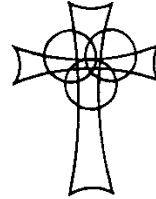




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The Epiphany Of Our Lord

Observed
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!!!

In the Name of Jesus Christ, Welcome! We are pleased that you have come to worship our loving Lord with us today. Even though, to the world, Christmas is over, we still take the time to unpack and rejoice over the great Gift that God has given—His only Son, Jesus Christ. We hope that you will celebrate with us the gift of life and love that Jesus came to bring as He still comes among us even now in His holy Word and Sacraments.

A PRAYER AS WE GATHER

Everlasting God, the Radiance of all faithful people, You brought the nations to the brightness of Your rising. Fill the world with Your glory, and show Yourself to all the world through Him who is the true Light and the bright Morning Star, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



THE DIVINE SERVICE
OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
ON THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

✠ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✠

✠ **The Preparation** ✠

The Flute & Piano Prelude

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 379
with additional stanzas from The New English Hymnal*

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

**1 O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him Born the king of angels: *Refrain***

Refrain O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

**2 Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain***

**3 Child, for us sinners Poor and in the manger,
We would embrace Thee, with love and awe;
Who would not love Thee, Loving us so dearly? *Refrain***

**4 Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God In the Highest: *Refrain***

**5 Lo! Star-led chieftains, Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
We to the Christ Child Bring our heart's oblations: *Refrain***

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The Invocation and Opening Versicles:

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Arise, and shine, for Your light has come,

C and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Isaiah 60:1

P The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

C And we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

The Confession of Sins and Absolution:

P As we kneel with the Magi in worship before the Christ Child, let us open our hearts to our Lord in penitence and faith.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for a time of reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

The Hymn of Praise

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 368

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

1 Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains. *Refrain*

Refrain Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

The Hymn continues on the next page...

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

Refrain Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain*

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The Salutation and Collect of the Day:

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Congregation is seated

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
³And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned 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 bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

The Trinity Singers

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice Medley”

The Epistle

Ephesians 3:1-12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—
²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly.
⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.
⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

The Trinity Singers

“The First Noel”

The Congregation rises

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

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

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The Congregation is seated

The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 400

“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”

- 1 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**
- 2 Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining;
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.**
- 3 Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion,
Fragrance of Edom and off’rings divine,
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?**

The Hymn continues on the next page...

- 4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would His favor secure.
Richer by far is the heart's adoration;
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.
- 5 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

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The Sermon

The Guiding Light

The Congregation rises

The Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayer of the Church

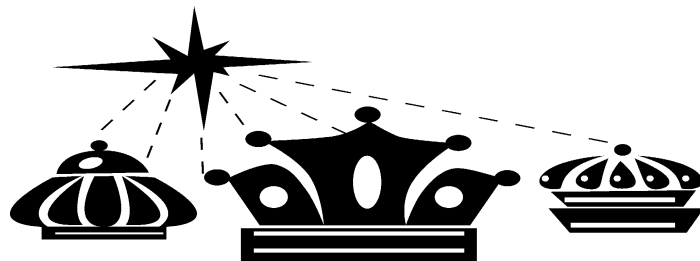
- P** Let us pray that the radiance of Christ will illumine the Church, the nations, and all in the world who seek the Light.
- P** O Light of Light, You have come into our dark world to lead us in the way of eternal peace. We praise You, O God, for sending Your Son to become man and for revealing to us Your desire to deliver all people from eternal death. Make Your Church the light of the world that many may be led to You and rejoice in Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O eternal Lord, as You accepted the gifts of the Magi, receive our humble gifts that spring forth by the Holy Spirit's work. Use the mouths and minds of all pastors, missionaries, teachers, and ministers, that they may be faithful beacons leading to You, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O King of all kings, the wise men knelt in awe before the Child upon His mother's lap and offered to Him their gifts. Help all of the Baptized people of God, especially in our congregation and the Mekane Yesus congregation, to join them in their worship and to offer up all we have in service to our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord of the nations, remember in Your kindness all those entrusted with earthly government, especially all of those who make, administer, and judge our laws. Give them wisdom to exercise their authority for the good of those they serve and to the hindrance and punishment of evil. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O great Physician, according to Your will, heal the sick among us, especially _____. Comfort them in their time of affliction, give them patience in their infirmities, and point them to the hope of the endless glory to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Heavenly Father, You call Your children to dwell forever with You. Comfort those who mourn (especially _____), reminding them of the open path to heaven given to all who believe and are baptized in Christ. Teach us all to number our days and to rejoice in the eternal life already given to us in the heavenly washing of Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Provider of all good gifts, You abundantly bless Your people with all that is necessary for life on earth, as well as giving us that which gladdens our hearts. With those who rejoice we also rejoice, especially remembering, _____. May we ever give You all thanks and praise for every blessing that You continue to shower on us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** O Lover of souls, You look with compassion and love upon all of Your children. To Your fatherly care we commend all those who have asked for our prayers. Especially we remember before you _____ and all the other people and concerns we name now in the silence of our hearts... Hear their prayers, we beseech You, and grant them all that they need according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O God in human flesh, bless those who commune this day that they may do so in repentance and faith, and with hearts that see Your Body and Blood hidden under bread and wine for their forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Immortal King of the Ages, through Your Son You have destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light. We praise You for Wilhelm Loehe and all those whom You have led through death to heaven's peace. Receive our thanks for the victory over death and the grave that Christ has promised to all who fall asleep in faith in Him. And by Your Holy Spirit, keep us in fellowship with all who are with You in heaven and with all who wait for You on earth. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** All these things, Holy Father, and whatever else You know that we need, grant us for the sake of Him who brought an everlasting light into this world that has forever shattered the darkness, and who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever.
- C** **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace

- P** Our Savior Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and of peace there shall be no end.
The Peace of the Lord be with you always!
- C** **And also with you.**

The Congregation is seated



✘ The Service of the Sacrament ✘

The Carol of Preparation

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

1 We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star. *Refrain*

Refrain O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light!

2 Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never
over us all to reign. *Refrain*

3 Frankincense to offer have I:
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, gladly raising,
Worship Him, God Most High. *Refrain.*

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorr’wing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *Refrain.*

5 Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia
Earth to the heav’ns replies. *Refrain*

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The Congregation rises

The Preface Dialogue and *Sanctus*:

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C *sung to the tune of "Angels We Have Heard on High"*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of hosts, all praise be giv'n!
All Your glory fills the earth,
All Your power fills the heav'ns!
*Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

**Blessed is the King who came,
Bringing love and light divine!
Blessed is the King who comes
In the Bread and in the Wine!
*Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Thanks be to You, O Lord, because in these last days You did send to us Your beloved Servant, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior and our Redeemer and the Messenger of Your will; Who is Your Word inseparable from You; through whom You made all things and with whom You were well-pleased; whom You did send from heaven into the womb of the Virgin, and who, having been conceived within her, became flesh, and was manifested as Your Son, being born of the Holy Spirit and a virgin.

Who, when He was betrayed to His voluntary suffering, in order that He might abolish death, break the bonds of the adversary, tread hell underfoot, give light to the righteous, establish a memorial, and manifest the resurrection, took bread, gave thanks to You, and said: "Take eat, this is My ✠ Body, which is broken for you." Likewise also the cup, saying: "This is My ✠ Blood which is poured out for you. As often as you do this, you shall do it in remembrance of Me."

Therefore, having in remembrance His death and resurrection, we give thanks to You, because You have counted us worthy to stand before You and to serve you. Gather into one, we pray You, all Your holy people who partake hereof; fill them with Your Holy Spirit for the confirmation of their faith in the truth; and grant that we may praise and glorify You through Your Servant, Jesus Christ; through whom all honor and glory belongs to You, the Father and the Son with the Holy Spirit, in Your holy Church, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

- P** Commanded by Christ's saving precepts and informed by His divine instruction, we are bold to say:
- C** **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.**

The *Pax Domini*:

- P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

The *Agnus Dei*

Sung to the Tune of "Once in Royal David's City"

- C** **Lamb of God, the world's Redeemer,
Mercy to Your people give.
Lamb of God, the world's Redeemer,
May we in Your mercy live.
Lamb of God, we all implore:
Grant us peace forevermore.**

The Congregation is seated

The Distribution of Holy Communion:

Lutherans believe that in this Sacrament the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the physical elements of bread and wine. And this Sacrament is distributed to the Baptized of the Church who believe in the Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, sincerely repent of their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this Holy Meal. Those who are present at this celebration who are baptized, have been instructed in the meaning of this Supper, and believe likewise are welcome to commune with us at this Altar today.

Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation in a continuous manner in front of the altar. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. The Sacrament is distributed in the following way...Please extend your hand to the Pastor to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood is then received from individual cups from the assistant (wine and white grape juice are available). After receiving, please place your empty cup into the tray at the end of the communion rail and return to your seat by way of the side aisle. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

Music at the Distribution: "Never Been a Night Like This" – The Trinity Singers

After all have communed, the Pastor continues:

The Eucharistic Blessing:

- P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
C Amen.

The Congregation rises.

The *Nunc Dimittis*

Sung to the Tune of "Away in a Manger" (Cradle Song)

- C** Lord, now in Your mercy Your servants release
As Your word has promised. Oh, grant us Your peace.
Our eyes Your salvation and mercy behold,
Prepared for the nations, as prophets foretold,

A Light to the Gentiles, by whom they now see
The glory of Israel, the Promised One He
Who lives now and ever, the heaven's bright Sun,
With Father and Spirit eternally One.

The Thanksgiving and Post-Communion Prayer:

- P** Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
C And His mercy endures forever.

P Let us pray.
We give You thanks, almighty and merciful God, that You have refreshed us with Your Holy Sacrament, and we beseech You to make us partakers of Your divine life through the Incarnation of Your beloved Son, with whose Body and Blood You have now nourished us; for the sake of the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

The *Benedicamus* and Blessing:

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God!

P May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
C Amen.

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

- 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
Evermore 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.
- 5 In the heav'nly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
Thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing
Alleluias to our King.

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

✠ *To God All Praise and Glory!* ✠

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NOTES AND NEWS

COVID UPDATE ... As the Prince George's County Council has chosen to retain the current indoor mask mandate in our area through January 23, 2022, we will continue to follow their guidelines. We kindly ask those attending worship in person to continue to wear their masks while inside the church building. Our prayer continues to be that the Lord will continue to look on us and our world in mercy and continue to keep us from harm even as we all do those things which we can to keep one another as safe and healthy as possible.

PORTALS OF PRAYER...The January – March 2022 Portals of Prayer are available in the literature table in the rear of the sanctuary.

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES ... have arrived! This annual aid to stewardship is available for you to pick up on the literature table in the rear of the nave. If you do not see a set prepared for you and would like to have one for your use, please speak with Pastor and he will be sure that a set is ready to be given to you. The envelope in the front of the box marked Initial Offering is to be used to help offset the cost of the envelopes for the church. A suggested offering is \$12.00.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY ... There will not be a Bible Study time together this Sunday. Our Bible Studies will resume Next Sunday, January 9th.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR... How does one deal with rejection? Push through it? Rise above it? Or start over?. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, January 9, 2022, for this message by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "Facing Rejection", on WMZQ 98.7 FM at 7:00 AM or on Sundays at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM on WFAX 1220 AM. If you are out of the radio station's range you may listen on line to WFAX worldwide at WFAX.com.

CHURCH UNDECORATING ... As much as we love looking at the decorations of the season there does come the time to put them away for the year. Come and help us undecorate the church this Saturday, January 8th, at 11:00 AM. Many hands will make light (and quick) work. Following our labors at church, we will gather together for a time of food, friendship, and fellowship at Franklin's in Hyattsville. Hope you will join us.

OUR PRAYER LIST ... We are pleased to have an active ministry of prayer among us, attested by the weekly "O Christ, Hear Us" page in the bulletin, inviting us all to remember these persons and needs in our prayer during worship at Trinity and in our own personal prayers during the week. We kindly ask you to also help us keep this list current and up to date by letting us know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. To do this please contact Pastor or the church office with a note that can be placed in the offering basket at church, or with an email.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS ... In our weekly Prayer of the Church, the final petition is dedicated to all of the Faithful Departed who are now with the Lord and a part of the Church Triumphant. As a part of this remembrance, we recall by name the saints who are on the calendar of Feasts, Festivals, and Commemorations of our church and remembered during the current week. Some have asked for more information about these saints; so, biographies for each saint, along with a prayer and suggested Scripture readings, are now available for you on our church website.

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS...

January 2 **Johann Konrad Wilhelm Loehe** (1808-72), Pastor

Visit <http://tlcmr.org/worship/celebrating-the-saints/> where you can learn more about the cycle of saints' days on the church calendar and find the biographies for each saint listed by month.

ALTAR FLOWERS ... The flower chart for 2022 is available for you to donate floral arrangements to adorn the Lord's Altar in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones. The chart can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. The donation for a single arrangement is \$30.00. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email (trinity-elc-office@verizon.net).

COMPASSION CENTER NEWS... Our Compassion Center is open and is once again serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. Please see the full page announcement in the bulletin for more information. If you are able to volunteer during the Center's open hours, please contact Elma. Thank you all for your continued help and support and prayers.

In an effort to keep the cupboards full at the Compassion Center during this time of great need in our community we will continue to need your generous donations of food. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Peanut Butter; Pasta; Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Canned Tuna and Chicken;
Canned Fruit; Soup.

There is also a need for diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, and 6.

Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that it is delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD

PREPARING FOR NEXT SUNDAY ...

The Baptism of Our Lord: The First Sunday after the Epiphany, January 9, 2022

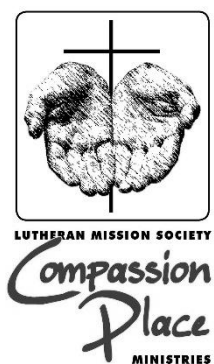
Scripture Readings: Isaiah 43:1-7; Romans 6:1-11; Luke 3:15-22



Trinity Stay-Safe Rules

- ❖ If you are sick, PLEASE STAY HOME, and please get under a doctor's care.
- ❖ If you are over 65 or immunocompromised, please be careful, follow the rules here at church, or feel free to stay home with God's blessing and ours. (We'll be here when you are ready to come back to worship.)
- ❖ As the county has reinstated the indoor mask mandate, we ask everyone to once again wear a mask while in the church building.
- ❖ Physical Distancing Requirements have been lifted, so you are free to sit where and as you wish. Use your own best judgement as to how close you wish to sit to others.
- ❖ Wash your hands often. 20 seconds with soap and water. Hand sanitizer is available for you to use as well. Try not to touch your face.
- ❖ Cough and sneeze into a tissue or into your elbow.
- ❖ Please, no handshaking. Use an elbow bump or wave for now.
- ❖ All Worship materials are printed for each service. As we will not be reusing them, please take them home with you to recycle.
- ❖ Offerings will not be collected during the service. Please place your offering in the basket on the table in the rear of the nave, or continue to mail in your offering to the church office.
- ❖ Holy Communion will be distributed in a continuous fashion using individual wafers and cups. Please follow the direction of the usher to go forward and receive the Sacrament, and please keep a distance in line between persons.

Thank you all for your continued patience and concern for one another during this time.



Hyattsville Compassion Center

*A shared ministry of
Redeemer & Trinity Congregations
and the Lutheran Mission Society*

Ms. Elma Pervaiz, Center Coordinator
Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23

We are happy to announce that our Compassion Center has reopened!

Our operating hours will be:

Monday: 10 AM – 4 PM

Tuesday: 10 AM – 4 PM

Wednesday: 10 AM – 2 PM

Food and Clothing Ministry is available by appointment
during the center's open hours.

Please call Elma to make arrangements for us to assist you.

The thrift center will be open during our operating hours
with the following safety guidelines:

- Masks must be worn at all times
- Please observe social distancing
- Number of persons in the center at a time will be limited

In-Kind Donations for the thrift center are limited at this time
owing to reduced staffing at the center.

If you have donations, please contact Elma at the center
before bringing your items during center hours.

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2 – 9
May Be Subject to Change

Today	<i>The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord (Observed)</i>	<i>No Bible Study this morning</i>
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	10:45 AM	Trinity Singers Rehearsal
	12:00 PM	EECMYM Worship (at church in person)
Monday	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
Tuesday	9 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
Wednesday	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
Thursday	9 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
Saturday	11:00 AM	Church Undecorating
Next Sunday	<i>The Baptism of Our Lord: The First Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	
	8:30 AM	Bible Study
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
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CHURCH STATISTICS

Friday, December 24, 2021	Worship Attendance: 24 ; Communed: 23
Saturday, December 25, 2021	Worship Attendance: 16 ; Communed: 15
Sunday, December 26, 2021	Worship Attendance: 19 ; Communed: 18 .



✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

Intercessions for the Week of January 2, 2022

Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

John, Diane, Julie & Kenny, Elizabeth, Joseph, Diane, John Tyler, Elizabeth, Waymond, Alan, August, Clara, David, Owen, Ernie, Paul, and Angela

For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Betty, mother of Helen; Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Joe, friend of Cullen; Britnany, niece of Lynda; Juliet, mother of Ras-I; Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty; Alan, cousin of Kim; Lisa, neighbor of Peter & Kim; Dennis & Caron, former Concordia Teachers; Zoila, mother of David; Jeff, husband of Mary; Jari, former Concordia Teacher; Joyce, friend of the Peeles; Cora, aunt of Tracy; Catelyn, step-grandaughter of Ernie; Ray, relative of Kim; Sandy, relative of Kim; Cherra, mother-in-law of Meghan; Jim, friend of Judy; Scott & Tori, friends of Matt; Barbara, relative of Rick; Nathan, son of Art; Helen, aunt of Judy; John, father-in-law of Kristina; Susan, friend of Kim; Jim, uncle of Paul; Kathy, co-worker of Joyce; Sherri, co-worker of Joyce; Kevin & Stacy, relatives of Susan; Bernie, friend of Trinity

All those affected by or who are in fear of the Coronavirus Outbreak.

For our Medical Community, First Responders, and other Workers who aid us in this time.

Thanksgivings and Blessings

Delores Donald, Peter Schiebel, Olivia Sahadeo, and Kristie Maddox, who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Those Who Mourn

The Family of Ann Maack, wife of former Trinity Pastor Roy Maack who passed away on December 22nd.

We Keep In Our Prayers

- ✠ Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ✠ For Pastor Gugssa Biru and the people of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Maryland
- ✠ For the Lord to continue to move the hearts of our Trinity members to a deeper realization of our part in His mission to the world and to be *Ablaze!* with a desire to tell the Good News about Jesus with those whom we come into contact in our lives.
- ✠ For Elma Pervaiz, our Center Coordinator, and for the work of our Compassion Center.
- ✠ Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- ✠ For peace and justice among the residents of our nation's cities and towns where there is unrest from fear and distrust.
- ✠ For all those still affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- ✠ For our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution for the faith and Name of Jesus, even to the point of the shedding of their blood.
- ✠ Prayers for peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or by acts of terror, and for those who find themselves in harm's way in the war on terrorism.
- ✠ All those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.