

# † The Epiphany of Our Lord †

## January 3–4, 2026

### 5:00 p.m.; 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

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#### Silent Prayer Before Worship

O God, by a star You led the Wise Men of old to worship the Christ Child. So lead us that we too may worship Him in all our lives. Holy Spirit within us, guide our works and shape our deeds and actions into fit expressions of worship, praise, and love. This we ask in the name of Jesus, the Light of the world. Amen.

## † Divine Service – Setting Two †

#### Prelude

#### Announcements

#### Opening Hymn

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” *LSB* 394

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

#### Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

¶ In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C Amen.

#### Exhortation

*1 John 1:8–9*

¶ 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 self-examination.*

#### Confession of Sins

*LSB*, p. 167

¶ 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.**

#### Absolution

*John 20:19–23*

¶ 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.

Hymn of Praise –This Is the Feast

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**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



## Salutation and Collect of the Day

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**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.

## Service of the Word

### Old Testament

*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.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** Give the king Your justice, O God,  
**C** and Your righteousness to the royal son!

**P** May he judge Your people with righteousness,  
**C** and Your poor with justice!

**P** Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,  
**C** and the hills, in righteousness!

**P** May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy,  
**C** and crush the oppressor!

**P** May they fear You while the sun endures,  
**C** and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

**P** May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
**C** like showers that water the earth!

**P** In his days may the righteous flourish,  
**C** and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

**P** May he have dominion from sea to sea,  
**C** and from the River to the ends of the earth!

**P** May desert tribes bow down before him  
**C** and his enemies lick the dust!

**P** May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute;  
**C** may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!

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

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Alleluia!

Oh, praise the Lord all ye nations, and laud Him all ye people!

For His merciful kindness is great towards us,

And the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Alleluia! *Isaiah 60:1, Psalm 117, the Epiphany Epistle*

## 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.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

(5:00, 9:30) Alleluia and Verse

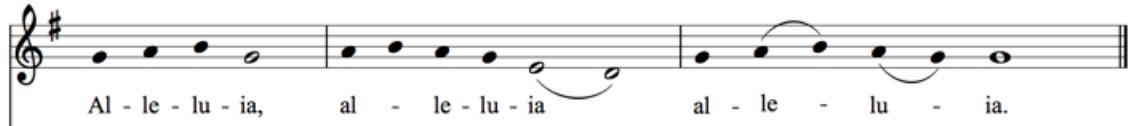
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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

(8:00, 11:00) Choral Alleluia and Verse



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia al - le - lu - ia.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, 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. *Matthew 2:2b*

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**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.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

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**C** 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.**

**Hymn of the Day**

**“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” LSB 395**

*(5:00, 8:00, 9:30) Sermon*

**“Arise, Shine”** *Isaiah 62:1–5*

**Prayer of the Church**

*(8:00, 11:00) Anthem at the Offering*

**“On This Day, Earth Shall Ring”**

*H. C. Stewart*

On this day, earth shall ring  
With the song children sing  
To the Son, Christ the King.

Born on earth to save us,  
Him the Father gave us,  
*Ideo Gloria in excelsis Deo.*  
*(Therefore glory to God in the highest.)*

His the doom, ours the mirth, When He came down to earth,  
Bethlehem saw His birth,  
Ox and ass beside Him, from the cold would hide Him.  
*Ideo...*

God's bright star, over His head, Wise men three to Him led,  
Kneel they low by His bed,  
Lay their gifts before Him, Praise Him and adore Him.  
*Ideo...*

On this day Angels sing,  
With their song earth shall ring  
Praising Christ, Heaven's King.

Born on earth to save us,  
Peace and love He gave us,  
*Ideo...*

*Old Swedish Carol*

*(11:00) Sermon*

**“Arise, Shine”** *Isaiah 62:1–5*

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

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**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.

### Proper Preface

**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 — “Holy, Holy, Holy”

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. 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.

## Lord’s Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13; LSB, p. 179

**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.

## The Words of Our Lord

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## Pax Domini — “The Peace of the Lord”

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

John 20:19

## Agnus Dei — “Lamb of God”

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**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, grant us peace.

## Distribution Hymns

“As with Gladness, Men of Old” LSB 397

“From God the Father, Virgin-Born” LSB 401

“The Star Proclaims the King Is Here” LSB 399

## Dismissal

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{†}$  in peace.

**C** Amen.

## Post-Communion Collect

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**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Benediction***LSB*, p. 183

**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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

**C** Amen.

**Closing Hymn****“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”** *LSB* 400**Silent Prayer****Postlude**

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