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Welcome to Grace!

January 6, 2019

What We Believe:

✠ As Lutheran Christians we stand with the church of the ages and confess the faith of the **Holy Bible**, which is **God's Word**.

✠ We believe that our **Triune God** created man and woman holy; however, since we sinned and still sin we cannot free ourselves from **sin and death**. Therefore God sent His Son **Jesus Christ**, who is our **only way to salvation**. By His death and resurrection and through no work or decision of our own, we have forgiveness, life, and salvation.

✠ We joyfully receive these gifts in His Word, and in the holy sacraments of **Baptism** and the **Lord's Supper**.

✠ In all our teaching and preaching we seek to be faithful to God's holy **Law** which shows our sin, and to proclaim His precious **Gospel**, which is the good news of our **salvation in Christ!**

✠ We subscribe also to **Luther's Small Catechism** and the other documents in the Book of Concord of 1580 because they faithfully confess these biblical truths.

Guests and Holy Communion:

Holy Communion is a gift Christ gives to His Church. In it, He offers His true Body and Blood, in, with and under the bread and wine. When received in faith, it brings forgiveness, new life and salvation.

Holy Communion is also a statement of our unity in Christ (*community*). Those who receive the Lord's Supper at Grace Lutheran Church are baptized Christians who have been instructed in and publicly confess the Evangelical Lutheran faith.

For this reason, *only members of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod* are ordinarily communed at this altar. If you have any questions regarding the doctrine of Close Communion, please talk to the pastor before or after the service.

Nursery: If your child becomes restless during the service, you are welcome to make use of the Nursery downstairs.

Friendship Pad: Please sign the friendship pad as it is passed during the offering.

Fellowship Time: Immediately following the 9:00 AM Worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Large Print Hymnals: Are available from the ushers!

Electronic Devices: PLEASE silence all devices during worship. Thanks!

May the Lord bless your worship today!

The Epiphany of Our Lord
January 6, 2019 – Divine Service, Setting One

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, CHIMES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND SHARING OF THE PEACE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

♪ **The Star Proclaims the King Is Here** **LSB 399**

Invocation **LSB 151**

Confession of Sins and Absolution **LSB 151**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

♪ **Introit**

Psalm 45:6–8a; antiphon: Psalm 45:17



P I will cause your name to be remembered in all gener- | ations;*
therefore nations will praise you forever and | ever.

C **Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a
scepter of up- | rightness;*
you have loved righteousness and hated | wickedness.**

P Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your
com- | panions;*
your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and | cassia.

C **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

P I will cause your name to be remembered in all gener- | ations;*
therefore nations will praise you forever and | ever.

♪ **Kyrie** **LSB 152**

♪ **Hymn of Praise – Gloria in Excelsis** **LSB 154**

♪ **Salutation and Collect of the Day** **LSB 156**

P 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.**

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 60:1–6

Pew Bible, p. 619

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.

Epistle – Ephesians 3:1–12

Pew Bible, p. 977

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.

Holy Gospel – Matthew 2:1–12

Pew Bible, p. 807

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.

Catechism Time – The Creed

Luther’s Small Catechism, LSB 323

The Third Article

Sanctification

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

In the same way [the Holy Spirit] calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. This is most certainly true.

♪ O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

LSB 395

Sermon

Nicene Creed

LSB 158 or inside back cover of hymnal

Installation of Congregational Officers and Board Members

Prayer of the Church

Offering – *Guests/members please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at the end of the pew, check appropriate columns, and print clearly including children’s names.*

♪ Offertory

LSB 159

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

♪ Preface

LSB 160

♪ Sanctus

LSB 161

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

Lord’s Prayer

LSB 162

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 162

♪ Pax Domini

LSB 163

♪ Agnus Dei

LSB 163

Distribution – *If you are visiting with us, please read “Guests and Holy Communion,” printed inside the cover of the Friendship Pad.*

Distribution Hymns:

♪ Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

LSB 400

♪ O God of God, O Light of Light

LSB 810

♪ The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

LSB 624

♪ The People That in Darkness Sat

LSB 412

♪ Post-Communion Canticle – *Nunc Dimittis*

LSB 165

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 166

♪ Benediction

LSB 166

♪ As with Gladness Men of Old

LSB 397

+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF January 6th THROUGH January 13th

<u>TODAY</u>	9:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE I WITH HOLY COMMUNION
	10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Studies
	11:30 AM	Youth Group
<u>MONDAY</u>	7:00 PM	100 th Anniversary Committee Meeting
<u>TUESDAY</u>	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	10:00 AM	Stewardship Meeting
	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
<u>FRIDAY</u>		Office Closed
<u>SATURDAY</u>	8:00 AM	Elders' Retreat, Siena Center, Racine
<u>SUNDAY</u>	9:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE I WITH HOLY COMMUNION
	10:30 AM	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
	12:00 PM	Adult Inquirers' Class (AIC)



Lectionary Summary: *The Lord 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; yet, it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. While Christmas has focused on the incarnation of our Lord — that is, on God becoming flesh — the season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. 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).

Our Partnership in the Gospel

Grace's Mission: We are friends in God's family through Jesus, strengthened by His Spirit to represent Christ in our daily lives, our community and the world.

Grace's Vision: To be an active, growing Christ-centered congregation offering youth and adults traditional Lutheran worship, Bible study and fellowship while reaching out especially to our neighbors, families and friends with the Gospel invitation.

2019 Theme: *"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10*

Our Worship Attendance:

December 30, 2018: 115

December 31, 2018: 39