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LARGE PRINT HYMNALS & BULLETINS are in the back center pews as you enter.

The Sacrament of the Altar

Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church teaches and believes that through the body and blood of Jesus Christ, offered under bread and wine in the Lord's Supper, God gives to His children the forgiveness of sins. Since this is a sacred meal, Advent distributes the Lord's Supper to communicants who have been prepared to receive it.

If communing, please prepare using pp. 308, 329-330 found in the front of our Hymnal.

- **If you are a member at an LCMS parish**, please speak with one of our pastors beforehand so that they may greet you and inform you accordingly regarding our practice.
- **If you are a visitor** and have not been confirmed or hold to a confession of faith that differs from Advent and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, please refrain from receiving the Lord's Supper. You may come forward during Distribution to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.
- **Distribution** - If communing, at the appropriate time in the Divine Service, please approach the altar via the center aisle. When directed to a position at the rail, bow and kneel without waiting (you may also stand as needed). After you receive the Sacrament (or blessing), please stand, bow, and return to your pew via the side aisle. The final blessing will be made at the end of the distribution and the covering of the elements.

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Coffee & Donuts served every Sunday between the early and late service in the Fellowship Hall.

Join us for Sunday School & Bible Study Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall. We begin at 9:35am and conclude at 10:30am.

Advent Announcements

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The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer is included on the last two pages of this bulletin.

Flower Calendar

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THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Today's Readings:

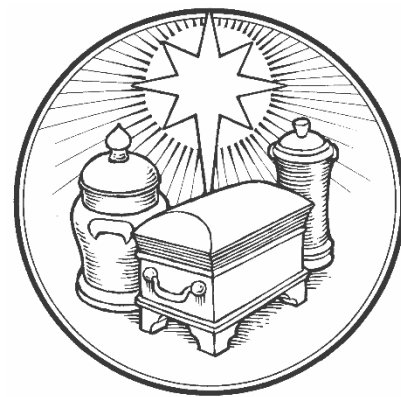
Isaiah 60:1–6

Ephesians 3:1–12

Matthew 2:1–12

The Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son

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. While 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). With gold they confess His royalty; with incense, His deity; and with myrrh, His priestly sacrifice (Matt. 2:11).



Hymn of the Day

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

LSB 395

Philipp Nicolai (1556–1608) was a pastor, poet and composer. He was a part of what is called the Meistersinger tradition, where both the text and the melody stem from the same artist. We know Nicolai best for his two hymns, “O Morning Star” and “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” (LSB 516). These two hymns are known as the Queen and King of Chorales. Nicolai’s work has inspired many of the world’s greatest musicians, especially J. S. Bach, who wrote famous cantatas based on these two hymns (BWV 1 and BWV 140). Nicolai lived and served at a time when sickness and disease were rampant, especially in the heat of a German summer. One of the roles that the pastor often played in these circumstances was to help his flock to realize that there is hope, that God has not abandoned them, and that they have a bright future in Christ. Nicolai did this well through his hymns and poetry.

In His Service Today:

- P** Rev. Marcus Mackay, Senior Pastor
A Rev. Aaron Schultz, Assoc. Pastor & Headmaster

Organist/Kantor: Phil Lehman
Choir Director: Deb Trewartha
Audio/Visual: Marc Mackay

8:15am

Greeter: Joann Whorwell

Altar Guild: Deborah Riedweg, Angela Turner

Ushers: Steve Vogtman, Don Thompson, Jacob Hopfensperger

Lay-Elder: Jon Silverberg

10:45am

Open

Margaret Halvorsen, Nancy Bussing

Eric Hodges, Nicholas Russell

Mike Mootz



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THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Divine Service starts on page 184 in the front of the hymnal.

Prelude & Tolling of Bells

Stand

Processional Hymn

Angels from the Realms of Glory

LSB 367

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|-----|--|-----|---|
| 1 | Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth. Refrain | 3 | Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations,
Ye have seen His natal star. Refrain |
| ref | Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the newborn King. | 4 | Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear. Refrain |
| 2 | Shepherds in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines the Infant Light. Refrain | △ 5 | All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One. Refrain |

Text (sts. 1, ref, 2-4): James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.; (st. 5): Salisbury Hymn Book, 1857, Salisbury, alt. Text: Public domain

Invocation, Confession and Absolution

LSB 184

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.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

[John 20:19-23]

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 72:1-2, 10-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text



A Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,*
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.

C Give the king your justice, | O God,*
and your righteousness to the | royal son!

- A** May he judge your people with | righteousness,*
and your poor with | justice!
- C** **May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him | tribute;***
may the kings of Sheba and Seba | bring gifts!
- A** May all kings fall down be- | fore him,*
all nations | serve him!
- C** **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- A** Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,*
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47 **LSB 186**

- C** Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

- P** Glory be to God on high:
C **and on earth peace, goodwill toward**
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee,
we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to
Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the
Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus
Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son
of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the
world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of
God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art
the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with
the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the
Father. Amen.

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**
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

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.**

Anthem: O Jesus, Grant Me Hope and Comfort, Johann Wolfgang Franck (1644-1710), arr.
Michael Burkhardt, St. James Music Press, 2025
O Jesus, grant me hope and comfort; O let me never in sorrow pine,

*My heart and soul, yea, all my being, O Jesus, trust alone in thee.
Thou Prince of Peace, thou Pearl from heaven, true God, true man, my Morning Star!
O come thou precious Sun most radiant, thy beams illumine my heart and soul.*

*O Jesus, with thy advent quiet my restless soul and anxious mind.
In true humility I welcome thee, Jesus Christ, my Joy divine.
My thoughts, desires, and all my longings I dedicate, O Christ to thee.
O come thou precious Sun most radiant, thy beams illumine my heart and soul.*

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.

Stand

Alleluia & Verse

Matthew 2:2b



A We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1–12

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

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 be to Thee, O Christ.

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.
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

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|--|--|
| 1 O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God's own truth and light,
Aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's race, King David's son,
Our Lord and master, You have won
Our hearts to serve You only!
Lowly, holy!
Great and glorious,
All victorious, Rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing! | 4 Almighty Father, in Your Son
You loved us when not yet begun
Was this old earth's foundation!
Your Son has ransomed us in love
To live in Him here and above:
This is Your great salvation.
Alleluia!
Christ the living,
To us giving Life forever,
Keeps us Yours and fails us never! |
| 2 Come, heav'nly Bridegroom, Light divine,
And deep within our hearts now shine;
There light a flame undying!
In Your one body let us be
As living branches of a tree,
Your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily
Earth's deep sadness
May perplex us And distress us,
Yet with heav'nly joy You bless us. | 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! |
| 3 Lord, when You look on us in love,
At once there falls from God above
A ray of purest pleasure.
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food.
You are our dearest treasure!
Let Your mercy
Warm and cheer us!
O draw near us! For You teach us
God's own love through You has reached us. | 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! |

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. *AmeSit*

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

- P** The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
C And with thy spirit.
P Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*
C We lift them up unto the Lord.
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *[Psalm 136]*
C It is meet and right so to do.
P It is truly meet, 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 *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

LSB 195

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9-13*

- P** 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.
C 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 Cor. 11:23-25*

LSB 197

- 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

LSB 197

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen. *John 20:19*

- ☐ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.
 Amen.

Sit

Distribution Hymn: What Child Is This**LSB 370**

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| <p>1 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!</p> <p>2 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,</p> | <p>The cross be borne for me, for you;
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
 The babe, the son of Mary!</p> <p>3 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!</p> |
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Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98 Text: Public domain**Distribution Hymn: O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is****LSB 372**

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| <p>1 O Jesus Christ,
 Thy manger is
 My paradise at which my soul reclineth.
 For there, O Lord,
 Doth lie the Word
 Made flesh for us; herein Thy grace forth
 shineth.</p> <p>2 He whom the sea
 And wind obey
 Doth come to serve the sinner in great
 meekness.
 Thou, God's own Son,
 With us art one,
 Dost join us and our children in our weakness.</p> <p>3 Thy light and grace
 Our guilt efface,
 Thy heav'nly riches all our loss retrieving.
 Immanuel,
 Thy birth doth quell
 The pow'r of hell and Satan's bold deceiving.</p> | <p>4 Thou Christian heart,
 Whoe'er thou art,
 Be of good cheer and let no sorrow move thee!
 For God's own Child,
 In mercy mild,
 Joins thee to Him; how greatly God must love
 thee!</p> <p>5 Remember thou
 What glory now
 The Lord prepared thee for all earthly sadness.
 The angel host
 Can never boast
 Of greater glory, greater bliss or gladness.</p> <p>6 The world may hold
 Her wealth and gold;
 But thou, my heart, keep Christ as thy true
 treasure.
 To Him hold fast
 Until at last
 A crown be thine and honor in full measure.</p> |
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Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941 Text: © 1941 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110017163**Distribution Hymn: Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning****LSB 400**

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|---|---|
| <p>1 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
 Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
 Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
 Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.</p> <p>2 Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining;
 Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
 Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,
 Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.</p> | <p>3 Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion,
 Fragrance of Edom and offerings divine,
 Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
 Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?</p> <p>4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
 Vainly with gifts would His favor secure.
 Richer by far is the heart's adoration;
 Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.</p> |
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5 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
 Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;

Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
 Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

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Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace and with great joy, your sins are forgiven.

C **Amen.**

Nunc Dimittis *Luke 2:29-32*

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
 for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of
 all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

Psalm 107:1

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 200

A 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.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

2 Timothy 4:22

Benedicamus & Benediction

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

Numbers 6:24-26

Recessional Hymn

As with Gladness Men of Old

LSB 397

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

4 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.

5 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.

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Postlude

The Congregation at Prayer

Epiphany – January 4, 2026

Catechism: Lord's Prayer—Seventh Petition and Conclusion

Verse of the week: Matthew 7:7-8 Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Daily Prayer – LSB pp 294-298 Pray and confess out loud **Daily Prayer – For Individuals and Families** as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Use the one appropriate for the time of day your devotion takes place. Include the Apostles Creed before The Lord's Prayer if the setting you regularly use does not include it so as to confess it daily. Learn by heart the catechism, and hymn of the week.

	Bible Narrative	Second Reading
SUN	Christmas 2: The Boy Jesus in the Temple—Luke 2:40-52	Numbers 6:22-27
MON	Purification of Mary & Presentation—Luke 2:21-24	Leviticus 12:1-8
TUE	Simeon and Anna Receive the Christ Child—Luke 2:25-40	Isaiah 60:1-6
WED	The Epiphany of Our Lord —Matthew 2:1-12	Numbers 24:15-19
THU	The Flight to Egypt & Slaughter of the Innocents—Matt. 2:13-23	Jeremiah 31:10-17
FRI	The Boy Jesus in the Temple—Luke 2:41-52	Deuteronomy 6:4-9
SAT	Baptism of Our Lord: Isaiah 42:1-9	Romans 6:1-11
Lectionary Readings		Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 24; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Psalm 24; antiphon: v. 7 Merciful Lord, I confess all my sins to You, trusting in Your promises. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Hymn of the Week: LSB 395 – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

The tune can be found on the web. Search "WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET"

Daily Psalms	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Morning	125, 126	128, 129	131, 132	135	137, 138	140, 141	144
Evening	127	130	133, 134	136	139	142, 143	145

Weekly Collect - 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.

Sun: Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for true and godly worship throughout the world; and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word.

Mon: Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for your calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for government; and for peace.

Tue: Pray for deliverance against temptation; for the addicted and the despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; and for those struggling with besetting sins.

Wed: Pray for marriage and family, that all may live together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; for parents who must rear their children alone; and for godly school, our church schools, and seminaries.

Thu: Pray for the Church and her pastors; for missionaries; and for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's body and blood.

Fri: Pray for the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for its spread throughout the whole world, especially in our community; and for the persecuted.

Sat: Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the sick and dying; for the revival for those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; and for receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.

Specific prayer requests can be found in the Advent Announcements that are emailed weekly.

Please contact the church office to be added to the Prayer List or to receive the email.

NEXT WEEK

**1st Sunday after
Epiphany**
January 11, 2026



Hymns:

402, 410, 624 – 523 – 936,
401

Texts:

1 Kings 8:6-13;
Ps. 50:1-15;
Romans 12:1-5;
Luke 2:41-52

TODAY

***Join us for Coffee, Donuts and
Conversation in the Fellowship Hall
between services!***

- 8:15am & 10:45am Divine Service
- 9:35am Sunday School
- 9:45am Bible Study

UPCOMING

Books & Beers- Jan. 8th
55+ Group- Jan. 14th
Women's Bible Study- Jan. 26th

Phase III Building Expansion

¹⁶But Jesus called them to him, saying,
“**Let the children come** to me, and do not hinder them,
for to such belongs the kingdom of God.”
-Luke 18:16



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