

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024 ~ 6:30 PM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2023 ~ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD



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WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS

For your convenience personal hearing assistance units are available. Large Print Bulletins, Newsletters, and Portals of Prayers are also available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

As you are entering the sanctuary, you are entering the house of God. Prepare yourselves for worship by silently meditating on God's love. Please refrain from loud conversation before the service that would distract those for whom a preparatory meditation is important.

To those who may be visiting us today, your presence here today is a delight to us! With joy we welcome you in the name of Jesus. Please complete the guest card found in the pew pocket and turn it in to an elder or usher.

(10:30) Anthem "We Three Kings" *(Join us in singing the refrain)*

Refrain: **O star of wonder, star of night. Star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to Thy perfect light.**

Welcome

Hymn As with Gladness Men of Old LSB 397

(Stand)

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.**

Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by**

what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

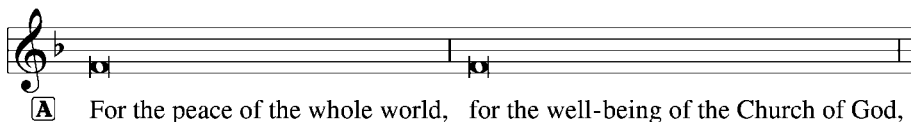
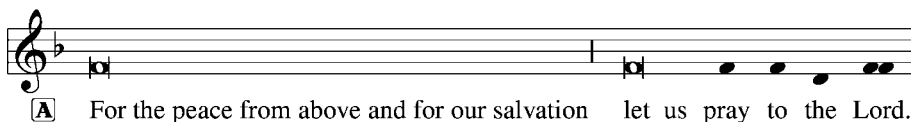
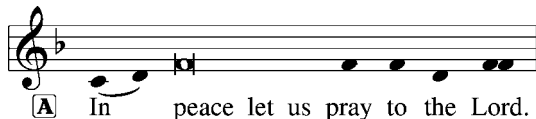
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

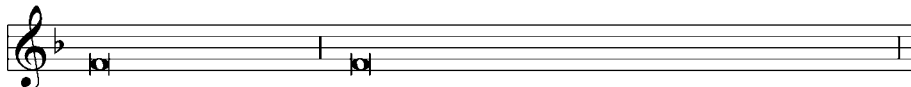
Kyrie

DS1, LSB 152





C Lord, have mer - cy.



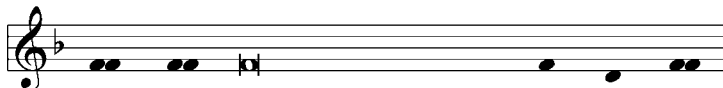
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



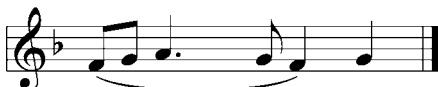
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.



Gloria in Excelsis

DS4, LSB 204



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 and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

(Sit)

Psalm

Psalm 72:1–11

- [P]** Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
- [C]** **May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!**
- [P]** Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!
- [C]** **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!**
- [P]** May they fear you while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
- [C]** **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!**
- [P]** In his days may the righteous flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
- [C]** **May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth!**
- [P]** May desert tribes bow down before him
and his enemies lick the dust!
- [C]** **May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands
render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!**
- [P]** May all kings fall down before him,
all nations serve him!

(10:30) Anthem

“The First Noel”

arr. Lloyd Larson

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1–6

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For 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.

And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
Lift 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.
Then 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.
A 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.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 3:1–12

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

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. 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, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that

through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in 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.**

(Stand)

Alleluia and Verse

DS1, LSB 156



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

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, 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." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

"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.”

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. 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.” 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. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 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. 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.



(Sit)

Hymn The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

LSB 399

(Sit)

Sermon

(Stand)

Nicene Creed

(Hymnal – Inside Back Cover)

**G I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,**

begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge
both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian
and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

*(Following each petition, congregation responds "**hear our prayer**")*

Presentation of our Offerings to the Lord

(As our offerings are brought forward, we sing the Offertory Hymn)

Offertory Hymn

What Child Is This

LSB 370, sts. 1 & 3



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

- 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 truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

DS1, LSB 161

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and a key signature change to G major. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across measures. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** O gracious and almighty Father, from the beginning of the world You set forth the plan of salvation to rescue Your creation from the darkness and death of sin. Now, in the fullness of time, You have revealed Your Son as the promised Savior and Redeemer, in whom all the world is born again in hope. As He has kept Your saving will and been born in our flesh to accomplish all things for our salvation, so also He has reached beyond the divisions of old to unite us as one people by Baptism and faith. Grant to us this day Your Holy Spirit, that we who come to this altar may through repentance and faith be made worthy to receive Him who comes to us

here. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Lord's Prayer

(Hymnal – Inside Back Cover)

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.**

Pax Domini

[P] The peace of the Lord be with you always.

[C] Amen.

Agnus Dei

DS1, LSB 163

[C] Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Sit)

Distribution Hymns

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

LSB 400

Angels from the Realms of Glory

LSB 367

(Stand)

Nunc Dimittis

DS1, LSB 165



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Post-Communion Collect

- P** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Benedicamus

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
C 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.

G **Amen.**

(Sit)

Hymn

Of the Father's Love Begotten

LSB 384

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Zachary M. DeArmond

Organist/Music Director: Kim Woller

Choir(s): (10:30 AM) Adult Choir

Lay Readers: (6:30 PM)

(8:00 AM) Dennis Kutz

(10:30 AM) Sean Malone

Elders: (6:30 PM) Chuck Boie, Jeff Driessen & Lee Roloff

(8:00 AM) Dennis Kutz & Jack Welter

(10:30 AM) Rick Krause & Craig Butzlaff

Ushers: (6:30 PM) Team 7 – Driessen Team

(8:00 AM) Team 3 – Floyd Wondisford Team

(10:30 AM) Team 4 – Jeff Hurlbut Team

Acolytes: (8:00 AM) Owen Radcliffe

(10:30 AM) Nathan Orlando

Greeters: (8:00 AM) Ed Steinhaus

(10:30 AM) Melissa Best

Altar Guild: Laurie Cataldo & Janet Steinhaus