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Mission Statement: Pilgrim Lutheran Church is to glorify God in proclaiming the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ with Word and deed in our midst, in our community, and throughout the world.

The memorable Christmas gift we need, which keeps giving

Dear Members and Friends of Pilgrim Lutheran Church,

What Christmas gifts have other people given you and me that stand out in our memory? When do we let others know what we want or "need" for Christmas so that they give it to us? How do gifts that we receive "keep on giving" in the days, weeks, months, and years that follow?

The last two Christmases my immediate family has given me money to spend on my January ski trips to Colorado. I appreciate their help paying for air and shuttle fares, equipment rental, and lift tickets, but, other than my remembering their generosity and associating it with memories of and from the trips, I do not have any tangible reminders of their gifts. In contrast, as a result of the congregation's generous cash gift last year, I have a lovely green broad stole for use in the Epiphany season and on the many Sundays after Pentecost. That gift of a new green stole is one that will always stand out in my memory and has a tangible reminder! My older, traditional green stole was really showing signs of wear and needed to be replaced.

I remember one occasion when I was very young and opening Christmas presents with extended family. One of my older cousins was very excited about a box of underwear that she received, and I really did not understand why she thought that was such a great gift, though she said that it was just what she wanted because she needed it. Sometimes we might make lists of gift "wants" from other people that are far less necessary than my cousin's underwear.

Usually when we talk about gifts that "keep on giving", we are referring to something negative that comes about as a result of gifts we have received. Even gifts we like can have costly consequences. For example, last year for Christmas and her birthday I gave my Mother a Keurig coffee maker, coffee, and a refillable K-cup. She has to keep buying the coffee for the coffee maker, and in that negative sense it is a gift that keeps on giving, but it is also a gift that keeps on giving in a positive sense, as she and others (including me when I visit Arkansas) continue to enjoy the use of the machine to this day.

All memorable gifts we might give one another that meet our needs and keep on giving pale in comparison to the gift God gave us when our Savior, Jesus, was born. Our God's gift of the Savior, Christ the Lord, born for us, which we commemorate at Christmas, is exactly what we need, and it keeps on giving (in the positive sense), for all eternity!

Some people are surprised to find out that very early on the Christian Church did not celebrate the Lord's birthday. Perhaps that lack of celebration can be attributed to people's not

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knowing exactly what day He was born, or perhaps that lack of celebration can be attributed to His birth's being much less significant than His death and resurrection. Still, within a few hundred years, the Church-at-large did come to celebrate His birth, and the date eventually settled on December 25th. God's gift of the Savior indeed is memorable, and we do well to commemorate it each year, especially when we remember that He was born to die and rise again in order to save us from our sins.

We need Him to save us, and He does, but the "timing" is remarkable. Yes, already at humankind's fall into sin God promised that the Seed of the Woman would crush the serpent's head (Genesis 3:15), and, yes, while we were still sinners Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). But perhaps most-striking is that before the foundation of the world God chose us in Christ, and now God blesses us in Him with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places (Ephesians 1:4). He makes His promises to us sure and certain through His Word in all its forms: Baptism, preaching, Individual Absolution, and Holy Communion—tangible gift reminders but also much more.

Through those same means of grace, God's gift of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection for us keeps on giving. God, Who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, will also with Him graciously give us all things (Romans 8:32). He most likely will not give us all the material things that we want, and maybe not even all the material things we need, but He certainly gives us all the spiritual blessings we need: forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

God's gift of our Savior Jesus Christ is worth commemorating at Christmas and remembering all year through, for He is exactly what we need, and He always continues to bless us. I invite you to join us in receiving these gifts at Pilgrim these Advent and Christmas seasons and all year through!

*His and your servant,
Pastor Galler*



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mr and Mrs Jeffery Gill – December 14

Mr and Mrs Ron Morton – December 15

Mr and Mrs Don Nicol – December 17

Mr and Mrs Wayne Miller – December 22

Mr and Mrs Wendell Holcombe – December 26

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

John Morton – December 7

Toni Erickson – December 15

Andrew Adair – December 16

Barry Conway – December 17

Leroy Thomas – December 17

John Walker – December 18

Ticia Smith – December 21

Bryn Heil – December 25



Advent opens new Church Year

Our secular calendar's beginning its New Year on January 1st makes difficult our remembering that the new Church Year begins December 1st with the First Sunday of Advent. Likewise, our culture's or at least its advertisers' selling Christmas even before Halloween makes difficult our remembering that Advent is a season unto itself that opens that new Church Year! Yet, we do well to remember such things, as the Church has for centuries.

You may know that every Church Year is made up of two halves. The first half focuses more on the Jesus's birth in a manger, death on the cross, and resurrection from the grave in order to save us from our sins, and the second half focuses more on His teaching and deeds as the Holy Spirit uses them in order to grow the Church. The first half is itself made up of five seasons, the first season of which is Advent. (The seasons of Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter are the other four – see elsewhere in this newsletter for more on the Christmas and Epiphany seasons.) The English word “Advent” derives from the Latin verb that means “come to”.



Advent is a penitential season of preparation that precedes the celebration of The Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas, just as the more-severely-penitential season of Lent precedes the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter. We do not prepare for the Lord's coming at His birth, for that happened more than 2,000 years ago, but we prepare for the commemoration of that

historic event. And, that past coming is at least part of the basis for and a picture of both our Lord's present coming to us in His Kingdom of Grace, the Church, and His future coming in Glory, to judge the living and the dead.

Our Advent hymns, Scripture Readings, and the like present those three “comings”—past, present, and future—in an almost-bewildering fashion. The same sentence might present one, two, or all three “comings” without order or distinction. Yet, our remembering His past coming serves our preparing for and recognizing both His present coming and His future coming. Although we do not prepare or pray for the past event, as the patriarchs and prophets did, we can still speak their words, as they apply to His coming now and in the future. And we know that our expectations are and will be fulfilled, as their expectations were fulfilled.

For the season of Advent (and for Advent alone), the colored cloths (paraments) that adorn the furniture in the church (the chancel furnishings) are blue. Blue is a color of hope and expectation, often associated with the Virgin Mary and her festivals, but as we use it the color is also associated with penitence, yet distinct from the deeper color purple, which is used during Lent (and during Lent alone here at Pilgrim, though some congregations use purple for both penitential seasons).

The liturgical and calendar dates for the Sundays this Advent, along with descriptions and citations of their appointed Gospel Readings, follow below (according to *Lutheran Service Book's* 3-year Series A, which draws primarily from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew).

- First Sunday in Advent (12/01): Jesus enters Jerusalem in triumph (Matthew 21:1-11)
- Second Sunday in Advent (12/08): Jesus is proclaimed by John the Baptizer (Matthew 3:1-12)

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- Third Sunday in Advent (12/15): Jesus points to His fulfillment of Holy Scripture (Matthew 11:2-15)
- Fourth Sunday of the Church Year (12/22): Jesus's birth is announced to Joseph (Matthew 1:18-25)

Every Sunday this Advent (and all of the Sundays of the 2013-2014 Church Year) Pilgrim is offering a full Divine Service with the Sacrament of the Altar. We are following the liturgy of *Lutheran Service Book's* Divine Service, Setting One (essentially the same liturgy that the congregation used for years as *Lutheran Worship's* Divine Service II, First Setting).

As was our custom the previous two years, we are again offering Midweek Advent Vespers services on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m., though this year we will use the Order of Vespers in *Lutheran Service Book*. Because of where Christmas falls in the week, we again have only three midweek services this year, and our focus in them will be on the fulfillment of the Prophecies of Jesus's Birth as follows.

- Advent I (12/04): Seed of a Virgin (Genesis 3:1-24; Galatians 4:4-9; Matthew 1:18-25)
- Advent II (12/11): Line of Descent (Genesis 49:8-12; Jeremiah 23:1-8; Acts 13:13-43)
- Advent III (12/18): Place of Birth (Micah 4:1-5:15; Luke 2:1-7; John 7:14-44)

Our Midweek Advent Vespers services are each preceded by a congregational meal at 6:00 p.m. and a Festival Choir practice at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to eat, sing, and worship!

You may read and hear sermons preached at Pilgrim during Advent and any other time of the Church Year at <http://www.pilgrimlc.org/sermons>.

Pastor Jayson S. Galler

MEETING WITH CEF

On November 18th a meeting was held in the church office with Stephen Block from Texas District Church Extension Fund. In attendance were Steven Sampson, Edgar and Barbara Wuthrich, Aaron Clubb, Carl Gardner, and Danny and Sharon Sampson. Stephen told the group that CEF was very open to our needs and to the plan we proposed to him. He said CEF is willing to loan any amount as long as it doesn't interfere with our ministry. After a tour of the church facilities, the meeting continued at J-W's restaurant. Several ideas came out of that luncheon, for instance, assessing our community's needs, looking at what everyone else is doing and then NOT DOING THAT, finding something that is not being addressed at this time in our community and offering it to our citizens. This assessment would take some brainstorming, which we, as a congregation, have become pretty good at. Also Stephen suggested implementing the "5 Minute Rule", which means that for the first 5 minutes after each church service you don't talk to someone you know. In addition, we as individuals could invite someone to church from our other "circle" of friends. Maybe even join a different secular group, committee, or organization to enlarge our group of acquaintances and invite those new friends to one of our church activities or church services.

*Danny Sampson, Chair
Capital Improvements Committee*

Christmas season spans December and January

Despite familiarity with the song “The Twelve Days of Christmas”, many people may forget that Christians wait to observe Christmas until Christmas Eve and then actually observe it for more than one or two days! During the twelve days of the Christmas season this year, Pilgrim is offering four services.

Coming after Advent, Christmas is the second season of the first half of the Church Year, the half of the Church Year that focuses more on the specific events of Jesus’s first coming to save us from our sins, in contrast to the second half of the Church Year, when we, as it were, wait for Jesus’s final coming. (The Church Year’s third season, Epiphany, finishes off January – see elsewhere in this newsletter.)



Though a more-recent addition to the Church calendar than Easter and Pentecost, Christmas as a season still dates back to the fourth century. Admittedly, the Church does not know the exact date of Jesus’s birth, and its observance of the birth of the Sun of Righteousness on December 25th may or may not relate to a pagan celebration of the sun on that same date in connection with the winter solstice. If true, such a “conversion” of a pagan holiday still should not bother Christians, and the increase in light at this time of year fits well with our commemorating the birth of He Who is the Light of the World (John 8:12).

For the entire season of Christmas, the colored cloths (paraments) that adorn the furniture in the church (the chancel furnishings) are white, a color more-frequently associated with festivals of Christ. White symbolizes joy, celebration, gladness, light, purity, and innocence—all of which meanings are appropriate for Christmas.

Given below are the liturgical and calendar dates for our observances of the Christmas season, in most cases along with descriptions and citations of their appointed Gospel Readings (according to *Lutheran Service Book’s* 3-year Series A).

- Christmas Eve (12/24 at 6:00 p.m.): Candlelight Service of Readings and Hymns (The Service includes the Sunday School children)
- Christmas Day (12/25 at 10:00 a.m.): Jesus is the Word made flesh (John 1:1-18)
- First Sunday after Christmas (12/29): The infant Jesus journeys to Egypt and back (Matthew 2:13-23)
- Second Sunday after Christmas (01/05): The boy Jesus goes to the Temple (Luke 2:40-52)

Christmas Day and both Sundays of this Christmas season (as well as all of the Sundays of the 2013-2014 Church Year) Pilgrim is offering the Divine Service with the Sacrament of the Altar. In those services, we are following the liturgy of *Lutheran Service Book’s* Divine Service, Setting One (essentially the same liturgy that the congregation used for years as *Lutheran Worship’s* Divine Service II, First Setting).

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Pastor Jayson S. Galler

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. –John 1:14a ESV

DECEMBER EVENTS

BLESSING OF NEW HYMNALS Sunday, December 1st, during the Divine Service on the First Sunday in Advent.

CHRISTMAS PARADE Tuesday, December 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. (Those riding on the float will need to line up before that time).

CHILI-COOKOFF Tuesday, December 3rd, after the parade, let's all meet back at the church for a chili supper. The chili will taste mighty good after a long weekend of turkey. Everyone is invited to attend, even if you don't go to the parade and just want a good bowl of chili. Also invite your friends with whom you may watch the parade. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Bring crackers, Fritos, shredded cheese, chopped onions, salsa, pots of chili, and whatever else you can think of, maybe even a dessert. Who is going to claim the bragging rights?

ADVENT SERVICES will be December 4th, 11th, and 18th at 7:00 p.m. and will be preceded by a meal starting at 6:00 p.m. (A volunteer is still needed to provide the meal on December 18th.) The theme this year is on Prophecies of Jesus's Birth: Seed of a Virgin, Line of Descent, and the Place of His birth.

CHRISTMAS/FESTIVAL CHOIR will rehearse each Wednesday between the meal and Advent service.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICES Parents of Sunday School age children are reminded to bring their children at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday to rehearse for the program, which will be during the Christmas Eve Service on the night of the 24th of December.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY Sunday, December 8th, at 4:00 p.m. sponsored by LWML. Mr & Mrs John Walker will be our hosts this year. They have graciously invited us to their home outside Henderson and will also supply the food and drink. They only ask us to bring a favorite Christmas dessert. For those wishing to car pool, we will meet at the church at 3:30 p.m. "Everyone is invited to attend, especially the children" Vickie said. (The Church Christmas Party is our Once-A-Month Social Outing for December.) To get there from 259, take 43 towards Tatum for 4 miles, turn right on FM1251 towards Church Hills, proceed 1.9 miles, and turn right through a gate (decorated with balloons) down a white-limestone road, proceed 0.7 mile to the end of the road (slowing down after the electrical right-of-way for flood bars in the driveway).

LWML will not meet in December.

ELDERS Tuesday, December 10th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. (Read AC/Ap V.)

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING Wednesday, December 18th, immediately following the Advent Service. Especially all children are encouraged to help.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE Tuesday, December 24th, at 6:00 p.m. The Sunday School children's program will be included in the Candlelight Service of Readings and Hymns.

CHRISTMAS DAY DIVINE SERVICE Wednesday, December 25th, at 10:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE Tuesday, December 31st, at 7:00 p.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (1300 Judson Road) in Longview.

DECEMBER	
1	Luke 1:46-55 Revelation 1-2
2	Psalm 1 Rev. 3-5
3	Psalm 2 Revelation 6-8
4	Psalm 3 Revelation 9-11
5	Psalm 4 Rev. 12-14
6	Psalm 5 Rev. 15-17
7	Psalm 6 Rev. 18-20
8	Psalm 7 Rev. 21-22
9	Psalm 8 Isaiah 1-3
10	Psalm 9 Isaiah 4-6
11	Psalm 10 Isaiah 7-9
12	Psalm 11 Isaiah 10-12
13	Psalm 12 Isaiah 13-15
14	Psalm 13 Isaiah 16-18
15	Psalm 14 Isaiah 19-21
16	Psalm 15 Isaiah 22-24
17	Psalm 16 Isaiah 25-27
18	Psalm 17 Isaiah 28-30
19	Psalm 18 Isaiah 31-33
20	Psalm 19 Isaiah 34-36
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22	Psalm 21 Isaiah 40-42
23	Psalm 22 Isaiah 43-45
24	Psalm 23 Isaiah 46-48
25	Psalm 24 Isaiah 49-51
26	Psalm 25 Isaiah 52-54
27	Psalm 26 Isaiah 55-57
28	Psalm 27 Isaiah 58-60
29	Psalm 28 Isaiah 61-63
30	Psalm 29 Isaiah 64-66
31	Luke 1:46-55 Mark 1

JANUARY	
1	Luke 1:68-79 Mark 2
2	Psalm 30 Mark 3
3	Psalm 31 Mark 4
4	Psalm 32 Mark 5
5	Psalm 33 Mark 6
6	Psalm 34 Mark 7
7	Psalm 35 Mark 8
8	Psalm 36 Mark 9
9	Psalm 37 Mark 10
10	Psalm 38 Mark 11
11	Psalm 39 Mark 12
12	Psalm 40 Mark 13
13	Psalm 41 Mark 14
14	Psalm 42 Mark 15-16
15	Psalm 43 Genesis 1-3
16	Psalm 44 Genesis 4-6
17	Psalm 45 Genesis 7-9
18	Psalm 46 Genesis 10-12
19	Psalm 47 Genesis 13-15
20	Psalm 48 Genesis 16-18
21	Psalm 49 Genesis 19-21
22	Psalm 50 Genesis 22-24
23	Psalm 51 Genesis 25-27
24	Psalm 52 Genesis 28-30
25	Psalm 53 Genesis 31-33
26	Psalm 54 Genesis 34-36
27	Psalm 55 Genesis 37-39
28	Psalm 56 Genesis 40-42
29	Psalm 57 Genesis 43-45
30	Psalm 58 Genesis 46-48
31	Luke 1:68-79 Genesis 49-50

Start a year of daily Bible reading

Some Pilgrim members and friends attempted to read the Bible every day during the last Church Year, and we can confidently say that God blessed them through such hearing of His Word, as He promises to do (Isaiah 55:10-11). Whether or not you or I read the Bible daily this past Church Year, we all have an opportunity to do so with the new Church Year starting December 1.

Even if you or I read the Bible daily this past year or have read the whole Bible before at some other time, we all can benefit from reading it over and over again. For, as St. Paul writes by Divine inspiration, “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the [people] of God may be complete, equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV).

The daily Bible reading plan that we are encouraging everyone to follow is that originally printed in *Lutheran Worship* (pages 295-299). The plan is in accord with The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther’s suggestion, is based on ancient models, and generally is in harmony with the Church Year. With a psalm or canticle and about three chapters every day, the plan gets one through the whole Bible in one year (the psalms actually twice). Other plans might take two years for the whole Bible (such as that in *The Lutheran Study Bible*) or cover only parts of the Bible in one year (such as that offered in *Lutheran Service Book* and that featured on www.lcms.org).

The lists of readings for December and January are given on this page (larger-print versions are available in the Narthex or from the church office). To help, background information on the two months’ reading is in last December’s newsletter (available from the church office or online at <https://pilgrimlc-kilgore-tx-media.s3.amazonaws.com/newsletters/Pilgrim%20Lutheran%20Newsletter%202012.12.pdf>). By phone, by email, or in person, you can ask me questions about your reading (or listening!), and I will attempt to answer them at the beginning of each Sunday’s Bible Class. At <http://www.graceelgin.org/resources/lectionary/dlindex.asp> you can also check out internet-based resources amassed when a congregation I served previously followed this reading plan and I blogged

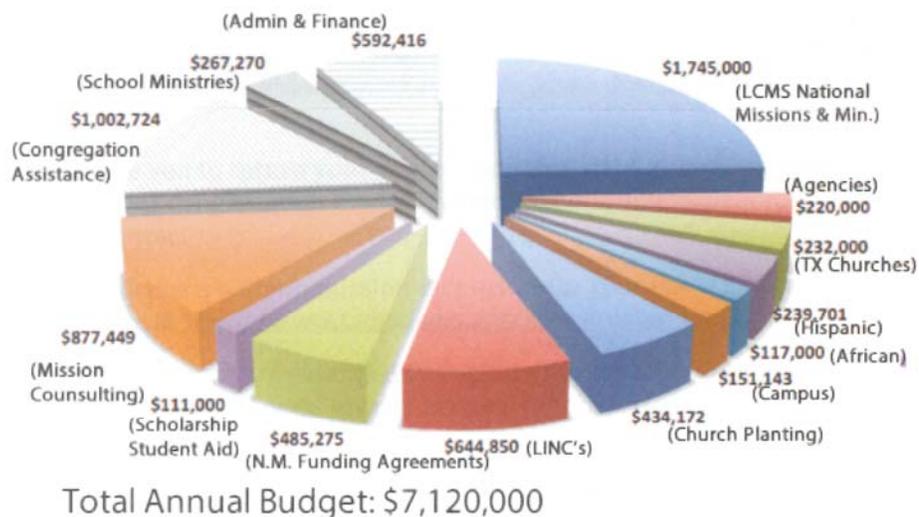
daily.

We confidently pray that God will bless us through our reading of His Holy Word, as we know He wills to do!

Pastor Jayson S. Galler

Our offerings support Texas District's and LCMS's work

For calendar years 2013 and 2014, our congregation pledged 8% of our plate offerings to the work of The Texas District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and thus also to the Synod itself. You can see on the adjacent chart how the Texas District allocates the money it receives.



Whether or not we completely agree with the District and Synod's priorities as reflected in their spending and so should continue to support both entities to the extent we have in the past is a matter worth discussing.

JANUARY EVENTS

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sunday, January 5th, during the Divine Service.

LWML Monday, January 13th, at 6:00 p.m.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY resumes Wednesday, January 15th.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION starts Thursday, January 16th, from 3:30-5:00 p.m., at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Longview

Watch for more January events on the January calendar to be distributed the end of December.

PLEASE HELP HELPING HANDS

For the month of December, items needed are oatmeal, chili, soup, mac and cheese, and toothbrush/toothpaste. They are also preparing small bags of Christmas goodies and need the following items: any hygiene item, small cosmetic bags, and anything of that nature. A container for your donations is located in Pilgrim's Narthex. If you want to make a monetary contribution, send your check or money order to Helping Hands of Kilgore, PO Box 1576, Kilgore, TX 75662.

THANK YOU

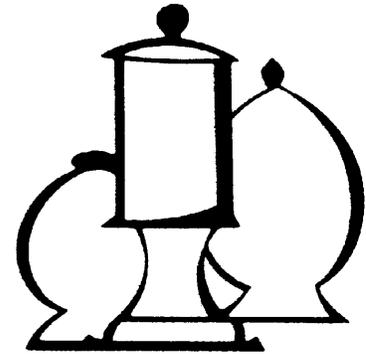
To all who helped supply food for the Thanksgiving basket for our neighbors across the side street, to Brady Gage and Edgar Wuthrich for fixing the drainage problem on the sidewalk in front of the Parish Hall door; and Mr & Mrs John Walker for opening their home for the church Christmas party.

January's Sundays in Epiphany give glimpses of Jesus's glory

The Day of Epiphany focuses on the coming of the magi to see the Boy Jesus and on their presenting their gifts to Him (Matthew 2:1-12), but the Season of Epiphany only begins with that Day and features other revelations of the glory of God in the flesh of the Man Jesus. For example, the Season ends with Jesus's Transfiguration, the greatest revelation of God's glory in the Man Jesus Christ. Each and every day of the Season has application for us and for our salvation.

Originally an "epiphany" was a king or an emperor's showing himself publicly as in an official visit or appearance. But, the word came to be used more specifically of God's revealing Himself in the flesh of the man Jesus, and especially to non-Jews. The Epiphany season itself begins and ends with white paraments on the chancel furnishings, appropriate for baptism and the light and purity of our Lord, but the paraments for the Sundays in between are green, the color of growth, leaves, foliage, fruit, and life, suggesting spiritual growth.

About the events of the Day of Epiphany (January 6, which in the future we might consider observing on the day), we must admit that we do not know everything (Matthew 2:1-12). For example, we do not know everything about the magi (sometimes called "wise men" or "kings") who came to visit Jesus, least of all what their names were (though tradition offers some) or how many there were (we usually assume three because of the three gifts). However, we can safely say that the Word of God, the Old Testament Scriptures, led them to God in the flesh (probably not at the manger but in a Bethlehem house some time after Jesus was born). Likewise for us today, God's Word leads us to God in the flesh, present with His body and blood under the forms of bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar.



The First Sunday after Epiphany (January 12th, this year) commemorates The Baptism of Our Lord (Matthew 3:13-17). That event is one of the clearest revelations of our Triune God as Father (the voice from heaven), Son (the man Jesus standing in the Jordan River), and Holy Spirit (the dove). And, in being baptized, Jesus sets apart as holy such a washing for our forgiveness of sins. We do not witness the epiphany of the Trinity as did those present there that day, but we have our own epiphanies, as it were, in our baptisms, which connect us to Jesus's death and resurrection (Romans 6:1-14), and thereby give those who believe the forgiveness of sins and so also eternal life.

The following are the other Epiphany Sundays in January 2014 and their Gospel Readings (appointed by *Lutheran Service Book's* three-year lectionary series A, which largely uses the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew).

- Second Sunday (1/19): Jesus is identified as the Lamb of God (John 1:29-42a)
- Third Sunday (1/26): Jesus preaches and calls fishermen as disciples (Matthew 4:12-25)

Read and hear the sermons at Pilgrim from the Season of Epiphany and from every season of the Church Year at <http://www.pilgrimlc.org/sermons>.

Pastor Jayson S. Galler

As they offered gifts most rare / At Thy cradle rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, / Pure and free from sin's allow,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ to Thee, our heavenly King. (*LSB* 397:3)

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Cleaning Volunteers:
M/M Edgar Wuthrich

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (B) 9:15-9:30 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service M/M Seth Hiltzman (A)	2 6:00 PM Pastor at Rotary Christmas Party	3 Noon Ministerial Fellowship Gathering 6:30 PM Christmas Parade Malaisa Smith (B)	4 6:00 PM Meal 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM Advent Service	5 Pastor gone to North Texas Confessional Lutherans Study Group in Plano	6	7 John Morton (B)
8 SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT (B) 9:15-9:30 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service 4:00 PM Church's Christmas party at the home of M/M John Walker	9	10 2:00-5:00 PM Cleaning Ladies 5:30 Pastor Prays at Kilgore City Council 6:00 PM Elders	11 6:00 PM Meal 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM Advent Service	12 7:00 AM Small Church Pastors' Breakfast	13	14 M/M Jeffrey Gill (A)
15 THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT (B) 9:15-9:30 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service Toni Erickson (B) Dr/M Ron Morton (A)	16 Andrew Adair (B)	17 M/M Don Nicol (A) Barry Conway (B) Leroy Thomas (B)	18 6:00 PM Meal 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM Advent Ser. 8:00 PM Christmas Tree Decorating John Walker (B)	19	20	21 ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE Ticia Smith (B)
22 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT (B) 9:15-9:30 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service M/M Wayne Miller (A)	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (W)	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00 AM Divine Service (W) Bryn Heil (B)	26 ST STEPHEN MARTYR M/M Wendell Holcombe (A)	27 ST JOHN, APOSTLE	28 THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS
29 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS (W) 9:15-9:30 AM Refreshments 9:30-10:30 AM SS & Bible Class 10:45 AM Divine Service	30	31 EVE OF THE CIRCUMCISION AND NAME OF JESUS 7:00 New Year's Eve Service at Our Redeemer				

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