

WELCOME, VISITORS! We are happy you're here. Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the narthex.

OUR THANKS to Pastor Mark Gullerud from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bowdle, SD for leading the service today, and to his wife Barbara for playing the organ.

TODAY: After church, continuing study of the Lord's Prayer, led by Pastor Reim.

CLC BOARD OF MISSIONS UPDATE: At an evening service at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Pastor Todd Ohlmann was commissioned by CLC President Michael Eichstadt as our CLC Visiting Missionary. The service can be viewed online at Messiah's website, www.eauclairemessiah.com (click in the "Online Worship" button). With Missionary Ohlmann's acceptance of the Visiting Missionary call and commissioning, he has resigned from his position on the CLC Board of Missions, and as Chairman of that Board. President Eichstadt has appointed Pastor Rob Sauers to complete Pastor Ohlmann's term on the Board of Missions which ends in 2020. Mr. Joel Krafft was elected as the Board of Missions Chairman. Please continue to pray for Missionary Ohlmann and his family, as well as those who serve on our behalf on the various CLC boards, that the Lord's name may be glorified, and His kingdom come!

FOR JANUARY: Elder: Wayne Bliss, Usher: Dan Gullerud

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The First Sunday After Epiphany
January 8, 2017

Pastor-elect: Luke Bernthal

Organist: Barbara Gullerud

“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that You are the Holy One of God.” (John 6:68-69)

Preservice meditation: Psalm 29 (in the Lutheran Service Book or your pew Bible)

HYMN 717 “Bright and Glorious Is the Sky”

Service of Word and Sacrament, Setting 2, Worship Supplement, page 12

Prayer for the Day

Almighty God, You gave Your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that Your people, illumined by Your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Ephesians 3:2-12

2 Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, 3 that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. 4 In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. 6 This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. 7 I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through

working of his power. 8 Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. 10 His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, 11 according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. 12 In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Psalm of the Day

P: My heart is overflowing with a good theme;

C: I recite my composition concerning the King;

P: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

C: You are fairer than the sons of men;

P: grace is poured upon Your lips;

C: therefore God has blessed You forever.

P: In Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, and righteousness;

C: and Your right hand shall teach You awesome things.

P: Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;

C: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

P: You love righteousness and hate wickedness;

C: therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions.

Second Lesson – The Gospel: Matthew 2:-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." 3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all with him. 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: 6 "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel." 7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." 9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and

they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Apostles' Creed, page 15

Installation of the Church Council

HYMN 775 verses 1-4 "Thy Strong Word"

The Sermon: Isaiah 60:1-6

A BRIGHT AND SHINING LIGHT THAT GIVES HOPE FOR THE NEW YEAR

1. Jesus is the Light of the world whose teachings shine forth as the source and norm for faith and life.
2. Jesus makes us children of light to show forth His light for the the spiritual and eternal welfare of others.

Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. 2 For 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. 3 The 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. 5 Then 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. 6 The 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.

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The Offering

HYMN 718 "O Jesus King of Glory"

The General Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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HYMN 714 "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heav'nly Light"