



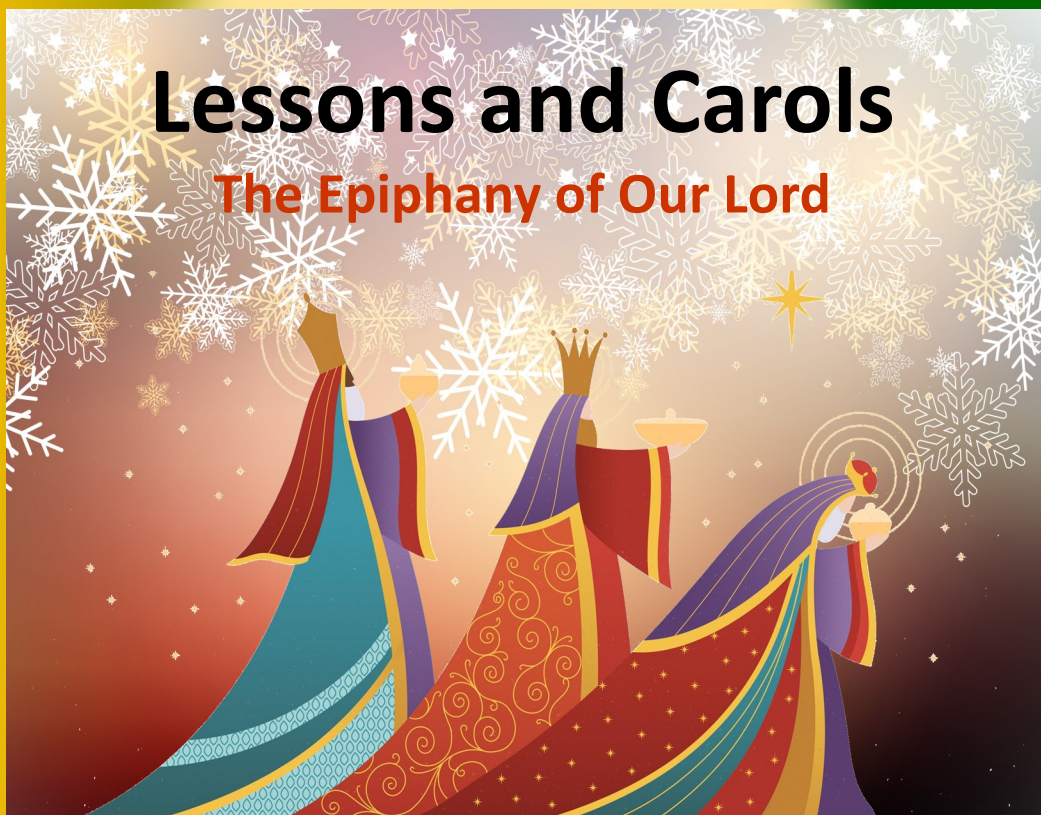
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# Lessons and Carols

## The Epiphany of Our Lord



**January 7 at 9:30AM**

**In-Person Worship**

## **WORSHIP WITH US**

### **Epiphany of Our Lord**

**First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6**

**Second Lesson: John 1:1-14**

**Third Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12**

**Fourth Lesson: Matthew 2:13-23**

**Fifth Lesson: Luke 2:41-51**

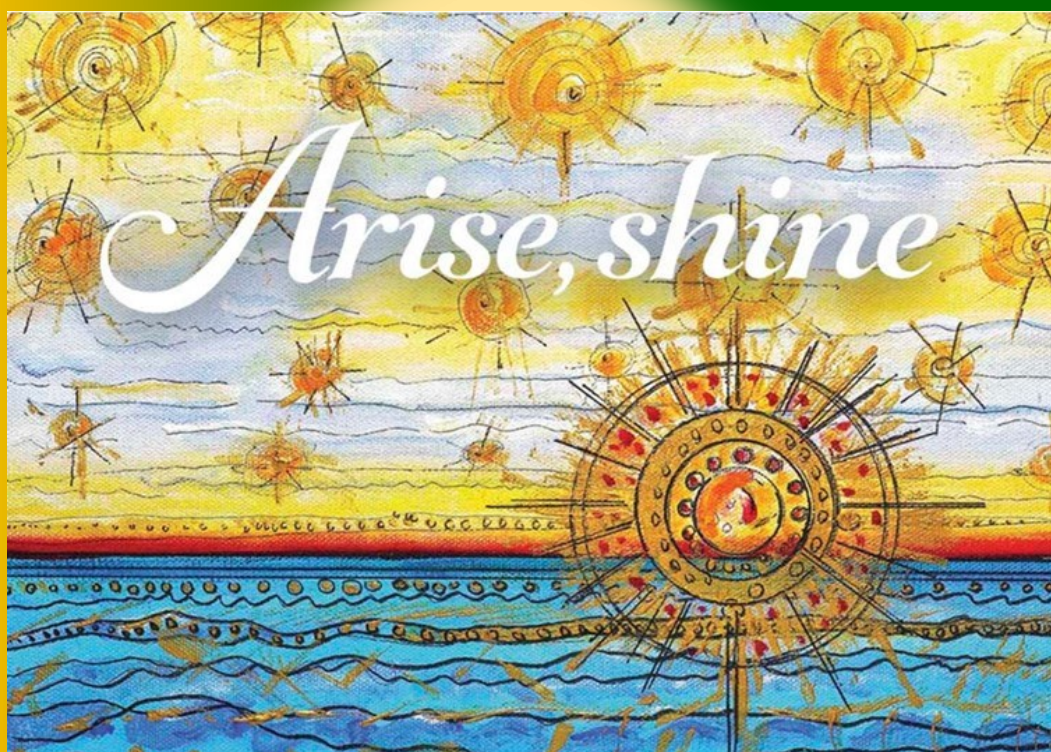
**Sixth Lesson: Matthew 3:13-17**

**Seventh Lesson: John 2:1-11**

**Led by Seminarian Lindsie Struth**

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The feast of Epiphany (“manifestation”) concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people. ~



Pastor Erin is on vacation until Jan 11th.  
In case of pastoral emergency you may call  
Rev. Jennifer Soltis (Nativity Lutheran, Allison  
Park) at 570 401 1764.



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## Upcoming Events

Sunday Jan 7th 9:30am Worship

"Epiphany Lessons and Carols"

Sunday Jan. 14th 9:30am Worship

"2nd Sunday after Epiphany"

**New Members Class:** Pastor Erin is hosting an informal class for those who desire to become a member of CLC after worship on Sunday, January 14th. Any visitor is welcome, as well as any CLC member! New Members may join on Sunday January 21st.

Sunday Jan. 21th 9:30am Worship

"3rd Sunday after Epiphany"

Sunday Jan. 28th 9:30am Worship

"4th Sunday after Epiphany"

(Installation of Council Members)

**Annual Meeting and Potluck Luncheon immediately following worship**

*Join us for a year in review and then looking ahead!*

**NEW MEMBER CLASS**

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## **CHRISTMAS PRESENT** **GIVE-AWAY**

With your generosity, we provided two gifts and a stocking stuffer for SEVENTY local kids!

Due to many unexpected donations, we have a supply of gifts for next year too!



## *Thank You Notes*

**Dear Folks,**

My husband and I wanted to thank all of you so very much for the beautiful ordination service and supper afterwards for our son, Stephen.

The service was beautiful and all the lovely music made it so special. The ordination (when all the ministers and clergy placed their hands on Steve's shoulders) was so moving it was hard not to cry. The church looked and sounded wonderful. And the supper afterward was absolutely delicious. The tables all looked like they had been lovingly decorated. I can only imagine all the hard work and planning that went into the service and meal later. These are memories that we will hold dear in our hearts forever.

**Sincerely,**

**Lee and Steve Slepecki**

**Dear Members of CLC,**

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness this season! We appreciate the beautiful cards and generous gifts for our family!

**Love, Pastor Erin, Pastor Brian and Vivian**

**Thank you to the Food Pantry Volunteers!**

Between November and December we gave away 72 turkeys and over 60 hams. We cared for over 160 local families in 2023 so far.

20 dedicated members and friends stock and serve our pantry and our community on a regular basis. We receive a generous grant from the synod to operate the pantry, but we could not do this ministry without YOU!

## Staff Update

We announced at the Congregational Meeting on December 3rd that our Director of Music and Liturgy, Ed Kapsha, had submitted his resignation effective December 31. Our staff support committee will be meeting soon to begin the process of hiring a new church musician. Please keep Ed in your prayers and wish him well in his next ministry. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Erin or Pat Bauer, chair of the Worship and Music committee.

## CALL COMMITTEE NEWS

We also announced at the Congregational Meeting that the Call Committee has been given the profiles of 2 pastoral candidates to interview. Please keep the committee and candidates in your prayers as they plan and discern.



## COUNCIL NEWS

Welcome our new council members elected at our Congregational Meeting on December 3rd: *Pat Bauer, Morgan Boyd, Tina Galioto, and Jackie Marfisi.*

We give thanks for those out-going council members who have faithfully served and continue to serve the church: *Diane Curry, Tim Komoroski, Becky Nyren.*

Our council is a three year term with monthly meetings. Please consider this possibility in serving and leading your church!

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## THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

### The Center and the Margin

It is no surprise that the magi make a stop in Jerusalem before venturing out to Bethlehem to find Jesus. After all, it would be unusual for foreign emissaries to bypass a major city on their way to a smaller, lesser-known community. If you are looking for a king, it makes sense to start in the center.

On the one hand, Jerusalem is home to the official record, and sure enough, the magi get reliable directions there. The king is to be born “in Bethlehem of Judea,” according to the authorities, “for so it has been written by the prophet.” King Herod himself points the way.

But Jerusalem is also where the threat lies. Privilege is too precious to risk, so the people in power decline to accompany the magi to Bethlehem to see the new thing that God is doing. Forget what the scripture says—there is simply no room for another king of the Jews. The center will not tolerate a challenge from the margin.

Nevertheless, the margin is where God is found. It is God on the margin who draws near enough to enslaved people to hear their cry. It is God on the margin who blesses those who are poor or persecuted. It is God on the margin who is incarnate in the hungry and thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and the prisoner (Matthew 25:35-40). It is God on the margin who is driven outside the city to die. No wonder God is also born there.

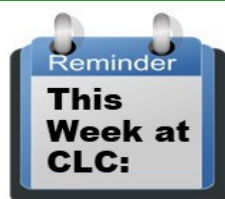
The first great epiphany is that Emmanuel, God with us, is not bound to the centers of power and influence. Rather, he encounters those who follow the light of revelation to unlikely places. And for them, joy and wonder await. ~

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## **This Week at CLC:**



### **Sunday**

**January 7 -**

**8:30am Sunday School**

**CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am**

### **Monday**

**January 8 - 9:30-11:30am Food Pantry**

**3:30-7:30 Violin, 5-6 TOPS Club**

**6-7 Yoga, 6:30-8pm ESL**

### **Tuesday**

**January 9 - 9am to 3pm 412 Food Rescue**

**5:30-8:30pm Violin**

### **Wednesday**

**January 10 - 4-8pm Anchorpoint Community Counseling, 5-7pm FOOD PANTRY**

**7-8pm Choir Practice, 6:30-8pm ESL Tutoring**

### **Thursday**

**January 11 - 6:30-7:30pm Boy Scouts Pack 162, 6pm ESL Tutoring Library**

### **Friday**

**January 12 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY**

**7pm NA meets in the Library**

### **Saturday**

**January 13 - 9am AA meets in the Library**

**7pm NA meets in the Library**

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**New Members Meet and Greet**

January						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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## Upcoming Commemorations



**Adrian of Canterbury, teacher, died around 710 (TFF)**

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024**

African by birth, Adrian (or Hadrian) worked with Theodore, archbishop of Canterbury, in developing the church in England. He was director of a school at which church leaders were trained.

*Use this QR CODE  
to give online and do  
your part!*



### In case of emergency....



**Did you know** we have an emergency defibrillator? It's on the wall, near the office and food pantry check-in table.

**Did you know** we have Narcan available? With the first aid kits in the narthex and in the office too!



## CLC FOOD PANTRY

Donations are requested for

# SOUP

The Food Pantry is Open Mondays and Fridays from 9:30am to 11:30am, and on Wednesdays from 5pm to 7pm.

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## BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and   
give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

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