



*We invite, encourage, educate and empower
all people to follow God and serve others.”*

Epiphany of Our Lord

January 7, 2018

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

HYMN “*Joy to the World*” #267 vs 1-4

CONFESSİON AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy One of Israel, the Word made flesh, the Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathered in the name of Jesus, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God, in Christ Jesus you come among us as light shining in darkness.

We confess our failure to welcome this light.

**Forgive us and renew our hope,
so that we may live in the light of your grace,
and welcome the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

I bring you good news of great joy for all the people: To you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord. Your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name.

Amen.

HYMN *"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"* #275 vs 1,3,4

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

*May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.
For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those
who have no helper.
He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.
From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and
precious is their blood in his sight.*

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

WELCOME THE CHILDREN “*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*”

#276 vs 1

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN “*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*”

#276 vs 2

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 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.” 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 rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men 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 at its rising, 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 the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON “God’s Determination” Pastor Deb Grismer

HYMN “*We Three Kings*” WOV #646

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

On the third day he rose again:

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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 PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

God with us:

You came as a baby to a manger.

You slept on straw and greeted shepherds.

You come again in bread and wine.

Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things.

And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others in the strength of your holy name. Amen.

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BENEDICTION

May Christ, who by his incarnation has filled us with grace and truth, give you peace this Christmas and always. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN “Go Tell It on the Mountain” #290 vs 1-3

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

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January 21st

ANNUAL **M E E T I N G**

Following worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Current news and events

WELCOME to our worship service

If you would like to be added to our church mailing list or have other information you would like us to know, please fill out an information card located with the hymnals.

Today, January 7

9:30am Worship/Communion
Fellowship follows
1:00pm God's Cupboard meeting

Tuesday, January 9

7:00am Men's Breakfast
9:30am WELCA meeting

Wednesday, January 10

5:15-7 D.O.G. Night

Sunday, January 14

9:30am Worship
8:30-11:15 Second Sunday Breakfast



Join us Sunday

January 14th

8:30-11:15

Located at

Our Savior's

Lutheran Church

The whole community
is invited!

Delicious Menu:
Biscuits and Gravy
Scrambled Eggs
Fruit
Pastries
Drinks

Freewill Donation will go
towards sending our
community youth group
kids to camps this coming
summer

SERVE

SERVING TODAY:

Greeters/ Ushers – Dennis and Kathy Thompson

Reader – Dennis Thompson

Music – Peg Tesch and Connii Virtue

Communion Preparation/Assistant – Alan Platt

Fellowship Servers – Dennis and Kathy Thompson

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY:

Greeters/Ushers – Roger and Betty Dikoff

Music – Praise Team

Reader – Roger Dikoff

Fellowship Servers – Second Sunday Breakfast



Praying for one another is vital to our community of faith and part of being a member of the priesthood of all believers. If you or a family member wishes to be included in this printed prayer list, please contact Josie in the church office.

We pray for the comfort and strength for those who have recently lost loved ones, especially the friends and family of **Gus Erickson** (friend of Pastor Deb) and **Amber Schock** (friend of Pastor Deb.)

We pray for the health and healing of those ill or hospitalized and their caregivers, including **Suzan Heidelberger**, **Crystal Swenson** (friend of Pastor Deb) and **Baby Darius** (son of Dakota and Blake Hunsaker.)

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: **Val** (Steve & Patti Pendegraft's sister-in-law), **Bernie Quaschnick**, **Rodney Shay**, **Talon Gibson** (Tenaya Gibson's son), **Kelly Edwards**, **Glenyce** (Carla's cousin), **Dennis Hempler** (Dixie Clark's brother), and **Heidi** (Hunsaker's niece.)



Cornerstone Rescue Mission

According to a December 23 post by KOTA TV News, there are usually 90 men a night housed at the mission on Main Street. But when it gets cold, they see an uptick in that number by as many as 50 people, some sleeping on mats on the floor wherever they can fit. Nobody is turned away in the cold.

The Women and Children's home provides shelter and assistance to an average of 350-400 homeless women and children annually, and provides a yearly average of 9500 overnight stays. The home allows these women and children a chance for stability and healing while becoming self-sufficient and independent.

For less than \$25 a day, they can provide three meals, clothing, shelter, case management, transportation to and from jobs, provision for personal needs items, and Biblical counseling. Your contribution can significantly impact the lives of those in need.

For more information on the Cornerstone Rescue Mission and their ministries, please visit their website at www.cornerstonemission.org.



You are invited to Jesus' Belated Birthday Party!

WHERE: Our Savior's Lutheran Church

WHEN: Wednesday, January 31st 5:30pm

HOST: The D.O.G. Night children invite you to come and celebrate Jesus' belated birthday with a celebration program.

*Dinner will be served immediately following the program.
The whole community is welcome! Tell everyone to come and join in on the fun!

