

**Welcome
to Trinity**

#7 The Manifestations of Christ... More than Human

On the festival of Epiphany you heard that it was so called on account of the manifestation of Christ, which occurred that the new-born Babe might not be unknown, but revealed; for if we had not heard of His birth, it would have been of no avail. Hence it is that during these days we preach also upon other Gospel lessons which refer to the manifestation of Christ. Thus we use the one relating to Christ's Baptism in the Jordan by John, and also the one which speaks of His first miracle, performed at the marriage at Cana, where He manifested Himself as Lord over all. These manifestations took place not only that Jesus should be known among men, but also that He might be acknowledged and praised as One who is more than human, born to have dominion over everything; and also that we should recognize Him as our Savior, upon whom we can depend in every distress and anxiety, and from whom we can obtain our help.

(Luther's House Postil, Sermon for the 1st Sunday after Epiphany, Volume 1, p. 169)

**Weekly
Calendar**

TODAY -Undecorating the Church, 6:00 PM
-Divine Service, Epiphany of Our Lord, 7 PM
 -Burning of Tree, Hot chocolate & cookies

SUNDAY -Adult & Child Bible Studies, 9:00 AM

-Divine Service-Lord's Supper, 10:15 AM

WEDNESDAY -Learn-by-Heart, 6:30 PM

-Catechesis Service, 7:00 PM

SATURDAY -Private Confession & Absolution, 8-8:30 PM

NEXT *-THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY*

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-Divine Service-Lord's Supper, 10:15 AM

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Isaiah 49:1-7

¹“Listen, O coastlands, to Me, And take heed, you peoples from afar! The LORD has called Me from the womb; From the matrix of My mother He has made mention of My name.

²And He has made My mouth like a sharp sword; In the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me, And made Me a polished shaft; In His quiver He has hidden Me.” ³“And He said to me, ‘You *are* My servant, O Israel, In whom I will be glorified.’ ⁴Then I said, ‘I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and in vain; Yet surely my just reward *is* with the LORD, And my work with my God.’” ⁵“And now the LORD says, Who formed Me from the womb *to be* His Servant, To bring Jacob back to Him, So that Israel is gathered to Him (For I shall be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, And My God shall be My strength), ⁶Indeed He says, ‘It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.’” ⁷Thus says the LORD, The Redeemer of Israel, their Holy One, To Him whom man despises, To Him whom the nation abhors, To the Servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise, Princes also shall worship, Because of the LORD who is faithful, The Holy One of Israel; And He has chosen You.”

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. ²For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. ³The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴“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 nursed at *your* side. ⁵Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. ⁶The multitude of camels shall cover your *land*, The dromedaries of

Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba shall come; They shall bring gold and incense, And they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD.

Matthew 2:1-12

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 have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.” ³When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵So they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: ⁶But you, Bethlehem, *in* the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.’”

⁷Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found *Him*, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also.” ⁹When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. ¹¹And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD (JANUARY 6) (WHITE)

PSALM 96/72

**Introit.**

Ant. BE-HOLD || the Lord, the | Rul- | er, | **hath** | come:
and the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are | in | His | **hand**.

Psalm. || Give the King Thy | judg- | ments, | **O** | God:
and Thy righteousness unto | the | King's | **Son**.

GLO- RY || be to the Father | and | to | **the** | Son:
and to the | Ho- | ly | **Ghōst**.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and | ev- | er | **shall** | be:
world without | end. | A- | **men.** (*Ant. repeated.*)

Collect.

O God, Who by the leading of a star didst manifest Thy Only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: Mercifully grant, that we, who know Thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of Thy glorious Godhead; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle. Isaiah 60:1-6**Gospel. Matthew 2:1-12****Additional reading: Isaiah 49:1-7****Gradual.**

|| All they from Sheba shall come; they shall bring | gold | and | **in-** | cense:
and they shall show forth the praises | of | the | **LORD**.

|| Arise, and shine, O | Je- | ru- | sa- | lem:
for the glory of the LORD is risen | up- | on | **thee**.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. We have seen His | star | in | **the** | East:
and we have come with our gifts to worship the LORD. Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

Communion Psalm: *Ant.* We have seen His star in the East, and are come with offerings to worship the Lord. (Matthew 2:2). **Psalm 72:1-2, 7, 10-11, 17b**

Epiphany

9. Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

Latin and German, 15th Century

14th Century, J. Klug, 1535

1. Now sing we, now re - joice,
 2. Giv'n from on high to me,
 3. Now through His Son doth shine
 4. O where shall joy be found?

Now raise to heav'n our voice;
 I can - not rise to Thee.
 The Fa - ther's grace di - vine.
 Where but on heav'n - ly ground?

Lo! He from whom joy stream - eth,
 O cheer my wear - ied spi - rit,
 Death o - ver us hath reign - éd
 Where now the an - gels sing - ing

Poor in the man - ger lies; Yet
 O pure and ho - ly Child; Through
 Through sin and van - i - ty. The
 With all His saints u - nite, Their

not so bright - ly beam - eth The sun in yon - der
 all Thy grace and mer - it, Blest Je - sus! Lord most
 Son for us ob - tain - éd E - ter - nal joy on
 sweet - est prais - es bring - ing In heav'n - ly joy and

skies! Thou my Sav - ior art!
 mild, Draw me af - ter Thee!
 high. May we praise Him there!
 light. May we praise Him there!

Thou my Sav - ior art!
 Draw me af - ter Thee!
 May we praise Him there!
 May we praise Him there! A - men.

General Prayer of the Church

This day we will be using a prayer from "Prayers for Feasts, Festivals, and Holidays" from The Lutheran Liturgy (p.340-341).

Almighty and everlasting God, the Father of lights, who didst manifest Thine only-begotten Son in the flesh, making known His advent by a wonderful star to the Wise Men of the East, we praise Thee for Thine infinite mercy and surpassing love in granting unto us a ransom for our sins. We praise Thee that the Dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. We praise Thee that Thou hast prepared Thy salvation before the face of all people and hast established on earth the Church of Jesus Christ as the home of Thy continual presence and power among men. We praise Thee that Thou hast also brought us unto the fellowship of Thy beloved Son by the bright light of Thy Word, so that we are no longer strangers and foreigners, but partakers of Thy grace, fellow citizens with the saints, members of Thy household, and heirs of Thy kingdom.

We will extol Thee, our God; we will bless Thy name forever and ever; we will exalt Thee and sing unto Thee; for Thou hast remembered Thy covenant and sent salvation to Thy people.

And we beseech Thee, let us evermore follow the shining star of Thy divine Word, taking heed thereto as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, that the day may dawn and the Daystar arise in our hearts, and we may know Thee, and worship Thee, and present our own selves to Thee an acceptable sacrifice. Enable us to offer up to Thee the gold of faith, the incense of prayer, and the myrrh of repentance. Teach us to do Thy will, that we may crucify the flesh and serve Thee all our days, cherishing Christ in His members by relieving the needy and doing good unto all men.

Graciously save and defend our country and its people, our Government, and the whole Christian Church. Bless all honest labor, and give us our daily bread. Preserve us from sickness and famine and all other calamities. Visit the afflicted, the sick, and the dying with Thy heavenly consolation. Preserve unto us and our children Thy Word and Sacraments; guide us with Thy counsel; and afterwards receive us to glory in the land of eternal rest, where, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we shall laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Trinity News

Second Congregational Planning Meeting.—Monday, February 12, from 6 to 8 PM. With prayer for guidance and wise planning, it's time to unite around a new common goal and blaze a path forward.

LMS.—The Ladies Missionary Society will meet on Thursday January 25 at 6 PM at Karin Henson's home.

Game Night.—Friday, January 26

Council Meeting.—will be Sunday, January 28.

Assistants

Elder – Stephen Philips (303-0769)

Organist – LeeAnn Byrne

Altar Guild – Kim Miller & Claire Stretch

Church Cleaning – Jan 7/14 Michael Henson, 21/28 David Henson

In the Sacristy 5.

LORD our God, great, eternal, wonderful, in glory, Who keepest covenant and promises for those that love Thee with their whole heart; Who art the life of all, the Help of those that flee unto Thee, the Hope of those who cry unto Thee: Cleanse me from my sin, secret and open, and from every thought displeasing to Thy goodness; cleanse my body and soul, my heart and conscience, that with a pure heart and a clean soul, with perfect love and calm hope, I may venture confidently and fearlessly, to come before Thee, and pray unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen. (Oremus, 1925, p.129-130, adapted for lay use).

The Lord's Supper

Trinity Lutheran Church observes the Scriptural practice (*Eph 4:3, 2 John 1:10-11*) of communing only with those for whom their public profession of faith (congregational

membership) is in agreement with God's Word and the correct exposition of Holy Scripture as found in the Book of Concord (1580). All who desire to receive Christ's Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins **are asked to speak with Pastor Henson before coming forward to commune.**

Trinity Lutheran Church is served by pastors who are members of **the Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America (Eldona.org).**

--Those who are members of Eldona-affiliated congregations are welcome to commune after announcing to Pastor Henson.

--Those who are not members of Eldona-affiliated congregations will need to set up an appointment with Pastor Henson to discuss their public church membership.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Trinity Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but **His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another.** Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until He comes.

Those who are not yet invited to receive the Sacrament are encouraged to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns and pray for the day when our divisions will have ceased.



The Luther Bible 1534: The Book of First Peter, #899.