

# Welcome!

## THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

**Sunday, January 11, 2026 – 8:30am**

**To Our Guests:** We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today! Please stop by our Welcome Desk for more information about all our ministries. Please read below for more information about worshipping with us.

**We love children at Christ Our Savior.** Parents are encouraged to sit in the front pews so young children can see what is happening during worship. A nursery for children, infant to 3 yrs, and a family lounge off the Advent Lobby are available for those who prefer these areas. Ask an usher for directions.

**Joyful Giving Opportunities:** The offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary. You are welcome to place your offering there before and after the worship services. Or give online! Click on the QR code to the right. →



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**We welcome guests to Sunday School and Bible classes,** from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Summer Sunday School	Lead by:	Where:
Pre K thru Kindergarten		Room 15
1 <sup>st</sup> thru 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade		Room 8
4 <sup>th</sup> thru 6 <sup>th</sup> grade		Room 10
7 <sup>th</sup> thru 8 <sup>th</sup> grade		Room 12
High School Youth		Youth Room
<b>Adult Bible Studies</b>		
The Art of Marriage	Pastor Davenport and Josh Kittleman	Gym
Lessons for Living from the Proverbs	Mark Anders	Rooms 1-4
Lutheran Foundations	Vicar Fritz and Pastor Joel	Rooms 5-6
Bethel: The New Testament	Judy Mayle	Gethsemane Chapel
The Hymn of the Day	Tom Schroeder	Church Balcony

## AS WE GATHER

We humans aren't the only ones celebrating Epiphany! Though the whole earth shall be covered with darkness, "nations shall come to Your light" (*Isaiah 60:3*). Isaiah mentions the wealth of all nations, and we are reminded of the Magi bearing gifts. We have gifts, too, of a spiritual nature, connecting other people with our gracious God, "in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith" (*Ephesians 3:12*). "Singing camels"? Well, who really carried the gold and silver so far? The camels, Isaiah writes, "shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord" (*Isaiah 60:6*). If the camels are praising God, so must we. Get ready to celebrate!

## Order of Worship

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

*Sondra Tucker*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ✠ Preparation ✠

### OPENING HYMN

*"Hail, O Source of Every Blessing"*

*LSB 409*

- 1. Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing, Father of our human race!  
Gentiles now, Your grace possessing, In Your courts obtain a place.  
Grateful now, we fall before You, In Your Church rejoice to live,  
See Your glory and adore You, Thankful for the grace You give.**
- 2. Once far off but now invited, We approach Your sacred throne,  
In Your covenant united, Reconciled, redeemed, made one.  
Now revealed to eastern sages, See the Star of Mercy shine,  
Myst'ry hid in former ages, Myst'ry great of love divine.**
- 3. Hail, O all-inviting Savior! Gentiles now their off'rings bring,  
In Your temples seek Your favor, Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.  
May we, body, soul, and spirit, Live devoted to Your praise,  
Glorious realms of bliss inherit, Grateful anthems ever raise.**

### INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Ephesians 3:12; Psalm 72:11*

**P** In Christ, we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in Him.

**C** **May all kings fall down before Him, all nations serve Him!**

**P** In repentant faith, we come before our Lord in confession.

*Silence for reflection.*

**P** Almighty God, King of all,

**C** **we confess to You that we are sinful by nature. We have lived in darkness rather than light. Our selfish thoughts, harmful words, and faithless actions reveal our sinfulness. But for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, who became flesh for us, we pray, forgive us our sins. Amen.**

**P** God's grace is revealed in the birth, life, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He has brought light to this world darkened by sin. In the stead and by the command of Jesus, I announce to you the full forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

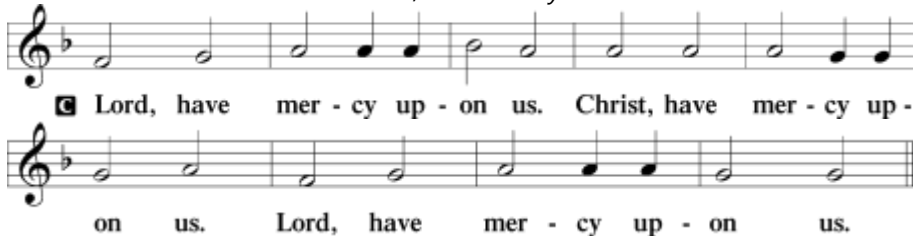
**C** **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

## ☩ Service of the Word ☩

### KYRIE

*Lord, Have Mercy*

*LSB 186*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *(sung)*

*Glory to God in the Highest*

*LSB 187*

**P** Glory be to God on high:

**C** **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**

**art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray. O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles.

**C** **Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence;**

**P** through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING *(The Lord's coming will be good news for everyone.)* Isaiah 60:1–6

**L** Arise, shine, for your light has come,

**C** **and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.**

**L** For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;

**C** **but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and His glory will be seen upon you.**

**L** And nations shall come to your light,

**C** **and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

**L** Lift up your eyes all around, and see;  
they all gather together, they come to you;

**C** **your sons shall come from afar,  
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.**

**L** Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and exult,

**C** **because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.**

**L** A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.

**C** **They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.**

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**HANDBELL ANTHEM***"The Holly and the Ivy"**Patricia Sanders***EPISTLE**      *(Everyone is welcome to partake in the promise in Christ Jesus.)*      Ephesians 3:1–12

<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— <sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

**L**      This is the Word of the Lord.

**C**      **Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA***LSB 190***HOLY GOSPEL***(Gentiles bring gifts for the baby.)*

Matthew 2:1–12

**P**      The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.



<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'" <sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the

star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." <sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## SERMON HYMN

"The Star Proclaims the King Is Here"

LSB 399

1. **The star proclaims the King is here; But, Herod, why this senseless fear?  
For He who offers heav'nly birth Seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.**
2. **The eastern sages saw from far And followed on His guiding star;  
And, led by light, to light they trod And by their gifts confessed their God.**
- △ 5. **For this Thy glad epiphany All glory, Jesus, be to Thee,  
Whom with the Father we adore, And Holy Spirit evermore.**

## SERMON

"For Everyone"

*Ephesians 3:1–12*

## THIS IS WHAT WE BELIEVE

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## OFFERING

*The ushers bring forward our gifts as a response to His blessings in our lives.  
Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary both before and after services.  
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## PRAYER AT OFFERING

- P** Oh, give thanks to the Lord for He is good and His mercies, which are new every morning, endure forever. We bring to you Heavenly Father our gifts of thanks and we humbly ask You to bless them to the glory of Your kingdom.
- C** **All that I have is Yours, Lord Jesus. All that I have is You.**
- P** Use these and all of our gifts according to Your infinite wisdom for the needs of Your kingdom and to the increase of Your glory.
- C** **Amen.**

## OFFERTORY

*"In the Bleak Midwinter"*

*Kevin McChesney*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Arise, shine, for your light has come. We pray for the church here and around the world. For as the Magi saw the star, many people will see the glory of the Lord and come to faith, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Wonderful Counselor, hear our prayer.**
- P** For the leaders of this nation and the nations of the world, that they use their many resources for the poor, remember the disadvantaged, provide for lawful order within their borders, and seek peace with their neighbors, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Mighty God, hear our prayer.**
- P** Lift up your eyes all around and see. We pray for the lonely—those alone at home; those separated from loved ones, including armed forces deployed; and all those forgotten by the rest of society—that God would move caring people to surround them with His love. Let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Everlasting Father, hear our prayer.**
- P** The Magi brought gold and frankincense. We pray for charitable organizations in our parish and community, that by the grace of God, we all may experience growth in faith as the Gospel moves from ears to heart, and from conviction to serving God and loving one another. Let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your hands, gracious God, who sent Your Son to be light in this dark world, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.
- C** **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

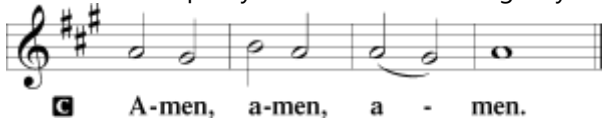
*Matthew 6:9-13*

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,  
**C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



## CLOSING HYMN

"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"

*LSB 400*

1. **Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**
2. **Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining;  
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;  
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.**
3. **Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion,  
Fragrance of Edom and off'rings divine,  
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?**
4. **Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
Vainly with gifts would His favor secure.  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration;  
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.**
5. **Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**



**SILENT PRAYER**

**POSTLUDE**



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