

The Epiphany of Our Lord

January 4, 2026

9:00 am

Divine Service 3

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Hymn – *As with Gladness Men of Old*

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Introit

I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of
uprightness;
you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your
companions;

your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

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

I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

Kyrie

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Salutation and 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.**

The First Reading – *Isaiah 60:1-6*

The Gradual

Praise the Lord, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

The Epistle – *Ephesians 3:1-12*

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Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, 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.

Ephesians 3:1-12

For 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.

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, 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.

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In the Sacrament of the Altar we receive, as Christ says, His true body and His true blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come to the Lord's Supper at this altar, are those who: 1 **Repent** of their sins, and earnestly seek to live according to God's will. 2 **Trust** the Word of Christ that His body and blood are truly present and received here for forgiveness. 3 **Confess** the faith of the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod, as a member of this congregation or a member of another LCMS congregation. If you have questions about our communion practice, please speak to the pastor or an elder.