

YOUR LIGHT HAS COME!



Festival of the Epiphany, observed | January 3, 2021 | 8 & 10:45 AM

WELCOME TO ALL!

May the Lord bless us
as we worship Him!

GUESTS: TELL US YOUR STORY!

As we have come
to hear God's story,
we would be pleased
to hear *your* story!
Please introduce
yourself!



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another better!
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Serving Today...

Message:
Pastor Brad Stoltenow

Musicians:
Gail Black
Cantors: the Renners

Children's Chat:
Pastor Stoltenow

✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

Divine Service, Setting 4 ~ LSB p. 203; Matthew 28:19b

Pastor (P): In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION~FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Ps 124:8; 130:3-4; Lk 18:13

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

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. 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.

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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! Glory to God in the highest!**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ HYMN # 368 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.

Glo—ria in excelsis Deo. Glo—ria in excelsis De—o!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?

What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Glo—ria in excelsis Deo. Glo—ria in excelsis De—o!

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;

Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Glo—ria in excelsis Deo. Glo—ria in excelsis De—o!

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you! C: **And also with you!**

P: We 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!**

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CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRAYER

HYMN # 412:1-2 "The People That in Darkness Sat"

The people that in darkness sat A glorious light have seen;

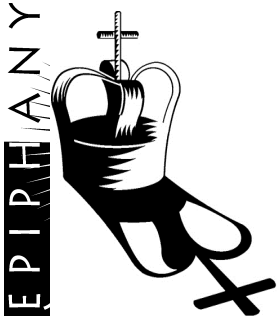
The light has shined on them who long In shades of death have been,

In shades of death have been.

To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness, The gath'ring nations come;

They joy as when the reapers bear Their harvest treasures home,

Their harvest treasures home.



Epiphany: Today we celebrate the Festival of the Epiphany, which is on January 6th. The word epiphany is Greek and means a revealing moment or scene, an appearance or making known especially of a divine being. Epiphany is the 12th day of Christmas and marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Jesus' revelation as God's Son and the savior of the world. The season ends with Transfiguration (Sunday February 14), when Jesus is transformed into a Light being on a mountain, just before His descent toward Jerusalem and ultimately death.

Lord, when we see stars above, help us think of Your great love. Fill our hearts to overflowing with the peace that comes from knowing Jesus is our Savior King!
~K.T. Kosche/N. Gruntvig

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.

RESPONSE

P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 72:1-15 *chanted by the cantors*

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. So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

RESPONSE

P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN # 412:3-6 "The People That in Darkness Sat"

To us a Child of hope is born, To us a Son is giv'n,
And on His shoulder ever rests All pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor, The God by all adored, The God by all adored.
His righteous government and pow'r Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based, His reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.
Δ Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray, And make us Thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art And Holy Spirit, one, And Holy Spirit, one.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter. C: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12

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.

RESPONSE

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY # 397 "As with Gladness Men of Old"

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 with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet Ever seek Thy mercy seat.
As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, 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.
Holy Jesus, ev'ry day Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glory hide.
In the heav'nly country bright Need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing Alleluias to our King!

MESSAGE "Gifts for a King" text: Matthew 2:1-12

STATEMENT OF FAITH ~ THE NICENE CREED

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.
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!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

HOLY COMMUNION ~ 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 truly good, right, and beneficial 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 singing:

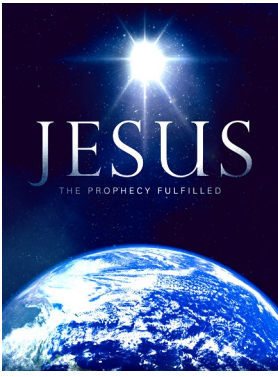
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail th' incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"



Epiphany is sometimes called Three Kings Day. The story of the Magi reveals Jesus is King of all. The gifts of gold, incense, and myrrh also remind us Jesus came to be more than a sweet baby; He came as our king (gold), our priest (incense), and our savior from sin and eternal death (myrrh, used to embalm the dead). May the Light of Christ shine to you and, through you, to others each day of this New Year!



Preparation for Holy Communion: Holy Scripture says: *One should examine himself before he eats the bread and drinks the cup; one who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 1 Cor 11:28-29* Since those who take Christ's body and blood without understanding His true presence do so to their harm, and since the sacrament of Holy Communion is a faith statement confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or hold a confession differing from that of this church and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and desire to receive the sacrament are asked first to speak with the pastor or elder.



Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and
Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul,
my joy, my crown.
Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and
Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration
now and forevermore
be Thine!

~LSB # 537:1 & 4



Benediction: We leave
this house of worship to
be God's witnesses and
share His mercy in our
life together with each
other, our neighbors,
and the world.

LORD, LAY SOME SOUL
UPON MY HEART AND LOVE
THAT SOUL THROUGH ME:
AND MAY I GLADLY DO MY
PART TO WIN THAT SOUL
FOR THEE. AMEN!

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

ALL: 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

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19,20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI ~ PEACE OF THE LORD

John 20:19

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always! C: And also with you!

AGNUS DEI ~ LAMB OF GOD

LSB # 360:3-4

P: Should we fear our God's displeasure, who, to save, freely gave His most precious treasure?! To redeem us He has given His own Son from the throne of His might in heaven!

ALL: See the Lamb, taking our sin to the cross, suffering loss, making full atonement, giving us peace! Amen.

DISTRIBUTION You will be ushered forward. *You may request wine without alcohol or a gluten-free wafer.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN # 370 "What Child Is This"

What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mary!
Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word-made-flesh, The babe, the son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ SONG OF SIMEON

Luke 2:29-32

P: We, like Simeon, have experienced God's salvation, as we have seen and touched and taken into ourselves the body and blood of our Lord Jesus in this Sacrament. We speak together Simeon's words, as he took the baby Jesus in His arms and blessed God:

ALL: O Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: God the Father, 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!

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION ~ GOD'S WORD OF BLESSING

Psalms 103:1; Numbers 6:24-26

P: Let us bless the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

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!

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And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

✠ TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY! ✠