



**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
120 West Gano Chance Road  
Centralia, Missouri 65240**

**Epiphany  
with Holy Communion  
January 6, 2019**

Good Shepherd Congregation welcomes baptized Christians at its altar who accept the doctrine of the Lutheran *Confessions*. On the basis of the Bible, we believe that the Lord's body and blood are truly present, together with the consecrated bread and wine (Matthew 26:26-28). By faith a penitent sinner receives the forgiveness of sins and strengthening of faith (1 Corinthians 11:28, 29; Hebrews 10:14, 18); that person is truly worthy who has faith in the words of Jesus, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins," (Matthew 26:28) and our Lord would invite such a person to receive the Sacrament. Any visitors wishing to commune are kindly asked to speak to the Pastor or to one of the elders before the service.

**WELCOME**

**Pastor Robert Kriete (vacancy)**

**DIVINE SERVICE (Setting Three) – LSB pp. 184-202**

**Entrance Hymn – LSB 367 – “Angels from the Realms of Glory”**

**Hymn of the Day – LSB 839 – “O Christ, Our True and Only Light”**

**Message: “~~Let not Your Heart be Troubled~~” – Matthew 2:1-12 – Pastor Robert Kriete**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT – pp. 194-202**

**Distribution Songs:**

**LSB 411 – “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”**

**LSB 399 – “The Star Proclaims the King Is Here”**

**LSB 395 – “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”**

**Closing Hymn – LSB 374 – “Gentle Mary Laid her Child”**

## FIRST READING

**Isaiah 60:1-6 (ESV)**

**Randy Simmons**

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE READING

**Ephesians 3:1-12 (ESV)**

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 2:1-12 (ESV)**

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, <sup>2</sup>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." <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> "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."

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> 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.” <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## **SUNDAY EVENTS**

*Confirmation Class will resume on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30a.m.*

Sunday School: 8:45-9:45 a.m.

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

## **JANUARY EVENTS**

**1.6 Church Council Meeting today worship service.**

1.8 Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m.

Christian Growth meeting, 6 p.m.

Elder’s meeting to follow

1.10 Women’s Guild, 6:30 p.m.

1.13 S.W.O.T. meeting after worship service light lunch provided.

1.15 Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m.

1.19 Centralia Ministerial Alliance Trivia Night, 6:30 p.m. (Hosted at Good Shepherd)

1.21 Worship Committee, 6 p.m.

1.22 Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m.

1.27 Congregational Quarterly Meeting with potluck dinner, 11 a.m.

1.29 Adult Bible Study, 9 a.m.

## **BEREAVED**

We remember in our prayers the family of **Lois Hollenshead** who departed this life on Monday, December 31, 2018. She is the sister of Margaret Parker. Lois had been suffering from a hip fracture since September.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

*Belated Birthday Wishes to Nathaniel Mahieu January 2 and Verda Adkisson – January 4.*

**Tim Billings** – January 12.

### **S.W.O.T. Meeting January 13.**

In preparation for our next steps in trying to call a pastor, the Christian Growth Committee would like to conduct a S.W.O.T. (Strengths Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats/Concerns) analysis of our congregation. This will be done after church on Jan. 13 with a light lunch of pizza provided by the church. We expect this to take 2 hours or less. Everyone is encouraged to attend. S.W.O.T. analysis is a great way to guide directed discussions. Please come prepared to brainstorm ideas focused on our GSLC mission, and long term goals for our congregation and community. S.W.O.T. sessions are best when participants share their ideas freely. The more participation we have, the better results we can expect. Please plan to attend this event.

### **SICK AND HEALTH CONCERNS**

**Whitley Adkisson** – 5 year old Great Granddaughter of Verda Adkisson, daughter of Johnny & Cortney Adkisson is recovering at home; **Hank Maseman; Jane St. John; Bill Mahieu; Sandy Harlan; Wayne Nolan** – stepfather of Jeff Jaeger; **Joanne Bettenhausen; Michelle Smith** – Daughter of Jane St John; **Sherry Hashagen** – Aunt of Catherine Simmons; **Bob Moss; Tracy Brownstein** – sister of Randy Simmons; **Susan Harris; Glennon Stelzer** – uncle of Russell Stelzer and Palmyra Dubbert; **Lucas White** – cousin of Jeff Jaeger; **Norma Remmert** – sister of Ernestine Ramsey; **Arla Benskin** – daughter of Mary Brechler; **Mark Ramsey** – son of Ed Ramsey.  
**Community: Brian Flatt** – undergoing treatment for Liver Cancer.

### **ARMED FORCES**

**James Wessels** – grandson of John and Sherry Morse; **Brittany Macklin** – great-niece of Ernestine Ramsey; **Zachary Warden** – grandson of Betty Warden; **Diton J. Parker** – grandson of Margaret Parker; **Thomas Teem** – husband of Margaret Parker's granddaughter, Kaylyn; **Andrew Butler** – husband of Margaret Parker's granddaughter, Sarah. Community: **Ray Finlay; Jeremy Mitchell; Justin Thurston.**

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