

- P** Behold the LORD, the ruler, has come,*
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.
- G** **Give the king your justice, | O God,*
and your righteousness to the | royal son!**
- P** May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him | tribute;*
may the kings of Sheba and Seba | bring gifts!
- G** **May he judge your people with | righteousness,*
and your poor with | justice!**
- P** May all kings fall down be- | fore him,*
all nations | serve him!
- G** **Behold the LORD, the ruler, has come,*
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.**
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COLLECT OF THE DAY - ancient prayer of the Church based upon the Scriptural theme of the day

- P** O God, by 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 Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** *Continued with sung 'Amen', p. 189*

OLD TESTAMENT **Isaiah 60:1-6** *The prophesy of the Christ and Wise Men*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For 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.

And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift 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. Then 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. 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 bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

GRADUAL - the historical seasonal response to hearing God's Word

- P** For to us a child is born, to us a son is | given;*
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,
- G** **and his name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor,*
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.**

EPISTLE **Ephesians 3:1-12** *Our Lord's grace for all people*

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which 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. This

mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of 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. To 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, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

FESTIVAL ALLELUIA

On this festival day, the Gospel is read from the center aisle in celebration as the Good News manifest in the midst of God's people, the Church, and into the world.

G 
Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.


Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

- P** The Light has come to the world. The Word became flesh, dwelt with us.
- G** *repeat* **Festival Alleluia.**
- P** For we have come to worship Him, born to be our King.
- G** *repeat* **Festival Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 2:1-12** *The visit of the Wise Men*

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "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." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: "'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.'"

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And 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." After 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. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And 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. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

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We are honored to welcome Rev. Dr. Alexey Streltsov, head of the Siberian Lutheran Seminary; our partner church in Russia. The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society is also hosting an event, **Monday, 6:00-9:00 pm at KC Bier Co., 310 W. 79th St., KC, MO.** All food and beverage sales will be given to the seminary, as area Lutherans will gather.



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**FEAST OF THE
EPIPHANY
JAN. 7, 2024**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors—it is a joy to have you with us. Please fill out the attendance pad in the folder in the pew rack from the center aisle & pick-up a newsletter at the brochure rack by the door.

Parents with small children. If needed, the Nursery has a video feed of the Service; also a restroom with changing table. A Nursing Room is now located off the Library. The Library is also space for children under 3 during the Sunday School hour.

Prayer List – those who mourn:

Andy & Kim Ziegler at the unexpected death of their son, Alex. Funeral here Thursday, 11 am.

– members:

Julie Kasunic (broken arm), Mary Lingo (cancer), Ron Swartz (cancer), Kim Howell (surgery),

– family & friends:

Jordan Fuerst (nephew of Suzette Mack, cancer)
Jon Carder (father of Kevin Carder, dementia)
Maddison Schoen (student at RSCA, surgery)
Duncan Simpson (friend of Jim & Maureen Stinson, surgery)
Rev. Brian Drebes (friend of Erick & Sarah Bohndorf, cancer)
Chad Grimmet (friend of Marlaine Malone, cancer)
Velvet Miller (friend of Marlaine Malone, cancer)
James Scott (father of Ashlynn Kasunic, cancer)
Judy Cordes (sister-in-law to Gary Cordes, cancer)
Sonja Jansen (mother of Robert Jansen, cancer)
Moirra Simpson (friend of Jim & Maureen Stinson, cancer)
Linda Deffenbaugh (sister of Frances Brown, hospice)
Matthew Albright (nephew of Steve & Marsha Albright, cancer)
Tyler Brown (nephew of Steve & Marsha Albright, cancer)
Jeri Matzeder (family of Steve & Marsha Albright, health issue)
Dean Landman (father of Deb Glaum, health issues)
Maren Turner (niece of Amanda Dowdall, leukemia)
Kelli Scott (friend of Emily Newman, inoperable cancer)

Lunch with Pastor, Monday, noon, Kelley's Grille, 155th & State, all invited.

Men's Basketball, Sundays, 8 pm, Jan. 7 through Mar. 17

Adult Catechism/New Member class, begins Jan. 28, 5 pm or by arrangement. Encourage, invite family and friends.

Life Conference and March to the Capitol, Jan. 24, Weds., carpool leaves church at 7:15 am, back by 2:30 pm, Topeka. See Jan. newsletter. Please let Pastor know if you are planning to go.

Souper Bowl Party, Feb. 2, begins 4:30 pm, kickoff is 5:30 pm. Bring your favorite soup in a crockpot to enter into the Souper Bowl Contest by 5:00 pm to win our highly-coveted traveling Souper Bowl trophy. Bring your own food, beverages if you wish; but in addition to the soups, a variety of snacks and beverages are provided. The game will be on a couple of our TVs. Children may play in the gym or other games.

Germany Trip, Sept. 13-24, 2024. See LutherTours.com. Printed copies in the Narthex. Members along with people from the nation are welcome to join; 26 signed up so far.

CALENDAR

Today	Feast of the Epiphany 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sunday School/Bible Class for all 10:30 a Divine Service 11:45 a Vocal Choir 6:00 p Youth Group 8:00 p Men's Basketball
Monday	8:30a-3:30p Risen Savior Classical Academy Noon Lunch with Pastor 6-9 p KC Bier event, Siberian Seminary
Tuesday	6:30 p Board of Elders
Weds.	8:30 a Midweek Service 9:00 a Bible Class for all 7:00 p Midweek Service 7:45 p Youth Confirmation 7:45 p Bell Choir
Thursday	6:00 p LWML 6:30 p Youth Chorale
Saturday	6:00 p Divine Service
Sunday	Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Sunday School/Bible Class for all 10:30 a Divine Service 11:45 a Vocal Choir 8:00 p Men's Basketball

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 21	Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord
Jan. 24	Life Conference & March, Topeka
Jan. 28	Next Adult Catechism class or by arrangement
Feb. 11	Souper Bowl Party
Feb. 13	PfannKuchen Tag
Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday, Lent begins
Feb. 18	Next Quarterly Voter's Assembly
Feb. 27	Next Blood Drive

STEWARDSHIP \$6425/wk. budget

Date	Attendance	Offering	+ Special Funds
12/31	217	\$7414	\$-
12/24,25	368,109	\$4962	\$-
12/24 am	231	\$6253	\$1537

Altar Flowers:

See Church Calendar in the office to sign-up, \$25/1 Vase.

Financial Reports are posted in Church Office.

On-Line Giving. Our Vendor is: Vanco. Download the App.

There is also a link on our website.

Thank you for the cards and gifts. I sincerely appreciate your kindness to me and my family.

-Pastor Weinkauff

Welcome to the Lord's House. God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son. The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a "Thirteenth Day" of Christmas; and yet, it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. While Christmas has focused on the Incarnation of our Lord, God becoming flesh—the season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. For the Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1–2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth—not only to the Jews but also to Gentiles (Eph. 3:8–10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5–11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word, to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3–6). With gold they confess His royalty; with incense, His deity; and with myrrh, His priestly sacrifice (Matt. 2:11). **The Lord bless this Divine Service.**



We celebrate the Lord's Supper today, in the confession, as Jesus says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread, wine but His very real, true body, blood to eat, drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him, and with one another. According to Scripture, Holy Communion is also a public confession of faith, sharing a unity in doctrinal belief; also those who eat, drink our Lord's body, blood unworthily or without discernment do so to their harm. In love towards God and our neighbor, according to Scripture, the Church has always practiced a closed communion. **Therefore, in love and pastoral concern for our guests, if you are not a member of the LCMS and desire to receive the Sacrament, please speak with the pastor first.**