

# January 3, 2021 Epiphany

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## *Welcome to Gloria Dei!*

We welcome you to worship here at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church! We pray that the message of God's Word comforts your soul and strengthens your faith in the forgiving grace of God that is yours through God's Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. There is a Cry Room located off the Narthex if needed. There are restrooms in the Cry Room and in the Fellowship Hall, which is to your left as you're leaving the Sanctuary.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Holy Spirit, you guided the Magi by a star for an incredible distance to worship their King. Thank you for also guiding me. If you had not enlightened me, I never would have come to Jesus. You brought me the impossible distance from unbelief to faith in Jesus as my Savior and Lord. May the Son shine in my heart through his Word, so your glory may be seen in my life. Make me a lamp on a hill, drawing those in darkness and shadow to you. Continue to guide me by the light of your Word so that I may see your glorious face in eternity. Amen.

**COMMUNION:** The Lord's Supper is a wonderful gift in which we receive Jesus' own body and blood to forgive our sins and to strengthen us in our faith. It is, however, a gift that is given us with certain responsibilities. The sacrament is intended for those who have been instructed and who understand what they are doing. It is also a way for us to express our unity of faith. Therefore, we ask that only confirmed members of Gloria Dei Evangelical Lutheran Church or other churches of the WELS or ELS come forward to receive Communion. If you would like to become a communicant member of Gloria Dei, or have any questions about this practice, please speak with Pastor Himm after the service.

## Come Let Us Worship

**Hymns:** 80, 83, 79, 556

**First Lesson:** Ruth 4:13-17

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

**Message:** Ephesians 3:2-12

**The Secret of Salvation is Out!**

### THOSE WHO ARE SERVING YOU THIS MORNING:

**USHERS:** Mike Hoppe, Joe Hoppe, & Tobias Edgett

**COMMUNION SET UP:** Edgett

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Joe King & Tom Furnner

**POWER POINT ASSISTANT:** Brenna Moore

**COUNTERS:** Mortimer & Major

**CLEANER FOR JANUARY 10:** Allar

### THOSE WHO WILL SERVE YOU ON JANUARY 10:

**USHERS:** Joe King, Brian King, & Kent Kerwin

**POWER POINT ASSISTANT:** Anna Hoppe

**COUNTERS:** Hoppe & Luisier

**CLEANER FOR JANUARY 17:** Faulkner

## Our Love for God's Word & Work

<u>December 24</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Worship	70	General	\$1,771.00
		Memorial	50.00
<u>December 25</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Worship	68	General	\$385.00
<u>December 27</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Worship	70	General	\$1360.00
Thursday Morning ABC	6	Hymnal	50.00

**Weekly General Fund Budget \$4,611.69**

**\*WELS Pregnancy Care Center**

## Daily Bible Reading

Date	Old Test.	Psalms	Proverbs	New Test.
3-Jan	Genesis 5, 6	3	3	Matthew 5
4-Jan	Genesis 7,8	4	4	Matthew 6
5-Jan	Genesis 9,10	5	5	Matt. 7,8
6-Jan	Gen. 11,12	6	6	Matt. 9
7-Jan	Gen. 13, 14	7	7	Matt. 10
8-Jan	Gen. 15,16	8	8	Matt. 11
9-Jan	Gen. 17,18	9	9	Matt. 12

### THIS WEEK AT GLORIA DEI

Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders Meeting
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Class
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men Alive! Planning Meeting
	5:00 p.m.	Dinner & De-Decorating

Please be aware and sit accordingly.



All pews except for  
the front 4 rows.



Only in the front  
4 rows.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The Moore family give today's flowers in celebration of 2021! Happy New Year everyone!

**FELLOWSHIP:** Thank you to the Moores for serving refreshments this morning.

**POINSETTIAS:** If you purchased a Poinsettia please take it home after service today. They will be thrown away if left.

**TODAY IS DONATION SUNDAY.** We ask that you to bring in donations of paper products, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, coffee, creamer, sugar, hand soap, dish soap, plastic silverware, kitchen supplies, batteries, Kleenex, etc., or if you don't want to bring in a donation, we ask that you make a monetary donation to the Ladies Guild that then can be used to purchase needed items. **These donations are becoming more vital with more people returning to worship each week.** Our next Donation Sunday will be February 7. Thank You!

**DINNER & DE-DECORATING:** Join us on **January 9**, at **5:00pm** as we gather to enjoy a meal and then spend some time in fellowship as we de-decorate the tree and take down all the Christmas decorations. **As we did when we decorated, please bring your own dinner & drinks.**

**VOTERS MEETING:** There will be a Voters' meeting on **Sunday, January 10**, after worship. Besides the annual reports being presented the election of officers will take place.

**LADIES GUILD:** The Ladies Guild will be meeting on **Sunday, January 10**, after worship. We will be discussing events/activities for 2021 and projects the guild will be working on this year. All women of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Your 2021 offering envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please be sure to pick yours up today. Also – some envelope numbers have changed. Please be sure to double check your number.

