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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Epiphany 1

Date: January 12, 2025

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 129: Hail, Thou Source of Every Blessing

WS 717: Bright and Glorious Is the Sky

WS 718: O Jesus, King of Glory

Song of Simeon (Tune of TLH 15 – twice)

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 72, TLH p. 138

Liturgy:

TLH p. 5 (Projected)

Gloria: TLH 131:5

Scripture Readings:

Acts 13:46-49

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: 1 Kings 10:1-9

¹ Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to test him with hard questions. ² She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels that bore spices, very much gold, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart. ³ So Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing so difficult for the king that he could not explain it to her. ⁴ And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, ⁵ the food on his table, the seating of his servants, the service of his waiters and their apparel, his cupbearers, and his entryway by which he went up to the house of the LORD, there was no more spirit in her. ⁶ Then she said to the king: "It was a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom. ⁷ "However I did not believe the words until I came and saw with my own eyes; and indeed the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the fame of which I heard. ⁸ "Happy are your men and happy are these your servants, who stand continually before you and hear your wisdom! ⁹ "Blessed be the LORD your God, who delighted in you, setting you on the throne of Israel! Because the LORD has loved Israel forever, therefore He made you king, to do justice and righteousness." (NKJVTM)

God's Wisdom: It Takes Your Breath Away

✠ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✠

- ➔ **Among Us:** The pathology report from Duane Enn's recent hospitalization has concluded that he has throat cancer. He is receiving a port in order to start on chemotherapy. Due to complications, Thomas Graham has had a relapse of his intestinal infection. He is on a new regimen of antibiotics. Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
- ➔ **Directory:** Please check your contact info. in the draft copy of the directory located in the narthex. Place a check mark by your entry if it is correct. If it is not, then please edit as necessary. If you wish to add email or cell numbers, please do so. Thanks!
- ➔ **Offering Statements:** The offering statements for 2024 are in your mail boxes. Any questions see Benno Sydow.
- ➔ **2025 Cleaning:** The 2025 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.
- ➔ **A National Women's Retreat** (online) is being held on Saturday, January 25 beginning at 11 am CST. The Theme is "Press Pause: Grace-full Stewardship." The scriptural foundation for the retreat is 1 Peter 4:10, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." Registration and more information can be accessed at: tinyurl.com/PressPause25.
- ➔ **Reminder:** The application deadline for the 2025 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal is quickly approaching. Applications need to be submitted by tomorrow, Jan. 13. More info.: mht.lutheranmissions.org
- ➔ **CLC News:** From CLC Pres. Michael Wilke: "After successfully completing the re-entry process, Sam Naumann has been reinstated to the clergy roster of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. We thank the Lord for the progress Sam has made, and pray that one day soon he will be serving as a pastor in one of our congregations. God's will be done. Please continue to keep Sam and his family in your prayers."
 - ✠ Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran in Watertown, SD, and Zion Lutheran in Hidewood Township, SD, has received the call to St. Stephen Lutheran in Mountain View, CA (San Francisco area). ✠ Rev. Sam Naumann, member at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to Faith Lutheran in Manchester, MO (St. Louis area).
 - ✠ Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights, MN, has received the call to Trinity Lutheran in Watertown, SD.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #11 – 9th & 10th Commandments

CLC E-Devotion – January 7, 2025

(Isaiah 60:3) The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

THE STAR SHINES THROUGH THE VEIL

Once a year on Yom Kippur the high priest would enter the Holy of Holies to offer a sacrifice and make atonement for the children of Israel (Leviticus 16). That was the only time one could enter the Holy of Holies. When the Israelites constructed the tabernacle in the wilderness, the cloud that guided them covered the tabernacle of meeting and the Lord's glory filled it (Exodus 40:34-35). It also housed the Ark of the Covenant. In Solomon's Temple, the Holy of Holies continued to house the Ark and provided it separation from the people (1 Kings 8:6-8). God's presence was near, but there was a veil.

The star that shone so bright through the first Christmas to that time that we call the Epiphany was no cloud or curtain that kept people from the Mercy Seat. It was no wall of separation between the Jews and the Gentiles like that of the Second Temple (Ephesians 2:14). The star was a sign from God. It shone brightly so that strangers and foreigners saw its light and questioned what it was. Was it what Balaam prophesied when he said, "A Star shall come out of Jacob; a Scepter shall rise out of Israel" (Numbers 24:17)?

The star may have tipped the wise men off of something great, but they also knew from the word of God that out of Bethlehem in Judah there would "come a Ruler, who will shepherd ... Israel" (Matthew 2:6; Micah 5:2). The Gentiles, including the wise men of the east, would go to His light (Isaiah 60:3). The Child in the manger, the King who they came to worship, would not have barriers between Him and the world: He would be their Mediator instead (1 Timothy 2:5).

During the season of Epiphany, we have opportunity to see what previous generations have also seen by faith: that the Christ Child was, and is, God manifested.



✝ TODAY AT GRACE ✝

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Eli Wales

Ushers: Larry Brandt; Jeremiah Boe; Dan Degnan; Dale Enns;
Duane Enns; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow

Counting Team 3: Gary Gunther; Roger Ochsner; Al
Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Benno Sydow

Church Cleaners: Volunteers? School: Nelson

✝ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✝

Ushers: Larry Brandt; Jeremiah Boe; Dan Degnan; Dale Enns;
Duane Enns; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow

Counting Team 1: Dale Enns; Larry Nelson; Thomas
Graham; Kevin Hulke; Phil Radichel

Hospitality Team 1: Dan & Cindy Degnan; Larry Nelson;
Barb Sydow

Church Cleaners: Volunteers? School: Oman

✝ OUR SCHEDULE ✝


Sun., Jan. 12: 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 1)
12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Sun., Jan. 19: 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 2)
11:00 am – Hospitality (Team 1)
11:30 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings

Sat., Jan. 25: 9:00 am – Grace Work Day



Last Week's Stats: Jan. 5, 2025 Sun: 73 S.S.: 11 B.Cl.: 34

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$4,247	CLC:	\$635	<small>QR Code for Online Giving:</small> 		
Online Offering:	Grace:	\$0	CLC:	\$0			
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	5,100	CLC:	1,135			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-853	CLC:	-500			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$4,247	CLC:	\$635			
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	5,100	CLC:	1,135*			
<i>Difference from Budget (+/-)</i>		Grace:	-853	CLC:	-500		
GLC Other:	0	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	50	Sanctuary:	0
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	140	EduK8:	200
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF:	0	CEF:	0

Current Balances: Tuition Aid: \$3,257 Sanctuary: \$10,175

* Based on 2024 goal as the 2025 goal will soon be established by the Voters.