

Going into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him.

*The Epiphany of Our Lord
January 5th, Year of our Lord 2025*

The Reverend William Foy, Pastor

Order of Worship – Divine Service - Setting 3

Preludes -

Time for silent prayer and preparation for confession

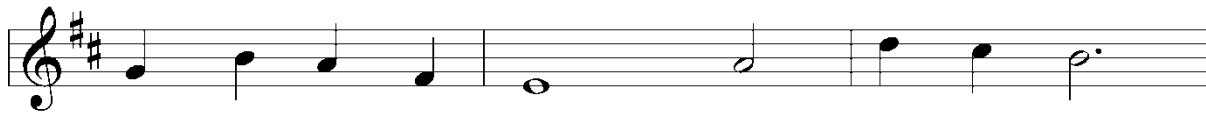
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Procession Hymn- O Savior of our fallen race

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1 O Sav - ior of our fall - en race,	O Bright - ness
2 O Je - sus, ver - y Light of Light,	Our con - stant
3 Re - mem - ber, Lord of life and grace,	How once, to
4 To - day, as year by year its light	Bathes all the
5 For from the Fa - ther's throne You came,	His ban - ished



of the Fa - ther's face, O Son who shared
 star in sin's deep night: Now hear the prayers
 save our fall - en race, You put our hu -
 world in ra - diance bright, One pre - cious truth
 chil - dren to re - claim; And earth and sea



the Fa - ther's might Be - fore the world knew
 Your peo - ple pray Through - out the world this
 man ves - ture on And came to us as
 out - shines the sun: Sal - va - tion comes from
 and sky re - vere The love of Him who



day or night, Al - le - lu - ia!
 ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Mar - y's son, Al - le - lu - ia!
 You a - lone, Al - le - lu - ia!
 sent You here, Al - le - lu - ia!

6 And we are jubilant today,
 For You have washed our
 guilt away. O hear the glad
 new song we sing On this,
 the birthday of our King!
 Alleluia!

7 O Christ, Redeemer virgin-
 born, Let songs of praise
 Your name adorn, Whom
 with the Father we adore
 And Holy Spirit evermore.
 Alleluia!

Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

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.

Please Kneel/Stand

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

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

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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.**

Absolution

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.

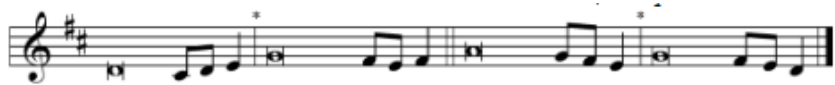
C Amen

Please Rise

Service of the Word

Introit (*Congregation chants the bold stanzas*)

Ps. 72:1–2, 10–11



Behold the Lord, the Rul- | er, has come,*
 and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in His hand.

P Give the King Your justice, | O God,*
 and Your righteousness to the | Royal Son!

C **May He judge Your people with | righteousness,*
 and Your poor with | justice!**

**May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands
 render Him | tribute;***

may the kings of Sheba and Seba | bring gifts!

P May all kings fall down be- | fore Him,*

all nations | serve Him!

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.

P Behold the Lord, the Rul- | er, has come,*
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are |
in His hand.

Kyrie

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Collect of the Day – *Prayed by the Pastor*

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.

Please be seated.

The 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.

Gradual - *Chanted by the Cantor*

Those from She- | ba shall come.*

They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring Good News, the
praises | of the LORD.

Arise, shine, for your | Light has come,*

and the glory of the LORD has risen up- | on you.

The Epistle:

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.

Please rise and face the procession as the Word of God enters into your midst.

Alleluia



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.

Nicene Creed

Please be seated.



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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Please rise.

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What we believe: The Sacrament of the Altar

We welcome to the Lord's Supper all those who are presently communicant members in good standing of Prince of Peace. If you have never received Holy Communion at Prince of Peace from Pastor Foy, please see him before you commune. Thank you

Distribution

Before receiving the Sacrament

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed. I will take up the cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord. (Matt.8:8; Ps.116:13)

After receiving the Sacrament

I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me. (Gal.2:20)

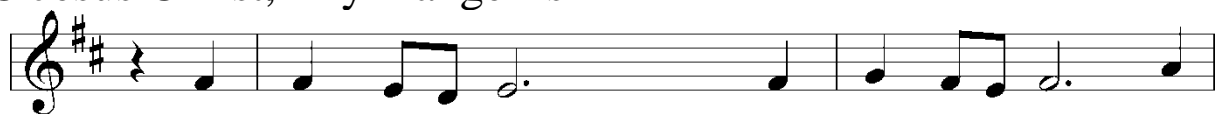
What we have received with our mouths, O Lord, let us keep with faithful hearts, that this Gift given us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation. Amen.

Abide with us, O Lord, that we may abide in You until the end; let not sin and need separate us from You, until we, through the strength of Your Holy Sacrament, enter into heaven and eternal blessing. Amen.

Distribution Hymns – 1st sung prior to distribution

O Jesus Christ, Thy manger is

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1 O	Je - sus	Christ,	Thy	man - ger	is	My
2 He	whom	the	sea	And	wind	o - bey
3 Thy	light	and	grace	Our	guilt	ef - face,
4 Thou	Chris - tian	heart,	Who - e'er	thou	art,	Be



par - a - dise	at	which	my	soul	re - clin - eth.		
come	to	serve	the	sin - ner	in	great	meeK - ness.
heav'n - ly	rich - es	all	our	loss	re - triev - ing.		
of	good	cheer	and	let	no	sor - row	move thee!



For	there,	O	Lord,	Doth	lie	the	Word	Made
Thou,	God's	own	Son,	With	us	art	one,	Dost
Im - man - u - el,	Thy	birth	doth	quell	The			
For	God's	own	Child,	In	mer - cy	mild,	Joins	



flesh for us; here - in Thy grace forth shin - eth.
 join us and our chil - dren in our weak - ness.
 pow'r of hell and Sa - tan's bold de - ceiv - ing.
 thee to Him; how great - ly God must love thee!

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.

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.

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



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.

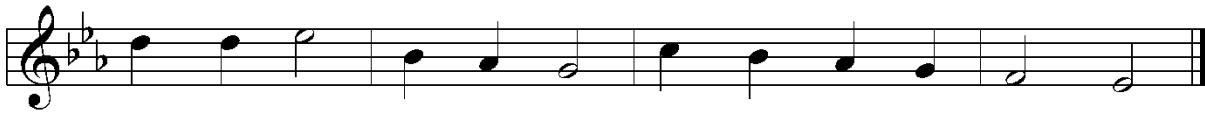
All my heart rejoices



1 All my heart a - gain re - joic - es As I hear Far and near
 2 Hear! The Con - quer - or has spo - ken: "Now the foe, Sin and woe,
 3 Should we fear our God's dis - plea - sure, Who, to save, Free - ly gave
 4 See the Lamb, our sin once tak - ing To the cross, Suf - f'ring loss,



Sweet - est an - gel voic - es. "Christ is born!" their choirs are sing - ing
 Death and hell are bro - ken!" God is man, man to de - liv - er,
 His most pre - cious trea - sure? To re - deem us He has giv - en
 Full a - tone - ment mak - ing. For our life His own He ten - ders,



Till the air Ev - 'ry - where Now with joy is ring - ing.
 And the Son Now is one With our blood for - ev - er.
 His own Son From the throne Of His might in heav - en.
 And His grace All our race Fit for glo - ry ren - ders.

5 Softly from His lowly manger Jesus calls One and all, "You are safe from danger. Children, from the sins that grieve you You are freed; All you need I will surely give you."

6 Come, then, banish all your sadness! One and all, Great and small, Come with songs of gladness. We shall live with Him forever There on high In that joy Which will vanish never.

Please rise.

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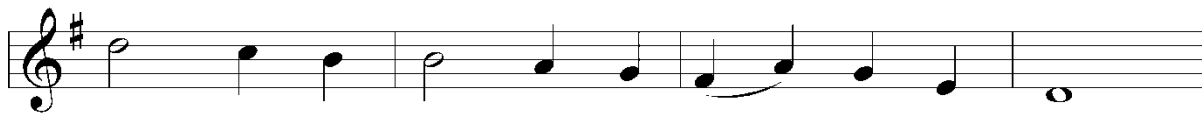
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Closing Hymn– Brightest and best of the stars

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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,



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.



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;



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.

- 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.

Altar Flowers The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in Thanksgiving that He humble Himself and became man to redeem us.

Please Help: I will be taking the decorations off the trees and putting everything away. I will begin on Tuesday, the day after the Epiphany of our Lord. Thank you in advance. Pastor

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES: Your new offering envelopes for 2025 are on the table by the Christmas tree when you come in. Please pick them up today. Thank you.

JANUARY POTLUCK: TODAY: Please join us for our monthly potluck Today January 5th following our Worship Service. Beverages and tableware will be provided

The 2025 Flower Chart: is available to reserve a Sunday to place flowers on the altar for anniversaries, birthdays, in memory of loved ones etc. The Flower chart is located in the Narthex. The vases are taken to any florist most members use the floral dept at Stracks on Hwy 30.

Eggs for sale: There will be eggs available for purchase **periodically** in the kitchen refrigerator. They are donated to the ladies guild to sell for LWML. **Sorry, they are not free.** Please give at least \$2 for a dozen into the box on the kitchen counter. Only take one dozen. If you get one make certain others get one before you take another.
Pastor

Lutheran World Relief personal care kits. We will continue to collect items for the Lutheran World Relief Personal Care kits throughout the year. A donation box is located in Pastor's former office.

Items needed new dark colored bath towels, nail clippers, tooth brushes, bars of bath soap & sturdy combs. Items may be placed in the box located in Pastor's former office off the Narthex.

Seminary Gift Emporium We will also continue to collect money for gift cards for the Seminary Gift Emporium throughout the year. A jar is located by the flower chart in the Narthex. Even an occasional dollar would help purchase gift cards for the Seminary Students.

Coffee Hour: Please make a small donation for the goodies you eat. Thank you.

SUNDAY - Bible Study: We are studying the Acts of the Apostles” after the Divine Service, in the Parish Hall. We begin at 10:45 going to 11:30 each Sunday morning. Thank you. Pastor Foy

For the coming Week

Organist: Jennifer Symer **Elders:** Josh, Carl, Jeff, Paul

Altar Guild Servers: Cheryl, Shirley, Deb

Morning Divine Service: Monday & Wednesday 11:00 am

Weekday Bible Study: Wednesday 11:45

Bethesda Services: Wednesday 4:00 pm

Veterans: Tuesday 7:00 pm

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PRAYERS FOR:

- Persecuted Christians everywhere and families of the martyred
- All human life – from conception unto natural death
- All humans who are trafficked or enslaved

PRAYER FOR SHUT-INS: Kathy Hegenow, Mike Foy, Darlene McDonald,
Penny Robinson

THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Craig McCall, Seneca Newkirk

PRAYER FOR HEALING:

Bonnie Broviak- Dr Care	Pat Maile – Dr Care
Jim Brown- Remission	Dave McCall – Drs Care
Penny Robinson – Drs care	Robert Sprout - Cancer
Shannon Callahan -Dr Care	Kathy Hegenow – Broken arm
Bill Lomas – Lung issues	Ellen Strutz – Cancer
Jo Thompson – Cancer	Mary Cruz – ALS
Carlie Lawal - Remission	Betty Sut - Cancer
Jason Matney – Drs care	Marilyn Skinner – Cancer

Please give the Church Office updates Thank you Pastor

THOSE EXPECTING A CHILD

Leslie Dorulla – March 2025 Racquel Scheub January 2025

THOSE CELEBRATING BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Mason Mowbray 1/9

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Jacob Scheub 1/6 Brandon Winars 1/6 Bob Scheub 1/11 Ryan Griechen 1/11

THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

"The love of husband and wife is the force that welds society together." - St. John Chrysostom, Homily 20 on Eph. 5

Chrismon Corner **The Epiphany of Our Lord**

Gospel Text – Matthew 2:1–12



Epiphany Star - The Magi's journey to the Christ is not unlike your journey in Christ. Sickness, death, job loss, family difficulties, various personal hardships, crosses, and trials seem to the world to be evidences that God is not with us. Quite the contrary, these prove that God must be with us. For if He were as distant as the devil and the world would have us believe, we would certainly perish. But His promise leads us. He has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

The Star leads the Magi directly to Christ. It leads them to Life Himself, to the Savior and Righteousness of God that they were seeking. That star is the Holy Spirit who proceeds from the Father and the Son so that He might lead us by faith in the Son and enkindle in us a holy and certain hope.

What's encouraging for us is that the Magi represent all of us Gentiles. They have received nothing more extraordinary or spectacular than we have received. In fact, we have more. For when the Father by the Spirit leads them to Christ Jesus, all they can do is present gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Fine gifts indeed, but not worthy to be compared with the gift we receive when the Father by the same Spirit led us to Christ Jesus. For in our Holy Baptism, the riches of heaven were bestowed upon us in the forgiveness of sins. In the Holy Supper we have the divine Savior given to us under bread and wine. The epiphany is being re-enacted once again. Only now we are in the place of the Magi. And instead of leaving gifts before the infant Jesus, we receive from Him the gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. For in His Holy Body and precious Blood is the forgiveness of sins, and where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

Epiphany is the story of how the Father, by the Spirit, leads you to Christ Jesus in the Holy Sacrament so that, during the Sacrament of the Altar, you might come, kneel down, adore, and receive Him, Christ the Lord.