently.
May God grant you peace and comfort.



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Announcements

You are invited to enjoy conversation, donuts and coffee following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Trinity Nursery The nursery is open from 8:45 - 10:45 am each Sunday morning and is located downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to bring your children (6 months and older) before or during worship and sign in with the Nursery Staff.

Trinity's OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans) Fellowship Group meets on the third Thursday of the month for a variety of activities and events to relax, socialize and enjoy Christian fellowship with one another. Join us on Thursday, January 16 at 9:30 am for breakfast and conversation at Farmer's Plate Hometown Cafe (117 Lewis Ave S) in downtown Watertown. Hope to see you there!

Snow Tubing at Elm Creek Trinity Youth Ministry is going Snow Tubing at Elm Creek in Maple Grove on Sunday, January 19 from 3:15 - 7:30 pm. Families and friends are invited to come along, too! The cost is \$18 per person, which includes bus transportation and two hours of tubing. Register at www.trin.org under **EVENTS**, and get ready for an awesome winter outing! Registration deadline is January 10.

Trinity's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 26, following worship at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. Please make every effort to attend. A review of the 2025 Spending Plan will also be presented following worship at 10:00 am on Sunday, January 19.

2025 Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex.