

EPIPHANY

of Our Lord



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The Epiphany of Our Lord

January 3/4, 2026

Saturday Worship 6:00 p.m. • Sunday Worship 8:00 and 10:45 a.m.

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF OUR RISEN LORD

Welcome to Trinity! Today in the Divine Service God proclaims to us through Word and Sacrament the forgiveness, love, and salvation that He has won for us through the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ. If you are new to Trinity or looking for a church home, we invite you to join our family. Please introduce yourself to our Pastors following the service. After the 8:00 a.m. worship service, please join us for coffee, fellowship, and Christian Education. At various points in the service you will be invited to refer to our hymnal, the **Lutheran Service Book** or LSB (image to the right), located on the back of the seat in front of you.



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THOSE SERVING IN WORD & SACRAMENT MINISTRY

Preacher: Pastor Mark J. Nelson **Liturgist:** Pastor Matthew B. Synnott

Organist: Cantor Peter Wykert **Children's Message:** DCE Scott Rauch

Saturday 6:00 Service – Comm. Asst.: Bill Allen, Randy Irwin; Altar Guild: Bill and Debbie Allen;
Sound: Chris Pasold

Sunday 8:00 Service – Comm. Asst.: Scott Taylor, Ken Nielsen, Matt Chamberlain, Ken Erdman;
Altar Guild: Louisa Pummill; Acolytes: Christian and Evie Holloway, Molly Verplaetse, Karisa Brown;
Sound: Todd and Benjamin Coulter; Ushers: Bob Close, Ben Weaver

Sunday 10:45 Service – Comm. Asst.: Alan Stahl; Altar Guild: Debra Cribbs; Acolytes: Keatyn and Oliver Clymer, Braden King, Chloe Carmean; Ushers: Alan Stahl, Larry Haste

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Divine Service - Setting Four

+ We Come Into God's Presence +

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Please stand and face the processional cross

Processional Hymn "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" Hymn 395 v.1-3

1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
2 Come, heav'n-ly Bride-groom, Light di-vine, And deep with-in
3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls
own truth and light, A-glow with grace and mer-cy!
our hearts now shine; There light a flame un-dy-ing!
from God a-bove A ray of pur-est plea-sure.
Of Ja-cob's race, King Da-vid's son, Our Lord and mas-
In Your one bod-y let us be As liv-ing branch-
Your Word and Spir-it, flesh and blood Re-fresh our souls
ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on-ly!
es of a tree, Your life our lives sup-ply-ing.
with heav'n-ly food. You are our dear-est trea-sure!
Low-ly, ho-ly! Great and glo-rious, All vic-to-rious,
Now, though dai-ly Earth's deep sad-ness May per-plex us
Let Your mer-cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!
Rich in bless-ing! Rule and might o'er all pos-sess-ing!
And dis-tress us, Yet with heav'n-ly joy You bless us.
For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.

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Invocation: *The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

John 8:12; Luke 2:32

P Christ our Savior is here. Today we light the Christ Candle to remind us that Jesus said,

C **"I am the Light of the world; whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."**

P We also remember that Simeon called the Christ Child "a light to lighten the Gentiles."

C **With candles burning to symbolize the Lord's presence, we worship Him, who is our newborn King.**

P Jesus is born!

C Let us rejoice!

Candlelighting Carol

5 Light the can-dle of CHRIST to-day, the Giv-er of light is here! ____

Wel-come the light we grope and sigh for, but on - ly Christ can give. ____

Flick-er and flame and glow ____ with light, light up the world a - round you.

Flick - er and flame and glow ____ with light, light up the world a -

round ____ you. ____

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Confession of Sins

P Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C** Amen.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



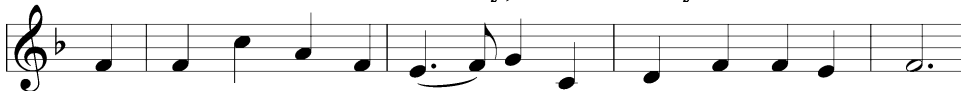
- C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

C 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.

Please be seated

+ God Speaks to Us +

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

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 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sunday: Sanctuary Choir

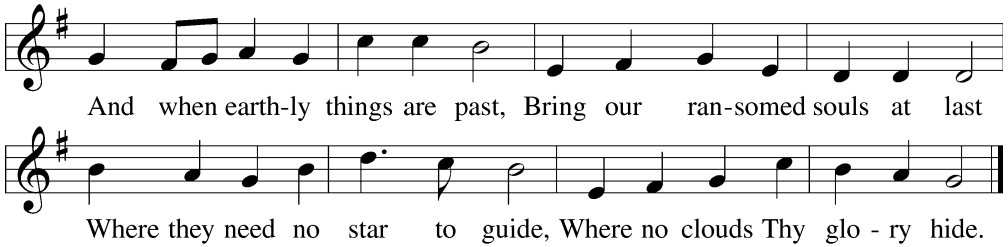
"As with Gladness Men of Old"

arr. Molly Ijames

*As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright.
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by Thee.*

*As they offered gifts most rare at the manger rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.*





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Epistle Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Processional

“Alleluia - II”

Hymn 952



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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

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 to You, O Christ.**

Gospel Recessional

"Alleluia - II"

Hymn 952



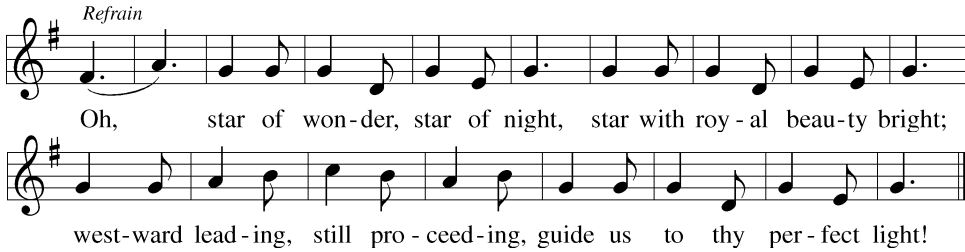
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Hymn of the Day

"We Three Kings"

by John Henry Hopkins

*We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.*



*Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again;
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. **Refrain***

*Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, gladly raising, worshiping God Most High. **Refrain***

*Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. **Refrain***

*Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
Heav'n sings alleluia: alleluia the earth replies. **Refrain***

Sermon

Sunday: Children's Message

Please stand



+ We Respond to God's Word +

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.

Offertory Hymn

"What Child Is This" v. 3

Hymn 370

3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

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Prayers of the Church

☞ ... let us pray to the Lord: ☞ **Lord, have mercy.**

+ God Serves Us His Holy Feast +

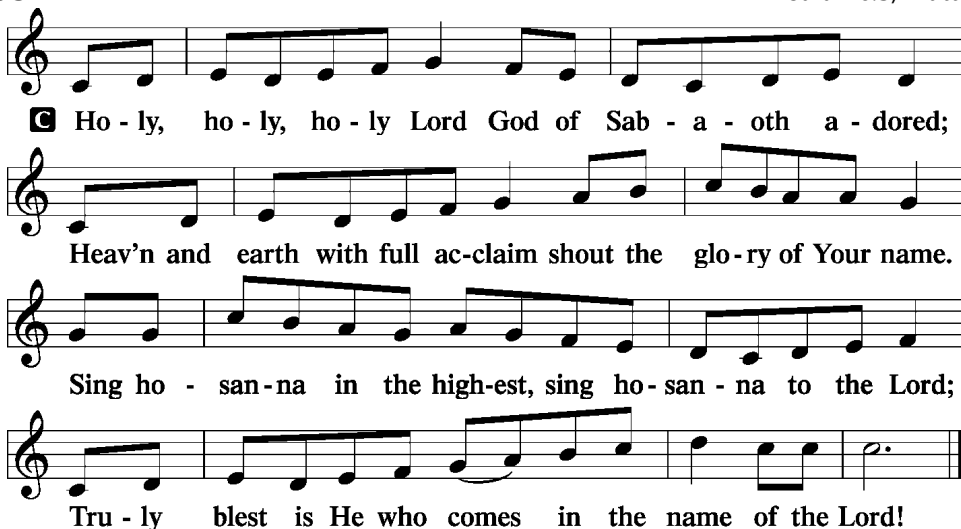
Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
P It is right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who came in the flesh, comes now to us in His body and blood, and will come again in glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we glorify Your name and praise You singing:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:25–25*

Pax Domini

John 20:19

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please be seated

Distribution

Communion Statement

As a Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) church, we believe and confess that through the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper we receive the true body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine. As we commune with faith and repentance, we receive the forgiveness of sins and power to amend our sinful lives. If you would like to commune with us but are not a member of a church in fellowship with the LCMS, we ask that you schedule a visit with our pastor before communing. Our communion practice is not intended to exclude anyone, but rather to make certain that we, in love, faithfully administer the sacrament according to Christ's institution.

If you are not communing, but wish to come forward to receive a blessing, please fold both arms across your heart. Children are also encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Sunday: Music During the Distribution

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

LSB 411

"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"

LSB 400

"Arise and Shine in Splendor"

LSB 396

Saturday: Post-Communion Blessing

Please stand

Nunc Dimittis

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Prayer

P Father in heaven, filled with the real presence of Your Son Jesus Christ we wait in faith for when He comes again in glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

+ God Sends Us Out +

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

P Let us bless the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- 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.

C Amen.

Recessional Hymn "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" Hymn 395 v.4-6



4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when
5 O let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all
6 What joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love
not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!
with mu - sic crowned, Our voic - es glad - ly blend - ing!
is first and last, The end and the be - gin - ning!
Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him
For Christ goes with us all the way— To - day, to - mor -
He will one day, oh, glo - rious grace, Trans - port us to
here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.
row, ev - 'ry day! His love is nev - er end - ing!
that hap - py place Be - yond all tears and sin - ning!
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing
Sing out! Ring out! Ju - bi - la - tion! Ex - ul - ta - tion!
A - men! A - men! Come, Lord Je - sus! Crown of glad - ness!
Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!
Tell the sto - ry! Great is He, the King of Glo - ry!
We are yearn - ing For the day of Your re - turn - ing!

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Silent Prayer

Dismissal

- P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- G** Thanks be to God!

Announcements and Welcome

Postlude

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GIVE ONLINE OR IN PERSON

Use the code at left to access our online giving platform. To give in person, drop your offering in the black boxes near either Sanctuary exit.

CONNECT WITH US

Visting this weekend? Let us know you were here. We'd love to hear from you. You can use the code at right or sign in on the Visitor Sheet at our foyer tables.



END OF YEAR MESSAGE FROM TRINITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In recent weeks we have shared the budgetary needs of our congregation, and you have very generously responded with offerings to help meet Trinity's 2025 expenses. We are currently compiling the year-end numbers and will share the results as they become available.

Meanwhile:

- We thank God for His abundant grace to us through His Son in all things.
- We thank our households for their generous giving to support our Trinity ministry.
- We ask you to pray with us:

Gracious Father in Heaven, You abundantly provide all that we need. Thank you for the blessed generosity that You have provided through our household offerings. Bless us that we may abound in every good work through our Lord Jesus Christ. In His name. Amen.