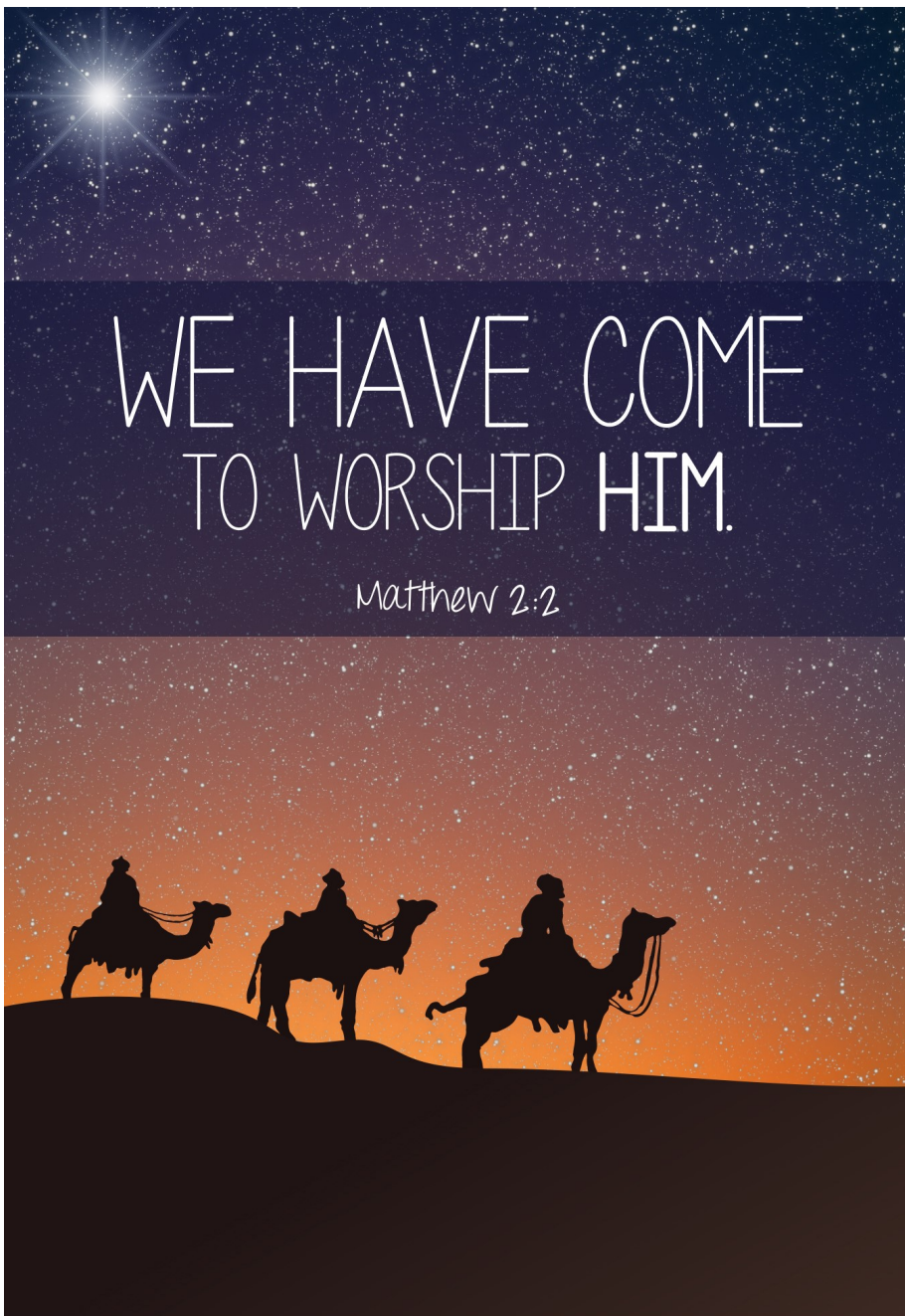


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WE HAVE COME
TO WORSHIP HIM.

Matthew 2:2



6 p.m. Sat., Jan. 8, & 8:15 a.m. Sun., Jan. 9, 2022
Sermon: "Wisdom of Faith: Seeing, Following, Worshiping"
Matthew 2:1-12



St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School

- a Family to Whom You Belong -

Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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Servants of God's House

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu **DCE:** Grace Wolfgram

Organists: 6 p.m. Sat., Joyce Seymour; 8:15 a.m. Sun., Mabel Huldeen

Usher: Dallas Schulz

Missionaries: Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump, Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf,
Rev. Paul Flo, Rev. Charles Cortwright

Readers: 6 p.m. Sat. Ron Cason; 8:15 a.m. Sun. Jim Winckler

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER When the Magi arrived in Jerusalem, everyone was surprised and troubled. Few in Israel remembered God's promise through Isaiah that other nations would be attracted to them. They had forgotten that Gentiles would come bearing gifts to a future just and righteous King. Only after God worked faith in Saul/Paul's heart was the message clearly announced that all people share in the promise of Christ. Today, God's Word calls us not only to see the light of God's love in Christ but also to emulate the Magi. With joy, our faith moves us to follow where God leads and to worship our Lord, in whom alone we have boldness and access with confidence to the grace of God. That is, Epiphany is not only a celebration of the past but also a call to shine God's light in our lives today.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DIVINE SERVICE THREE

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(The congregation is invited to respond with the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

The Wave of Fellowship

Hymn of Invocation

"O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"

LSB 554

(stand as you are able for the last verse)

(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.)

The Invocation *Matthew 28:19b; (18:20)*

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Sentences *Isaiah 60:1, 5–6; Matthew 2:2, 10–11*

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

C: We saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.

P: You shall see and be radiant.

C: They rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

P: They shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

C: And they fell down and worshiped Him.

Confession
Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *Hebrews 10:22*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth. *Psalms 124:8*

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Psalms 32:5*

(A moment of silence for reflection of God's word and self-examination)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

C: Amen.

Kyrie

"Lord, Have Mercy" (*Sung*) *Mark 10:47*

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C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Gloria in Excelsis- "Glory to God in the Highest" (*Sung*)

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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.

The Salutation and Collect of the Day (Sung)

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P: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

C: And with thy Spirit.

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, You led the Magi to see in the star the news of Christ's birth. We give thanks that You have enabled us to see Him as our Savior. Grant us strength of faith to follow where He leads and to worship Him with all that we are and have; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

(The Lord promises to visit His people as light, attracting other nations to His glory.)



<p>Old Testament Readings</p> <p>¹Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you your sons shall come</p>	<p>from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A 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 bring good news, the praises of the LORD.</p>
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L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual

We praise God together in the words of the Gradual.

Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8

C: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples! For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!

The Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 3:1–12

(Paul rejoices in his calling to preach to the Gentiles.)



¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which 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.

⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of 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. ⁸To 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, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in 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.

(Stand as you are able)

The Alleluia and Verse *Matthew 2:2b*

C: Alleluia. 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. Alleluia.

(Please remain standing for the Gospel and the Creed)

The Holy Gospel *Matthew 2:1–12* (The Magi are examples for our lives of faith.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord. (*Sung*)

Gospel
Reading

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, "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." ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all

the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶"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."

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And 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." ⁹After 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. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

¹¹And 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. ¹²And 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.

C: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.** (*Sung*)

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The Apostles' Creed

(Please be seated)

The Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

"What Child Is This"

LSB 370



"Wisdom of Faith: Seeing, Following, Worshiping"
Matthew 2:1-12

Offering of God's People to their Beloved Savior

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul's members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings. Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

To our guest: Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please put your **Welcome Card** in the box at the back of the church.

2 Corinthians 9:11—You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

Offertory Hymn "As with Gladness Men of Old"

LSB 397 vs. 1-3

(stand as you are able)

The Offertory (*Sung*) *Psalm 51:10-12*

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.



PRAYERS
of the
CHURCH

P: Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances.

For ourselves, that we thank God as a congregation and in our individual lives for revealing to us that we are all “partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,” let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all who minister “according to the gift of God’s grace” that has been given to them, people of faith who are in government, armed forces, local police departments, professional and volunteer caregivers, and workers in the health professions, that they serve those under their care in safety and with wisdom, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all for whom the mystery of Christ is still hidden, that through the Church here and around the world “the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known” to them, so that they approach God in confident faith for Jesus’ sake, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all those who are ill or hospitalized: Amber Gilmore, Joseph Hood, Carolyn Montagne, Pastor Charles Horkey, Doug, Wilma and David Siefker, and Kelly Winegar. We continue to pray for those who have COVID or are weak and dealing with ongoing sicknesses. Bring healing to all of them and that they may boldly bring their petitions to God in faith and that we open ourselves to be part of the answers that God so graciously provides, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who have gone before us in faith—the Magi, the writers of the Scriptures, patriarchs, prophets, saints, martyrs, and those who brought the Good News to us, let us give thanks to the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries that they remain faithful to your Word including; Mariah Mahaney, Eliza Gunn, Christine Ramirez, Patrick De Mara, Darin Grohs, and Jessica Orr, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

C: **Amen, Amen, Amen.** (*Sung*)

The Closing Hymn

"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"

LSB 917

Silent Prayer

Postlude

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9:30 a.m.

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