



Epiphany of Our Lord

Tuesday, January 6, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

 - congregation stands.  - congregation sits.  - congregation kneels.
 - congregation sings. Congregation responds in **bold** print.

Reminders in Preparation for Service:

- Please sign the red record of fellowship book to keep our records up to date.
- Out of respect for God's house and for those preparing for service, please maintain a quiet atmosphere prior to service by holding conversations in the narthex.
- While corporate confession and absolution is present at most services, if you would like to meet with Pastor privately, please speak with him to schedule a time for confession.
- Children are welcomed into our service and encouraged to participate with the rest of the congregation. If they do need some "wiggle room," you may move to the Wiggle Room (located in the narthex area), until they are ready to return to the service.

Visitors and Guests: Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are blessed to have you with us.

- While most of what you will need for service is found in this service folder, if the indication LSB appears, it refers to the Lutheran Service Book, which is found in the hymnal rack on the back of the pew in front of you.
- Please speak with Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. If you do not have the opportunity before service begins, you are welcome to receive a blessing during communion. Please indicate this desire by crossing your arms during the distribution of the sacrament.

College Students: Please let us know how we can assist you during your time away from home. Be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor or Deaconess before leaving and indicate your university and contact information in the red record of fellowship book.

Pre-Service Music "Three Kings Fantasy" - G. Sewell

Order of Service

(Divine Service - 3, beginning on p. 184 of *Lutheran Service Book*)

HYMN: "O Jesus, King of Glory" - *The Lutheran Hymnal* #130



1. O Je - sus, King of glo - ry, Both Da - vid's Lord and son!

2. The east - ern Ma - gi com - ing Their gifts of love to bring,
3. You are a might - y mon - arch, As by Your Word is told,
5. Then let Your Word with - in me Shine as the fair - est star;



Your rule en - dures for - ev - er; In heav - en is Your throne
Bear wit - ness to Your glo - ry And wor - ship You their King.

And yet you care but lit - tle For earth - ly goods or gold.
Keep sin and all false doc - trine For - ev - er from me far.



Help that in earth's do - min - ions From pole to earth - est pole,
To You the star is point - ing And the pro - phe - tic Word;

You do not come dis - play - ing Your pow - er and re - noun.
Help me con - fess You tru - ly And with all Chris - ten - dom



Your reign may spread sal - va - tion To each be - night - ed soul.
So joy - ous - ly we hail You: Our Sav - ior and our Lord.

You dwell in no high cas - tle; You wear no jew - eled crown.
Here hail You King and Sav - ior And in the world to come.

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION

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.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

 O almighty God, merciful Father,

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve 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.

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 Ghost.

Amen.



INTROIT

(Psalm 72:11, 1-2, 12-14, 17)



All kings will bow | down to Him
and all nations will | serve Him.

**Endow the King with Your justice, | O God,
the royal Son with Your | righteousness.**

He will judge Your people in | righteousness,
Your afflicted ones with | justice.

For He will deliver the needy who | cry out,
the afflicted who have no | one to help.

He will take pity on the weak and the | needy
and save the needy | from death.

He will rescue them from oppression and | violence
for precious is their blood | in His sight.

May His name endure for- | ever;
may it continue as long | as the sun.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



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.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Adult Choir: "There Shall a Star From Jacob Come Forth" from *Christus*
- Felix Mendelssohn, ed. and arr. John Leavitt

*There shall a star from Jacob come forth
and a sceptre from Israel rise up.
And dash in pieces princes and nations*

*How brightly shines the morning star
With radiance gleaming from afar,
With light and comfort glowing!
Thy Word, Jesus,
Inly feeds us, Truly leads us, Life bestowing
Praise, oh praise, such love o'erflowing.*

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Gospel Verse

C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

Matthew 2:2b

(Repeat alleluias)

The Holy Gospel, according to St Matthew, the second chapter:
Glory to You, O Lord

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CHURCH YEAR

(Following the ancient practice of the church to announce the liturgical calendar on the Feast of the Epiphany)

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: "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning" - LSB #400

SERMON: Pastor Joshua Errer

Gathering of the Offering

Faith members willingly support the ministry of this congregation with their tithes and offerings. Visitors are always welcomed as our guests, so please do not feel obligated to contribute. During the gathering of the offering we ask that the registration in the red folder located at the end of each pew be passed down and filled out by visitors and members. Visitors, please remember to include contact information if you are interested in knowing more about Faith.

Scan to Give



Adult Choir: "From Heaven Above" - arr. Bradley Norris

1. <i>From heav'n above to earth I come To bear good news to ev'ry home; Glad tidings of great joy I bring, To all the world and gladly sing:</i>	2. <i>"To you this night is born a child Of Mary, chosen virgin mild; This newborn child, of lowly birth, Shall be the joy of all the earth."</i>
3. <i>This is the Christ, God's Son Most High, Who hears you sad and bitter cry; He will Himself your Savior be And from all sins will set you free.</i>	4. <i>The blessing that the Father planned The Son holds in His infant hand, That in His kingdom bright and fair, You may with us, His glory share"</i>



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

† SACRAMENT †
(*Lutheran Service Book*, p. 194)

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) recognizes and respects the differences in beliefs regarding the nature and confession of Holy Communion and therefore holds to the Biblical practice of closed communion. We believe Christ's body and blood is being distributed with the bread and wine during the Lord's Supper. This is Christ's gift given for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of faith, and for the public confession of what we believe and teach. Since it is possible to receive the Lord's Supper sinfully and to your detriment, we ask that you speak with the pastor prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

♪ 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

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

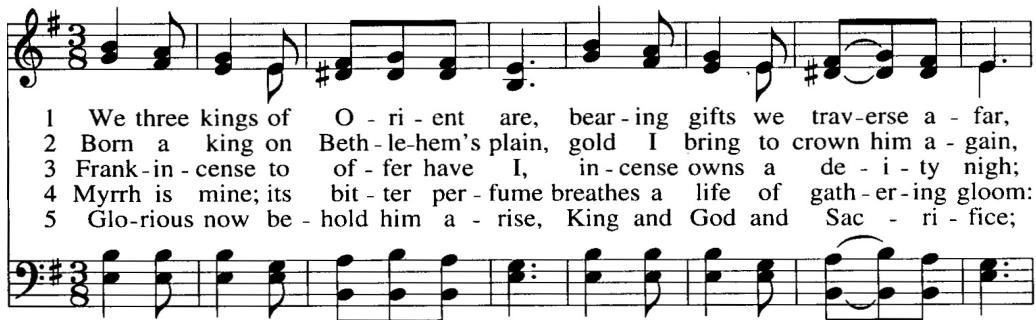
The peace of the Lord be with you always!
♪ Amen.

AGNUS DEI

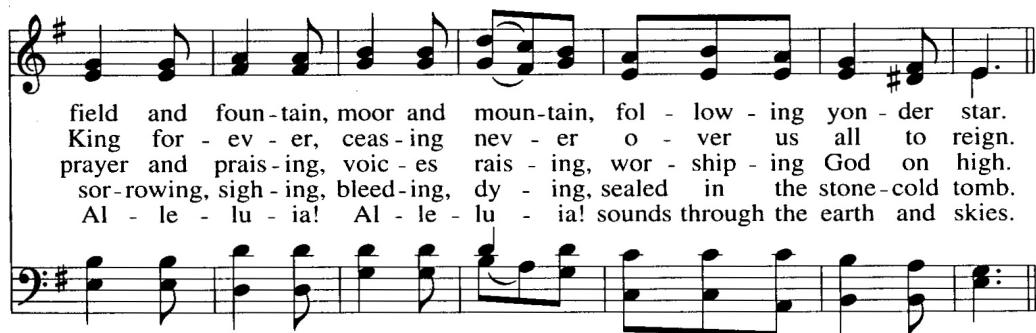
♪ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"We Three Kings"



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing gifts we trav - erse a - far,
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I, in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom:
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;



field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
prayer and prais - ing, voic - es rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God on high.
sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain



O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

HYMN: "The First Noel"

1. The first Noel the angel did say
 was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
 on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.**

2. They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave a great light
and so it continued both day and night. (Refrain)
3. And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country afar;
To seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. (Refrain)
4. This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay. (Refrain)
5. Then entered in those wise men three
full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. (Refrain)
6. Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought. (Refrain)

The author of "The First Noel" is unknown. The carol is likely to be much older than its first publication in London in 1822. The word noel and the English variant nowell derive from the Latin natalis meaning birthday and has been used as a joyful Christmas greeting. The tune comes from an unknown source in the west of England. Due to its melodic characteristics, especially ending on the third scale step, some scholars have theorized that the tune may be a descendant to another tune, now lost.

“Arise and Shine in Splendor” - LSB #396

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” - LSB #398

NUNC DIMITTIS

i **Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation; which Thou has 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.**

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

¶ And His mercy endureth forever.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

¶ Amen.

The Lord be with you.

¶ And with thy spirit.

Bless we the Lord.

¶ Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

¶ Amen, Amen, Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

HYMN: “Watchmen Tell Us of the Night” - *The Lutheran Hymnal* #71



1 Watch - man, tell us of the night, What its signs of prom-ise are.
2 Watch - man, tell us of the night; High - er yet that star as-cends.
3 Watch - man, tell us of the night, For the morn-ing seems to dawn.



Trav - 'ler, o'er yon moun-tain's height, See that glo - ry - beam - ing star.
Trav - 'ler, bless - ed - ness and light, Peace and truth, its course por - tends.
Trav - 'ler, dark - ness takes its flight; Doubt and ter - ror are with - drawn.



Watch - man, doth its beau - teous ray Aught of joy or hope fore - tell?
Watch - man, will its beams a - lone Gild the spot that gave them birth?
Watch - man, let thy wan - d'rings cease; Hie thee to thy qui - et home.



Trav - 'ler, yes; it brings the day, Prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.
Trav - 'ler, a - ges are its own; See, it bursts o'er all the earth.
Trav - 'ler, lo, the Prince of Peace, Lo, the Son of God, is come!

Postlude “How Lovely Shines the Morning Star” - setting by Mark Sedio

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