

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD (DIVINE SERVICE 4)

JANUARY 7, 2024
8:00 AND 11:00

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PRAYER UPON ENTERING

Answer me when I call to You, O my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; be merciful to me and hear my prayer. How long, O LORD, will people turn Your glory into shame? How long will they love delusions and seek false gods? LORD, You have set apart the godly for Yourself; You will hear when I call. Let the light of Your face shine upon us, O LORD. I will lie down and sleep in peace, for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety. Amen.

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD (Matthew 2:1-12) For over 1,700 years, January 6th has been observed in the Christian Church as a festival celebrating the Epiphany (or the manifestation) of our Lord Jesus Christ to the non-Jewish world. Jesus' birth was not only proclaimed to the children of Israel, but also to the Gentiles. In the visit of the wise men from the east, the Savior of the world is adored and worshiped by "foreign dignitaries". As Saint Matthew reports: *When (the wise men) 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. (Matthew 2:10-11)* This Sunday, the Light of Bethlehem reaches throughout the world. As Isaiah declares: *Nations will come to Your Light. (Isaiah 60:3)*

Today we thank God that all nations are included in God's plan of salvation—even "foreigners" such as you and me. In England, the King will make offerings of gold, frankincense and myrrh in the Chapel Royal this Tuesday, while congregations from six continents will hold special midweek worship services to give thanks and praise for the appearance of our Lord and Savior. As we regularly sing in the Song of Simeon: *"Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy Word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to thy people Israel."* (Luke 2:29-32)



TODAY WE WELCOME REV. SETH MOORMAN

Rev. Seth Moorman served as a parish pastor for 18 years at Bethany Lutheran in Long Beach, California, where he and his family still live. He now works for 1517 (www.1517.org), a nonprofit that creates and distributes theological material that seeks to declare and defend the good news that you are forgiven and free on account of Christ alone. He is married to Jill, and they have two daughters, Marissa and Mariah. Seth is a graduate of the Cross-Cultural Ministry Center at Concordia University Irvine, where he received a master's degree in theology and culture. His pastoral certification is from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO. He loves to travel, watch sports (especially baseball), and be immersed in the Star Wars universe.

PRELUDE

OPENING VERSE

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.

Cong.: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

(Psalm 118:24)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

Cong.: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

HYMN

“The Star Proclaims the King Is Here” [LSB hymn 399]



1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,
2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far And fol - lowed
3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood The heav'n - ly
4 And oh, what mir - a - cle di - vine, When wa - ter
Δ 5 For this Thy glad e - piph - a - ny All glo - ry,
why this sense - less fear? For He who of - fers heav'n - ly
on His guid - ing star; And, led by light, to light they
Lamb in meek - ness stood That He, of whom no sin was
red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it
Je - sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -
birth Seeks not the king - doms of this earth.
trod And by their gifts con - fessed their God.
known, Might cleanse His peo - ple from their own.
flowed In streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.
dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong.: Amen.

(Matthew 28:19b)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Cong.: who made heaven and earth.

(Psalm 124:8)

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

Cong.: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

(Psalm 130:3-4)

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(Luke 18:13b)

Cong.: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: 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.

Cong.: Amen.

(John 20:19-23)

☩ SERVICE OF THE WORD ☩

INTROIT

(Psalm 45:6-8a; *antiphon*: Psalm 45:17)

Pastor: 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.

**Cong.: 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.**

**All: 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.**

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

KYRIE

(Mark 10:47)



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)



C 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-shipped 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.

SALUTATION

(2 Timothy 4:22)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong.: And with your spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Cong.: Amen.

Sit

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Elder: The Lord be with you.

Cong.: And also with you.

Old Testament Reading (page 619 in the pew Bibles)

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.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Epistle (page 977 in the pew Bibles)

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.

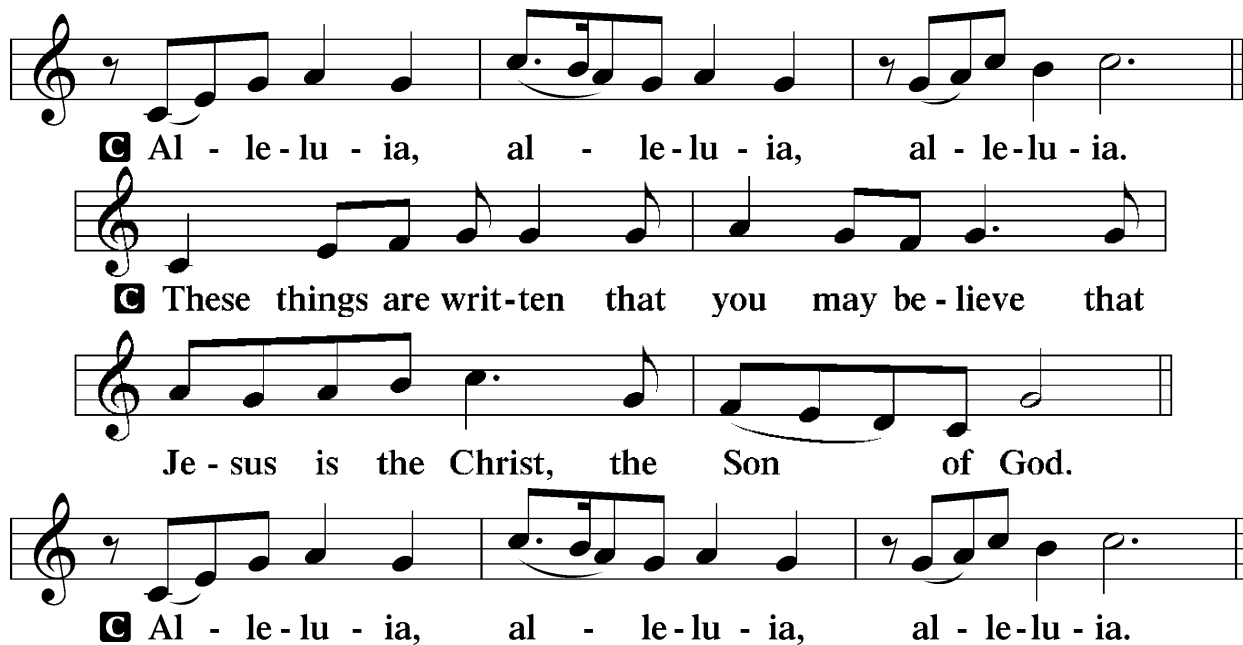
Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is 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.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

(John 20:31)

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

Cong: Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel (page 807 in the pew Bibles)

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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Cong: Praise to You, O Christ.

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**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 hymn 395]



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!



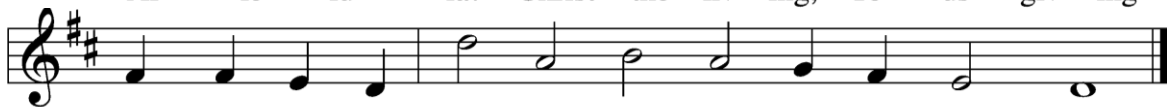
Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -
 In Your one bod - y let us be As liv - ing branch -
 Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him



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!

SERMON
“The Greatest Gift!”
Matthew 2:10-11
(Pastor Seth Moorman)

OFFERTORY

(Psalm 51:10-12)

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

OFFERING

You may place your offering in the plate as you exit the service.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

Pastor: *Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.*

Almighty God enthroned forever, You love righteousness and hate wickedness. For our sakes, You sent Your only begotten Son to suffer the wages of our sin, that we might be holy in Your sight. As You have poured grace and salvation upon us, so anoint us also with the oil of gladness and the hope of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Holy God, eternal Light, You made Paul a minister according to the gift of Your grace. Embolden our pastors to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. Open our ears to hear and our hearts to believe their message that the King of kings has given His life for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You prepared a place for Your Son, Jesus, in the womb of the Virgin Mary and in the home of Mary and Joseph. Bless our homes and all who dwell in them, that Your Word would be heard and Your mercy be shown therein. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, bring an end to all threats of violence. Raise up leaders who will act with integrity, pursue justice and follow Your commands. Grant to all people the blessings of food, shelter, medical care and safety, and sustain those whose duty it is to protect and defend. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give to the afflicted Your comforting presence, relief in their suffering and healing according to Your will. Sustain Your servants who trust in You *especially*.... Give hope to the weary and peace to the dying. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord God, You brought the Magi of old to worship Your Son, Jesus, and so You have brought us to worship Him also. Receive our gifts and give us Christ in His body and blood, that we may return home according to Your holy way. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You have anointed Your Son to be our Savior and have established His throne forever and ever. Grant that we who are called by His name would see His reign spread among all nations; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠ PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong.: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Cong.: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Cong.: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: 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 singing:

SANCTUS

(Isaiah 6:3; Mathew 21:9)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6: 9-13)

**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 OUR LORD

(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22: 19-20; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-25)

Pastor: 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

(John 20:19)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Cong.: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

(John 1: 29)

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this altar in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor of this congregation. For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff, 10:32ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

What actually is the Lord's Supper?

The Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) should be received, after proper instruction and preparation, in the sure and certain confidence that Jesus Christ is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine to forgive the sin of all who receive him in repentance (according to 1Corinthians 10:14-17; 11:17-33; Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-30). Please review the questions on pages 326-27 and 329-330 in the front part of "Lutheran Service Book" for a proper understanding of this holy meal.

Who may properly come to the Lord's Supper?

You are invited to receive Christ's true body and blood if you:

- ☐ have been Baptized into the name of the Triune God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit);
- ☐ repent of your sin against God and recognize your need to forgive others as God has forgiven you;
- ☐ put your trust in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation;
- ☐ are old enough to examine your own faith and life (according to 1Corinthians 11:27-32);
- ☐ believe in the words of Jesus himself when he declares that his Body and Blood are truly present in, with and under the bread and wine, offering life, salvation and the forgiveness of sins;
- ☐ sincerely intend to live a God-pleasing life in accordance with God's will as revealed in the Bible;
- ☐ have received instruction about the Supper at a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation.

I now come to the Lord's Table having read, understood and agreed with these beliefs.

PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNING

*Almighty Lord Jesus Christ,
as often as I shall come
to Your holy table to refresh my spirit,
I pray You to make me,
unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace;
impure as I am, to make me clean;
naked as I am, to clothe me,
so that Your body, so full of divine power,
and Your most precious blood may not become for me, Your servant,
the occasion for judgment or punishment,
but a memorial of the death You underwent for me,
a strengthening of my faith,
a proof of the taking away of my sins,
a bond of closer union with You and Your people,
an increase of holiness,
the basis of a glad resurrection,
and a pledge of everlasting life. Amen.*

DISTRIBUTION

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed" [LSB hymn 398]



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;
 5 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on His throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
 To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;
 Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.
 All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.
 From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
 To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,
 Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;
 To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;
 The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.
 Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.
 And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.
 His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A kingdom with - out end.
 His name shall stand for - ev - er— That name to us is Love.

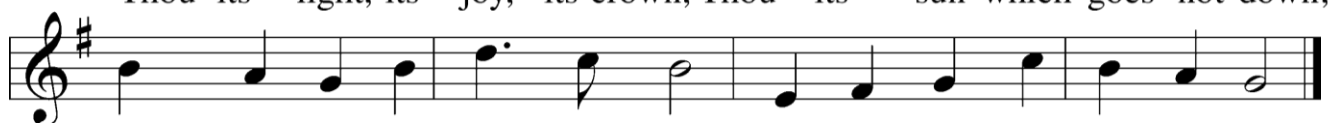
“As with Gladness Men of Old” [LSB hymn 397]



- 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;

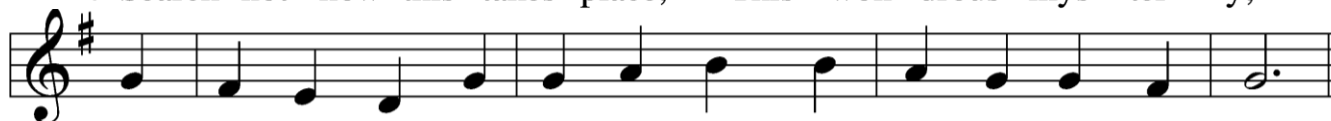


So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.
 So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.
 All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.
 There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias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

“Your Table I Approach” [LSB hymn 628]



- 1 Your ta-ble I ap-proach; Dear Sav-ior, hear my prayer.
- 2 Lord, I con-fess my sins And mourn their wretch-ed bands;
- 3 Your bod-y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
- 4 Search not how this takes place, This won-drous mys-ter-y;



Let not an un-re-pen-tant heart Prove hurt-ful to me there.
 A con-trite heart is sure to find For-give-ness at Your hands.
 Are tak-en at Your ta-ble, Lord, In blest re-al-i-ty.
 God can ac-com-plish vast-ly more Than what we think could be.

- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,
 That earth and hell combined
 May not about this sacrament
 Raise doubt within my mind.

- 6 Oh, may I never fail
 To thank You day and night
 For Your true body and true blood,
 O God, my peace and light.

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

(Luke 2:29-32)



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

(Psalm 103:1)

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

(Numbers 6: 24-26)

Pastor: 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 His peace.

Cong.: Amen.

HYMN OF THE MONTH

“Within the Father’s House” [LSB hymn 410]



1 With - in the Fa - ther's house The Son has found His home,
2 The doc - tors of the Law Gaze on the won - drous child
3 Yet not to them is giv'n The might - y truth to know,
4 The se - cret of the Lord Es - capes each hu - man eye,



And to His tem - ple sud - den - ly The Lord of life has come.
And mar - vel at His gra - cious words Of wis - dom un - de - filed.
To lift the earth - ly veil that hides In - car - nate God be - low.
And faith - ful pon - d'ring hearts a - wait The full e - piph - a - ny.

5 Lord, visit Thou our souls
And teach us by Thy grace
Each dim revealing of Thyself
With loving awe to trace

△ 6 Till we behold Thy face
And know as we are known
Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Coequal Three in One.

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

(Psalm 103:1)

POSTLUDE

SERVING OUR LORD AND HIS PEOPLE TODAY

	<i>8:00 Service</i>	<i>11:00 Service</i>
Acolytes:	Ryker Deen	Miriah Evans
Ushers:	Kevin Woodbury	Gary Yudin
	Ron Smith	James Burns
Elders/Readers:	Reinhard Stenzel	Manny Flores
	Dan Rugg	Brian Viers
Organist:	Adam Volkert	
Altar Guild:	Chris Ohlendorf, Marie Jurenka, Margaret Button, Mary Tesmer	

LAST SUNDAY WE PRAYED FOR:

HEALING Please pray for Larry Mickelson. He is still unable to walk and the pain is intense. Minda Hoffman, friend of Donna Dehne has stage 4 cancer and is starting chemo treatment. Prayers for healing.

THANKSGIVING I love you God! You are the best God! Tell Ali that I love her. From Natalie Z.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS: Marsha Anderson 1/7; Donald Dodge 1/8; Ron Wuckert 1/10; George Tisler 1/13

THIS WEEK'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Paul T. & Heather Jurenka 1/9

THIS WEEK'S BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS: Laurie Hansen 1/8

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NEWS AND NOTES

JANUARY 7, 2024

Opportunities This Week To Serve Our Lord And Our Neighbor

7 Sunday	<i>The Epiphany of Our Lord</i>	
	Divine Service	8:00 & 11:00 AM
	Guest Pastor Seth Moorman	
	Youth Bake Sale	9:00 - 11:00 AM
	Sunday School/Confirmation Classes	9:30 AM
	Adult Bible Study “Why Epiphany Matters-A Study of Matthew 2” (in the Sanctuary with Pastor Moorman)	9:30 AM
	NEW Information Class “A Simple Explanation of Lutheranism” (in the Music Room with Rick Ritchie)	9:30 AM
	Sunday School & Youth Brunch Bunch	10:30 AM
	<i>Pastor Tom & Karen Miller are out of town through Jan. 13</i>	
8 Monday	Church Office Closed	
	Al Anon	10:00 AM
	Boy Scouts	7:00 PM
	Celestial Ringers	7:00 PM
9 Tuesday	Preschool Chapel	9:30 AM
	Christian Hospitality	5:00 PM
	Un-decorate the Church	6:00 PM
	Al Anon	6:00 PM
10 Wednesday		
11 Thursday	Preschool Board Meeting	6:30 PM
	Council Meeting	7:30 PM
12 Friday	Preschool Chapel	9:30 AM
13 Saturday	Breakfast Bible Study with Pastor Mark Jasa	8:30/9:00 AM
	Sewing Group	9:30 AM-5:00 PM
	Elder Retreat	10:30 AM-4:00 PM
14 Sunday	<i>The Baptism of Our Lord</i>	
	Divine Service	8:00 & 11:00 AM
	Sunday School/Confirmation Classes	9:30 AM
	Adult Bible Study “The Screwtape Letters” (in the Sanctuary with Karen Miller)	9:30 AM
	NEW Information Class A Simple Explanation of Lutheranism (in the Music Room with Rick Ritchie)	9:30 AM

For Further Information Please Call the Church Office at 714-846-6330

Church Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM / 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Preschool Office Hours: Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM

BIBLE STUDIES

“Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of Christ” (Romans 10:17)

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

“Why Epiphany Matters-A Study of Matthew 2” (9:30 AM with Pastor Moorman in the Sanctuary)

REDEEMER’S STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday’s Attendance: 112

*God has given each of us gifts and calls us in 1 Peter 4:10,11 to
“use them to serve one another that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ”.*



SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP Isaiah 60:6 “They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.” Faith in God moves the heart toward thanksgiving, which moves us toward making offerings to the Lord in His house. It’s simply what Christians do: Our thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us simply must overflow into sacrificial giving to the Lord. What Isaiah prophesied, the Wise Men did, and we still do today: we give with a thankful heart.

AROUND REDEEMER

WORSHIP SERVICES AT REDEEMER are offered in our Sanctuary on Sundays at 8:00 and 11:00 AM and available online at 8:00 AM on www.facebook.com/RedeemerLutheranHB/ as a Facebook live stream, and accessible from www.redeemer-lutheran.net. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM for Sunday School.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL the lesson is **“God Creates the World.”** During the week, point out to your children some of the wonderful things in our world God made and praise Him for these creations. Consider asking, *“How did God create the world? What is your favorite part of God’s creation?”*

YOUTH BAKE SALE to raise money for their ski trip. Today, January 7 between service and Sunday, January 21st after each service and before the voters meeting. Please support our youth.

BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY January 13th our speaker will be Rev. Mark Jasa.

IMPORTANT VOTERS MEETING Redeemer members are encouraged to attend the Voters Assembly on January 21st at 1:00 PM.

NEW INFORMATION CLASS Starting January 7th for 6 weeks. We will be having a class explaining **“A Simple Explanation of Lutheranism”** for anyone one who is interested in membership and knowing what we believe. Rick Ritchie will be leading the class on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in the music room.

UNDECORATE THE CHURCH Tuesday January 9th at 6:00 PM we will get together to undecorate the Church. Email Ellen Prior at elprior2000@yahoo.com or the church office to let us know you will help.

PRIVATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION AND COMMUNION are by appointment. Please call the church office to arrange a date and time.

PRAYER VIGIL Join us for some or all of our Prayer Vigil on Saturday, January 27th, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM in the Redeemer Fellowship Hall. We will hear scripture, sing hymns and pray for all in need. If you would like to bring food to share, please call Pamella Clugston at 714-846-6330.

JANUARY HYMN OF THE MONTH

WITHIN THE FATHER'S HOUSE - LSB 410 "Within the Father's House" is expressly suited to the Epiphany reading of the visit by the boy Jesus to the temple (Luke 2:46-47). The hymn's author, James Russell Woodford (1820-85), makes it clear that the mystery of the incarnate God escapes even the most learned until God should manifest Himself in Christ.

The same is true for the unlearned.

From beginning to doxology, the hymn confesses the sublime mystery. "The mighty truth" of stanza 3 and "the secret of the Lord" of stanza 4 refer to the inscrutable wonder that is God Himself: "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" (stanza 6).

Doctors of the law, notwithstanding their scholarship or wisdom, can only marvel at the child Jesus. He is incomprehensible because He is God. The keenest human eye fails to see God hidden in the human flesh of Jesus. Humanity is helpless before the most vital question, "Who is God?"

The boy conversing with the teachers in God's house is the one true Son. In a reversal of what we expect of adolescents, Jesus does not seek autonomy. His home is with His Father. The Son's own manifestation of His Divine person and work begins with His expressed self-knowledge captured in the hymn's opening lines, "Within the Father's house the Son has found His home." Jesus knows Himself to be the Father's Son. Unity with His Father is definitive and indissoluble. Hence, Jesus asks what should be evident, "Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?" (Luke 2:49).

"The secret of the Lord" (stanza 4) is disclosed in the "incarnate God" (stanza 3). To know the man Jesus is to know God. He is one and the same. Christ reveals Himself through His teaching, of which Jesus' "gracious words" (stanza 2) in the temple are a token. The first "dim revealing" stanza 5) is a cause for awe, as with the first shafts of morning light. To be visited by the Lord of life is like meeting the morning. It is not the watching or the waiting that cause the sun to rise, for it comes of itself. But in its sudden revelation is the promise of full daylight. In the same way, "the full epiphany" in stanza 4 is the appearance of Christ is unconcealed glory, which "faithful pondering hearts await. "Until then, Christ, though hidden by "the earthly veil" (stanza 3), still opens to each believer, whether cultured or common, the anticipation of knowing fully the mighty truth of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

HELP A CHILD GO TO SCHOOL The Redeemer Lutheran Preschool Board has established a Preschool Scholarship Fund. We have had families visit our school who simply cannot afford the tuition and were not approved for governmental assistance. We would like to offer these families a good Christian education for their children. To donate to this fund, please make your check payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church with "Preschool Scholarship Fund" on the memo line. Thank you for your continued support of Redeemer Lutheran Preschool.

MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT

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REV. DANIEL & KATHY CONRAD for information see <https://www.lcms.org/conrad>

For information on where you can send support, contact the church office.

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DAILY, CHRIST OFFERS HIS RICH BLESSINGS THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES. SUGGESTED READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 7, 2024:	
Sunday, January 7:	Ezekial 1:1-14, 22-28; Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12
Monday, January 8:	Ezekial 2:1-3:11 & Romans 1:18-32
Tuesday, January 9:	Ezekial 3:12-27 & Romans 2:1-16
Wednesday, January 10:	Ezekial 18:1-4, 19-32 & Romans 2:17-29
Thursday, January 11:	Ezekial 33:1-20 & Romans 3:1-18
Friday, January 12:	Ezekial 34:1-24 & Romans 3:19-31
Saturday January 13:	Ezekial 36:13-28 & Romans 4:1-25
Sunday, January 14:	Ezekial 36:33-37:14; Genesis 1:1-5; Romans 6:1-11; Mark 1:4-11

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