

***Epiphany Sunday***

**January 4th, 2015**

**Trinity Lutheran Church Truman, MN**

**Holy Communion Setting 4**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) p. 147**

**GATHERING**

*Congregation reads* ***bold print****. \*Please stand*

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING REFLECTION**

*When God redeems Israel, a light will go forth to attract nations and kings. All will see the glory of the Lord. In* ***First Isaiah****, God promised that "the people who walked in darkness" would see a great light with the birth of a new king of peace (9:2-7). In* ***Second Isaiah****, God announced that Israel would be a "light to the nations" (49:6). Now, in this text of* ***Third Isaiah****, the "light has come," and all nations will be attracted to "the brightness of your dawn." The coming of the nations to the light of God and Israel is a theme of the Zion tradition used throughout this book. God acts to redeem God's chosen people, but also to attract the nations who come to see the amazing work that God is doing. In this text, the nations come to return the children of Israel who had been taken into exile. The nations and kings come and pour out their wealth before God, even entering into the worship of God. The gifts of gold and frankincense serve to foreshadow the gifts brought by the magi, also attracted by the light, to pay homage to the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:10-11). Led by a star, these Magi, or wise men, come to worship this Messiah, in Greek Christ, but their arrival raises fears in Jerusalem and for King Herod.* **Son of Light, help to shine your light into the lives of those around me so they might give you glory and praise. Amen.**

**BELL**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

L: Let us make confession of our sins and receive God’s forgiveness. *Silence*

O King and Redeemer…

**C: in Jesus Christ, you have shined a light on the world to attract all people to you. We confess that we often hide in our darkness and do not reflect that light. Forgive us and enlighten us with your grace and glory, so we might show all around us your love, mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

L: God on account of his great love for us and by his mercy forgives us all our sins. As a fellowship redeemed worker in God’s mission, I declare his forgiveness in the name of the Father, and + of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** *As with Gladness Men of Old*  **ELW #302**

**\*GREETING ELW p. 147**

**\*KYRIE ELW p. 147**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** *This is the Feast of Victory* **ELW p. 149**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:** L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. *Silence* Almighty and ever-living God,

**C: you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.** **Amen.**

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| **WORD**    **FIRST READING** **Isaiah 60:1-6 (NRSV)**  For use in printed publications, Right-Click on the filename below to download and choose "Save Target As" or "Save Link As"Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. 2For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. 3Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. 4Lift 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. 5Then 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. 6A 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. **C: Thanks be to God.**  **PSALM 72:1-7, 11-14**  *(read responsively the* ***bold print****)*  1  Give the king your justice, O God,  **and your righteousness to a king's son.**   2 May he judge your people with righteousness,  **and your poor with justice.**  3 May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,  **and the hills, in righteousness.**  4 May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  **give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**    5 May he live while the sun endures,  **and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.**  6 May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, **like showers that water the earth.**  7 In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound,  **until the moon is no more.**11 May all kings fall down before him,  **all nations give him service.**  12 For he delivers the needy when they call,  **the poor and those who have no helper.**  13 He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy. **14 From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood**  **in his sight.**  **SECOND READING:** **Ephesians 3:1-12 (NRSV)**  C:\Users\CRuser\AppData\Local\Temp\heart_12184-2.jpgThis 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.  The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.** |  |  |

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Alleluia, Lord* **ELW p. 151**

**\*GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12 C: Glory to you O Lord.**

In 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.

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** *Hark the Glad Sound*  **ELW #239**

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED ELW p. 105**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** Lord in your mercy.  **C: Hear our prayer.**

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE** L: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

**MEAL**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING HYMN** *Create in Me* **ELW #188**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER C: Amen.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW p. 152**

**\*PREFACE & RESPONSE** *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord* **ELW p. 153**

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*THE LORD’S PRAYER** *Sung*

**LAMB OF GOD**

**DISTRIBUTION**

*All who believe that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior are welcome to receive Christ’s meal.*

*O Lamb of God*

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER C: Amen**

**SENDING**

**\*BLESSING** Almighty God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

*Three-Fold Amen*

**\*SENDING HYMN** *On Our Way Rejoicing*  **ELW #537**

**BELL**

**SENDING** L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

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I spent my days waiting for you, searching the crowds for your face. I stopped breathing the

moment you recognized me, as you captured my soul with your gaze. *Christy A Martine*

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**Readings for Next Sunday:** Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

 *We remember in our prayers…all who face catastrophic illness, surgery, and bindings of all kinds as well as the homebound:* **Bea Behrens, Vi Benoy, Agnes Carlson, Leland Carlson, Lisa** **Carlson & family, Donna Fisk, Chris Mosloski, Rhonda Bonk, Oakley Selnes and family, and Danny Lang.** *Be present with your Spirit, Lord, and lead us to be your presence to all. Amen.*

A new **T**rinity **P**astoral **C**all **C**ommittee has been formed to explore future pastoral options. Please contact any of the call committee members with your concerns or thoughts! Members are: Yvonne Noorlun, Marlene Breitbarth, Tom Dodge, Grant Hartman, Barb Mager, Sadie Mosloski, Dave Sorenson. More details will be appearing soon in The Messenger.

**Check your mailboxes…the January Messenger Newsletter is here!**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**MONDAY, JANUARY 5**-Martha Circle meets at Janice Buhmann’s at 1:30 pm.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 8**-Open Bible study at the Truman Café, Lois circle will also meet at the café with the group.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11**

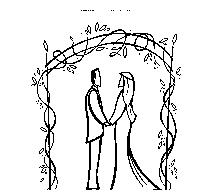
9 AM Communion Worship

10 AM Sunday School

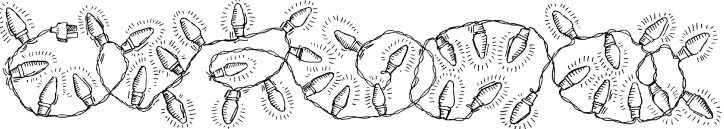
*Reader: Dave Sorenson, Acolyte: Reese Goeringer*

*Ushers: \*Dave Baarson, Vern Quade, Jim Hansen and Zach Hansen*

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Congratulations to Ron & Kaela (Krebs) Kelley who were married yesterday at Trinity.

Recycle your old Christmas lights…bring them to Trinity and put them into the green tub by the front door so S.T.E.P. of Fairmont can take them apart and recycle them.

On Sunday, Dec. 14 (Sunday School Program), a man’s black LONDON FOG top coat, large, was mistakenly taken from the coat rack at the South exit door by the kitchen. There is a St. John’s Bay coat hanging there instead.

If you had a black coat at the South exit, would you please check your closet to see if you might have taken the wrong coat and please return it to the same coat rack ASAP and take your own coat. If you had guests visiting on that Sunday, please check with them should they have left their coat, and taken my coat.

Dean Gulbranson

***OFFICIAL NOTICE:***

***TRINITY’S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 18TH DURING WORSHIP.***

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| **THE LEGEND OF THE SAND DOLLAR** |
| http://download.newsletternewsletter.com/artlinelibrary/s/sa/sand_12118c.gifThere’s a pretty little legend that I would like to tell  Of the birth and death of Jesus found in this lowly shell.   If you examine closely, you’ll see that you find here  Four nail holes and a fifth hole, made by a Roman’s spear.   On one side the Easter lily, its center is the star  That appeared unto the shepherds and led them from afar.   The Christmas poinsettia etched on the other side  Reminds us of his birthday, our happy Christmastide.   Now break the center open, and here you will release  The five white doves awaiting to spread good will and peace.   This simple little symbol, Christ left for you and me  To help us spread his Gospel, through all eternity.   *—Author unknown* |

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