

Lutheran Church of the Master

January 5, 2025 11:00 a.m.

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Announcements

- **(Bi-weekly) Midweek Communion** 10:30 am Jan. 8, 22
 - **(Monthly) Church Council Meetings** - Regular meeting Jan. 9, Council workshop action items Jan. 13 1:00 pm. Garth's house
 - **(Monthly) Ladies Breakfast** Sat. Jan. 18, 10 am, 525 Restaurant & Patio
 - **(Weekly) Airdrie House of Prayer** - Wednesdays 12-1 pm St. Francis Anglican
 - **(Weekly) Confirmation Class** - Wednesdays 4:30 on Zoom. Resuming Jan. 8
 - **(Weekly) Quilting Group** - Starting Jan. 9. Thursdays 9:30 am - noon
1. **Calling all Quilters!** Weekly quilting begins this Thursday and will run until April on Thursday mornings at 9:30 am. Anyone who would like to come and tie quilts or sew tops from the precut material packages are welcome to join. No experience necessary! Interested individuals can talk to Velma Wray for more information.
 2. **Special Congregational Meeting Jan. 12** immediately following service
To present the following motion for congregational vote:
'That Lutheran Church of the Master act as the Constituent Group to sponsor a Syrian family through CLWR.'
Information on sponsorship commitment is available in print for members to take and review. See Greg Wray for copies.
 3. **Secret Sister Tea Jan. 25** 1:30-3:30 pm
LCM Secret Sisters is a ministry lifting up a congregational sister in Christ. Join us as we wrap up our year, find out who our special sister was and have names selected for the upcoming year. All are welcome! For more information, see Debbie Kemp.
 4. **Upcoming LCM AGM - Feb. 23** following service. Agenda and reports will be available on the LCM website 2 weeks prior to Feb. 23., 2025.

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As 2024 comes to an end, we would like to thank all those who have helped in our Sunday services and church operations - greeters, music, reading, communion, coffee, dishes, counting, council, special events or just being present - we all work harmoniously together. Your good works have not gone unnoticed and are appreciated. We look forward to continuing to thrive in our ministry in 2025!

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹ Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

² For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

³ Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶ 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 proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

¹ This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles –

² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you,

³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words,

⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.

⁵ In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:

⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power.

⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things;

¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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Epiphany Sunday

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We celebrate God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ.



Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.