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GUESTS! Welcome! We're grateful for your presence and sincerely hope that you will find our *liturgical service* to be a blessing as it ties us to the church of past, the church in heaven, and to the church of the present – to whom it bears the blessings of God's Word and Sacraments today.

HOLY COMMUNION and GUESTS (both returning and first-time)...



All communicants are to have been instructed in and confess the articles of faith to which we adhere as a member congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS). Therefore, **guests** (*both returning and first-time*) who – before the service – inform a pastor that they are communicant members-in-good-standing of a congregation in communion fellowship with those of The LCMS will be invited to commune. **We thank guests who are not communicants of sister congregations** for honoring our convictions and remaining in the pew during communion distribution. We sincerely desire that you commune

with us. To that end, we urge you to ask a pastor about the class which would prepare you to receive communion in congregations of The LCMS. **All communicants are encouraged to review Christian Questions with Their Answers in the hymnal, pp. 329-330.**

COMMUNION in the PEW... If, due to health issues, you're unable to commune at the altar, be sure to indicate to an usher before the service your desire to be communed in the pew.

The Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son

Summary of Scripture Lessons for the Day

The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a "Thirteenth Day" of Christmas, and yet it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. Where Christmas has focused on the incarnation of our Lord, that is, on God becoming flesh, the Season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. For the Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1-2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth, not only to the Jews but also to Gentiles (Eph. 3:8-10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5-11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3-6).

✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

*Setting One*PRELUDEPROCESSIONAL HYMN # 394

1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
 And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;
 Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;
 Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;
 That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 Thou by all wilt be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P *In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C **Amen.**

EXHORTATION

1 John 1:8–9

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, our sins, and His promise of Absolution)

CONFESSION OF SINS

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

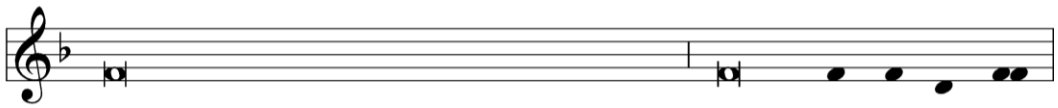
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present 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.**

ABSOLUTION

[John 20:19–23]

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.**



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



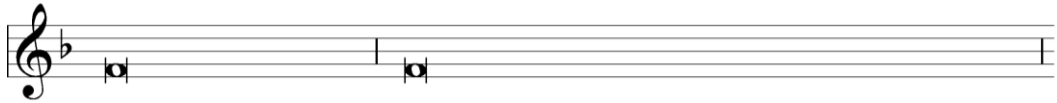
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



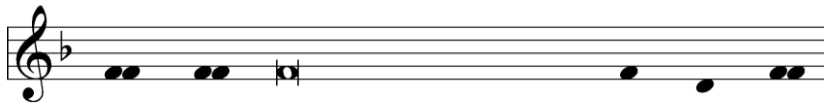
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



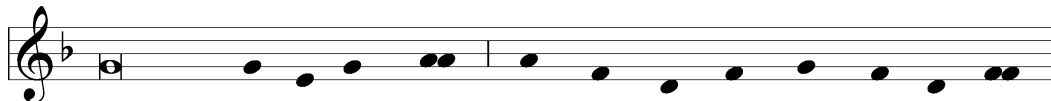
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P *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.

READINGS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Old Testament: 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.

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual:

Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8

*Choir: Praise the Lord, all | nations!**
Extol him, all | peoples!
*For great is his steadfast | love toward us,**
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for- | ever.
*Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due his name;**
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

Epistle: 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.

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

Chorale:

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Charles Wesley, 1740

- 1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Thou, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.
- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return
Till Thy mercy's beams I see,
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
- 3 Visit, then, this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiance Divine,
Scatter all my unbelief.
More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day. Amen.

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Festival Alleluia (before and after the Gospel)

*(*Refrain is sung responsively before and after the reading of the Holy Gospel)*

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Congregation: Refrain



*Pastor: O Lord, open our hearts, to listen to the words of your Son.
(Your word is a lamp for my feet, and a light on my path.)*

Congregation: Refrain

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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.

THE CREED ~ *Nicene Creed*

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.



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
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when



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.
 not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



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
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him



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!
 here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.



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!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing



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.
 Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

5 O let the harps break forth in sound!
 Our joy be all with music crowned,
 Our voices gladly blending!
 For Christ goes with us all the way –
 Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
 His love is never ending!
 Sing out! Ring out!
 Jubilation!
 Exultation!
 Tell the story!
 Great is He, the King of Glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,
 The Lord we love is first and last,
 The end and the beginning!
 He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
 Transport us to that happy place
 Beyond all tears and sinning!
 Amen! Amen!
 Come, Lord Jesus!
 Crown of gladness!
 We are yearning
 For the day of Your returning!

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SERMON

"The Bright Morning Star" – Matthew 2:10

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition: **P** "LORD, in your mercy," or **P** "Let us pray to the LORD"
C "Hear our prayer!" **C** "LORD, have mercy."

OFFERTORY

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19

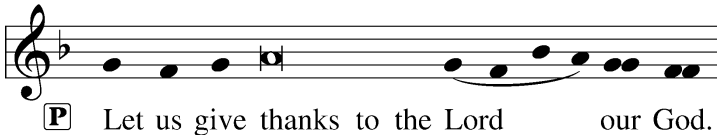
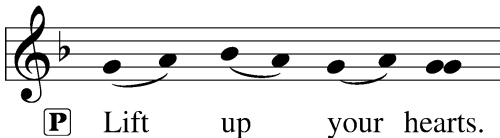
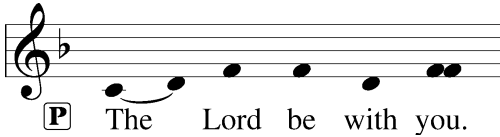
C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
 me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
 call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

The Service of Holy Communion

- ✦ **Guests** (both returning and first-time), please refer to “Holy Communion and Guests” on page two.
- ✦ **Communicants**, to receive the Body of Christ in your hand, **extend your hand**. To receive our Lord’s Blood from either the individual glass or the Common Cup, **extend your open hand** when the cup you prefer is offered.

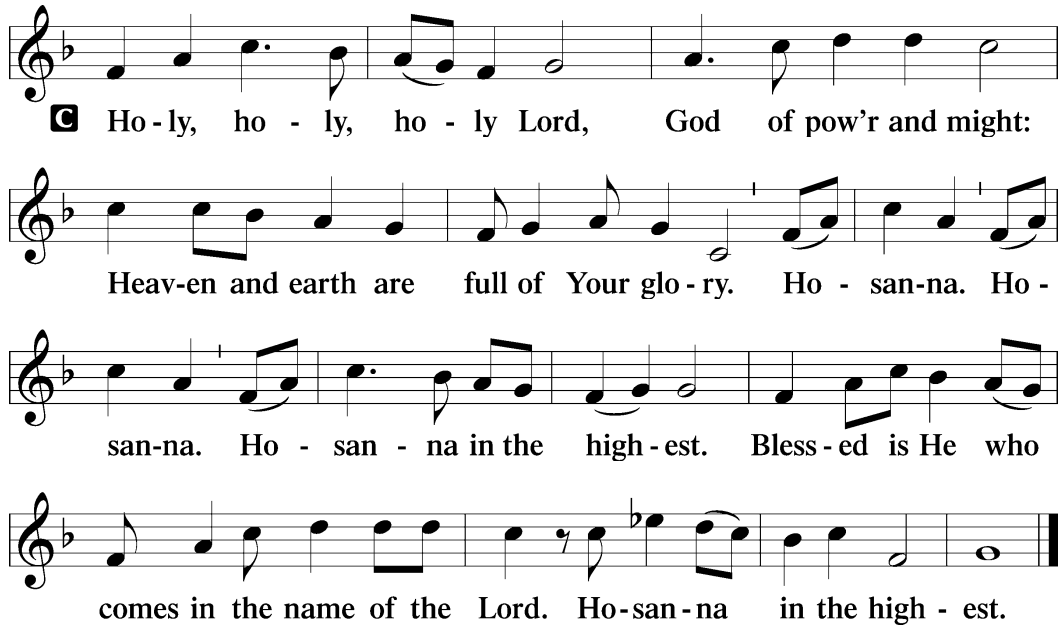
PREFACE

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



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:*



C 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P *Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.*

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

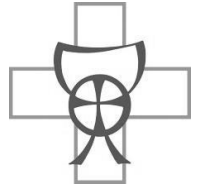
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C *Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; *give us this day our daily bread;	and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*
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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

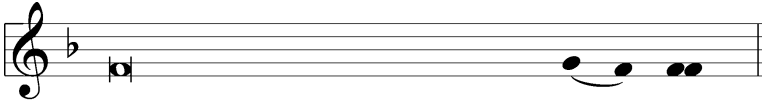
P *Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

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."



PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

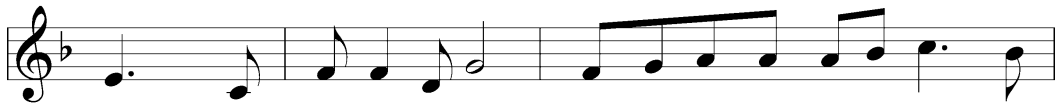
John 1:29



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.

DISTRIBUTION



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
 2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
 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
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
 own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
 lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
 pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
 song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



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



1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born For us un -
 2 This great High Priest in hu - man flesh Was i - con -
 3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own
 4 But death would not the vic - tor be Of Him who



ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple
 of God's righ - teous - ness. His hal - lowed touch brought
 al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels
 hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the



forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.
 sanc - ti - ty; His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.
 hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.
 Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore God's face.

- 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see,
 As at the rail on bended knee
 Our hungry mouths from Him receive
 The bread of immortality.
- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,
 A priestly food and priestly meat;
 On sin-parched lips the chalice pours
 His quenching blood that life restores.
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim
 Our voices join the endless hymn,
 And "Holy, holy, holy" sing
 To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.



1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
 2 Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
 3 Shall we not yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;
 Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
 Fra - grance of E - dom and of - f'rings di - vine,
 Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure.
 Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;



Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
 An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
 Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
 Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion;
 Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
 Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.
 Myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?
 Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
 Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.



1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; Let night to day sur -
 2 See earth in dark - ness ly - ing, The hea - then na - tions
 3 The world's re - mot - est rac - es, Up - on whose wea - ry
 4 Lift up your eyes in won - der— See, na - tions gath - er
 5 Your heart will leap for glad - ness When from the realms of




ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near. A - bove, the
 dy - ing In hope - less gloom and night. To you the
 fac - es The sun looks from the sky, Shall run with
 yon - der From sin to be set free. The world has
 sad - ness They come from near and far. Your eyes will



day is beam - ing, In match - less beau - ty
 Lord of heav - en— Your life, your hope— has
 zeal un - tir - ing, With joy Your light de -
 heard Your sto - ry; Her sons come to Your
 wake from slum - ber As peo - ple with - out



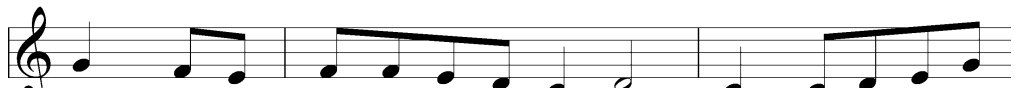
gleam - ing; The glo - ry of the Lord is here.
 giv - en Great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.
 sir - ing That breaks up - on them from on high.
 glo - ry; Her daugh - ters haste Your light to see.
 num - ber Re - joice to see the Morn - ing Star.



C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -




filled. 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 *O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, ... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C **Amen.**

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 A - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN # 397



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,
 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;
 5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
 So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,
 And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last
 Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.
 So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.
 All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.
 There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

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~ Announcements ~

◆ *Sunday Christian Education Classes* ◆

Adult, Youth, and Children's Christian Education Classes are offered each Sunday. Christian Education classes begin at 8:30 a.m. See below for Sunday morning offerings...

SUNDAY SCHOOL ... *PK-Grade 5* – Meets in designated classroom(s). Parents please pick-up children by 9:35 a.m. Sunday School includes instruction in the Holy Scripture and choral participation in Christian hymnody and song.

YOUTH CLASS ... *Grade 6-High School* – Topic: *The Epiphany of Our Lord*. Class meets in Fireside Room.

ADULT CLASS ... Topic: *“Advent's Event According to Saint Luke.”* Class meets in Parish Hall, and taught by Pastor D. Bestul.

COFFEE AND DONUTS in the Courtyard before and after Sunday worship services.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Mon: 9:30 am – **Church Office Closed**

Tue: 8:30 am – **Agnus Dei Lutheran Classical Academy** – Meets Tue-Fri

7:30 pm – **Bay Area Lutheran Young Adults Meeting** – Meets in Fireside Rm

Wed: 10:00 am – **Morning Chapel**

Thu: 10:30 am – **All Saints Bible Study** – Meets in Fireside Rm

Sat: 9:30 am – **Pack Away Christmas Decorations** – Meets in Sanctuary/Nave

Sun: 8:30 am – **Christian Education** (*See above for class meeting locations*)

10:00 am – **The Divine Service**

“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD” ...

◆ **For the HARD-OF-HEARING** ... Hearing-assistance devices available from the ushers.

[Those with pacemakers should check with physician before using devices]. Additionally,

◆ **For CHILDREN** ... A room from which the service can both be seen and heard is in the back of the sanctuary for children who may need it during the service.

PRIVATE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION ... If you'd like to schedule an appointment for private (individual) confession and absolution, please speak with one of the pastors.

REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS ... The Lord bids us pray for each other (1 Tim 2:1; Jms 5:16); therefore, we name in prayer: Jimmy Coffey, Greg Busch – former member (medical); Mai Pham, Mim Balzer, Willard Sievert, Joe Townsend, Stephen Herschbach (homebound, or otherwise unable to attend).

WORDS OF WISDOM ... “Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.” Proverbs 29:20

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ... If you purchased a poinsettia to adorn the chancel during the Christmas festivities, thank you. If you have yet to submit payment, checks (\$10/each poinsettia) may be made payable to “Lutheran Church of Our Savior,” and given to Heidi (Church Office). You may take your poinsettia after today’s service.

PACKING AWAY THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ... The time has come to pack away the Christmas decorations. Help needed: *This Saturday, January 10, 9:30-11:00 a.m.*

LWML MITES BOX ... The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) Mites Box will be in the narthex next Sunday to receive contributions for LWML projects.

LCOS 2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES ... LCOS offering envelopes for calendar year 2026 are found on a table in the Admin Wing hallway.

2025 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ... Statements reporting your tax-deductible contributions to LCOS for tax year 2025 will be available in sealed envelopes on the narthex cart by late January.

ANNUAL REPORTS ... The bylaws of Lutheran Church of Our Savior call for annual reports to be submitted by all organizations of the congregation. Therefore, chairmen of boards and committees (and leaders of other groups), please submit to the church office (for compilation) a report of your organization by Friday, January 23. Reports may be e-mailed to office@lcos.org. Thank you.

LCOS VOTERS ASSEMBLY QUARTERLY MEETING ... The January meeting of the LCOS Voters Assembly is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 7:30 p.m., in the Fireside Room. If voters are unable to attend due to illness or business travel, please notify the church office by 5:00 p.m. of January 27. Agenda items include presentation of Annual Report.

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER ... Through the years the Lord richly has blessed spiritually and materially members of Lutheran Church of Our Savior, and through their regular and extraordinary contributions (i.e., special gifts; estate planning) these have responded in gratitude, generously funding the ministry of the gospel near and far. Please prayerfully consider individual weekly and/or extraordinary giving that we may meet the present circumstances of funding the ministry of the gospel in our day. Thank you.

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY MORNING ... In preparation for next Sunday morn...
Occasion: The Baptism of Our Lord; *Lessons:* Isaiah 42:1-9, Romans 6:1-11, Matthew 3:13-17; *Hymn of the Day:* 407, “To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord.”

SERVING:	January 4	January 11
Ushers	D. Hall, T. Lung, A. Sacarellos	D. Bunsey, M. McThrow, I. Bestul
Crucifer	David Mitby	Acolyte Isaac Bestul
Torchbearers	Henry Mitby, Luukas Kiiski	
Altar Guild	Stephanie Bestul, Julie Gould	Barbara Bunsey, Denise Hankes
Comm. Music	Walter Mitby.	Walter Mitby
Counters	Team 2	Team 3
Greeters	David & Mary Carlson	Tim & Dana Marting