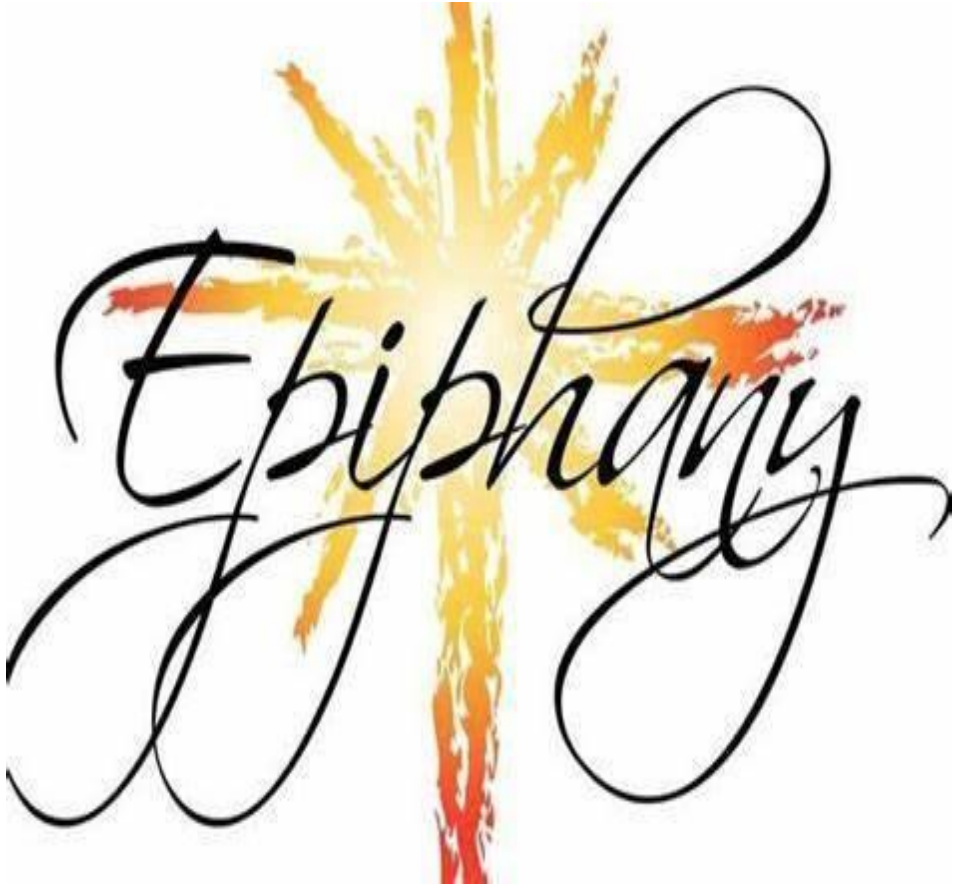


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# The Epiphany of Our Lord (Observed)

+++ *In The Name of Jesus* +++

Carillon Call to Worship

Welcome and Parish News

Prelude

Processional Hymn

## 394 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 - them's be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
An - them's be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
An - them's 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.

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## Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

# Confession and Absolution

## Exhortation

LSB 184

- 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.
- 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.**

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

## Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- 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

LSB 185

- 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

# Service of the Word

## Introit

I will cause your name to be remembered in all gener- | ations;\*  
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 up- | rightness;\*

you have loved righteousness and hated | wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your com- | panions;\*

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

I will cause your name to be remembered in all gener- | ations;\*  
therefore nations will praise you forever and | ever.

## Gloria Patri

LSB 186



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## Kyrie

LSB 186



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



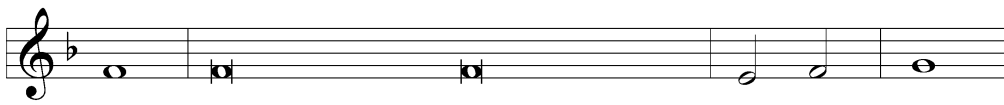
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



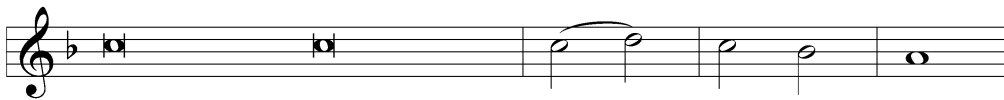
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



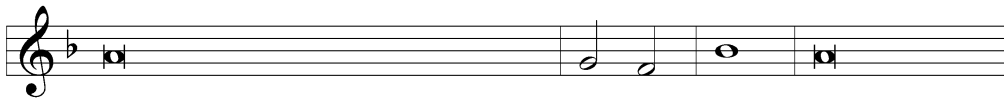
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



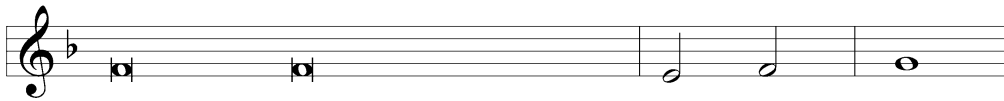
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## 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.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 60:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
<sup>2</sup>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.  
<sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.  
<sup>4</sup>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.  
<sup>5</sup>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.  
<sup>6</sup>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.

## Epistle

*Ephesians 3:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 2:1-12*

<sup>1</sup>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, <sup>2</sup>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." <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They 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.””

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

## Nicene Creed

**C 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.

Offering (11:00 am)

Sermon Hymn

400 Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

*sts. 1-4*



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'ring 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.

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## Sermon

## Savior of All Nations

*Solomon Spangler, Vicar*

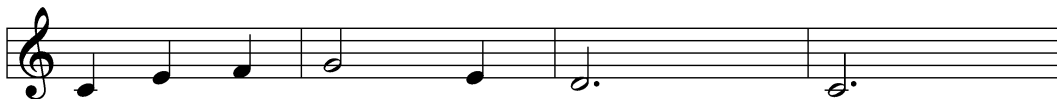
*Matthew 2:1-12*

## Congregational Response

## Hymn



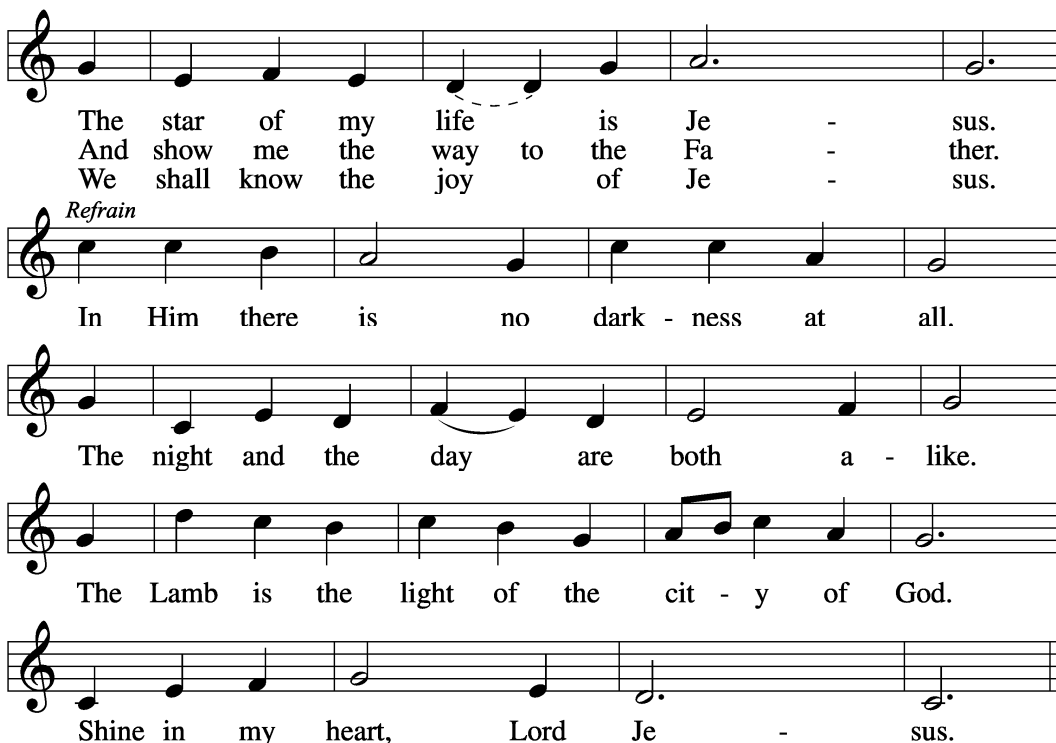
1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
 I want to look at Je - sus.  
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.  
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,  
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.

The night and the day are both a - like.

The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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Offering (9:15 am)

Pastoral Prayers

## Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

### Proper Preface (Full)

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 at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. 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

*LSB 195*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

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



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Words of Our Lord

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 T 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 T 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** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn

379 O Come, All Ye Faithful

*sts. 1, ref. 2-4*

1 O come, all ye faith-ful, Joy-ful and tri-um-phant! O  
 2 High-est, most ho-ly, Light of Light e-ter-nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an-gels, Sing in ex-ul-ta-tion,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap-py morn-ing;  
 come ye, O come\_\_\_ ye to Beth-le-hem;  
 Born of a vir-gin, a mor-tal He comes;  
 Sing, all ye cit-i-zens of heav-en a-bove!  
 Je-sus, to Thee\_\_\_ be\_\_\_ glo-ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:  
 Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
 Glo - ry to God In the high - est:  
 Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

*Refrain*



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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### Post-Communion Collect

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.

### Benediction

LSB 202

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 T give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Recessional Hymn

### 395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

*sts. 1, 3, 5-6*



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's  
3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls  
5 O let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all  
6 What joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love



own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
from God a - bove A ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
with mu - sic crowned, Our voic - es glad - ly blend - ing!  
is first and last, The end and the be - gin - ning!



Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -  
Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls  
For Christ goes with us all the way— To - day, to - mor -  
He will one day, oh, glo - rious grace, Trans - port us to



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!  
with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!  
row, ev - 'ry day! His love is nev - er end - ing!  
that hap - py place Be - yond all tears and sin - ning!



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,  
Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!  
Sing out! Ring out! Ju - bi - la - tion! Ex - ul - ta - tion!  
A - men! A - men! Come, Lord Je - sus! Crown of glad - ness!



Rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.  
Tell the sto - ry! Great is He, the King of Glo - ry!  
We are yearn - ing For the day of Your re - turn - ing!

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## *The Epiphany of Our Lord (Observed) - January 7, 2024*

**WELCOME!** Today's Gospel reading tells the story of the wise men who traveled from distant lands to worship the young Savior, while His own people sought to kill Him. This is a powerful reminder that Christ came for the salvation of all people. It is not genealogy, but faith in the Savior which will bring you to salvation. Come, let us worship together with the wise men and believers of all nations!



<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 pm	Undecorating Sanctuary and Building
	6:15 pm	First Year Catechism - East End
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting - Pastor's Office
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
	8:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

**Next Sunday - January 14, 2024 - Second Sunday after the Epiphany** - Pastor Halboth will preach on the theme "When God Seems Silent" based on 1 Samuel 3:1-10. In addition, Lay Leaders for the year 2024 will be installed.



**Holy Communion is celebrated today.** We believe that in this celebration, we receive our Lord's true Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins. If you are not a member of Grace and desire Holy Communion, please speak to the Pastor before the worship hour. Ask an Elder for assistance.



**Your quiet reverence prior to the beginning of and during worship hours** is appreciated while others also prepare to worship our Lord. For the courtesy of others while in God's house of worship please silence your cell phones. **PLEASE NOTE: The Cry Room and Nursery is available for "fussy" children.** Please see an Elder or Usher for assistance.



**Sunday School** Please meet Miss. Bonnie in the narthex and proceed with her to your classroom. May God bless the learning and teaching of God's Word.



**The Flower Arrangement at the Pulpit** is given to the praise and glory of God and in celebration of the 31<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary of Erika and Pastor Tim from Erik and Aaron Halboth and Meg Espinoza.



We offer a thank you to our Music Ministry for their hard work, dedication, and for adding such joy to our worship hours during Advent and Christmas worship hours. With the "crazy" Christmas schedule this year you came through with songs of praise and melody in your hearts. We thank you all!!



During the months of January and February the plans are in motion to once again sponsor a food collection and drive-through pick up for the less fortunate in our surrounding communities. We will soon begin asking for donations of canned and non-perishable food items. Watch your bulletins and newsletter for information.



**\*NEW 2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES\*** Please pick up your envelopes on your way out this morning. **Please be sure you are using these new 2024 envelopes, as your number may have changed from last year!**



Once again we have 2024 calendars available. Please be sure to pick one or two up as you leave. We thank the Harry J. Will Funeral Home for supplying these beautiful calendars.



January - March Portals of Prayer are located on the tract table. Please pick up your copy today.



If you have not yet picked up your poinsettia please do so after either worship hour today. Thank you!



Flowers are a beautiful way to honor a loved one, commemorate an anniversary/birthday or to simply give thanks to God for His many blessings! Thank you to everyone who has placed flowers in the chancel.

**Be sure to call the church office to place your order.** All arrangements are \$30 each and checks should be made payable to: Grace Lutheran Women's Ministries. **Payments may be handed to Erika or placed in the black lockbox (be sure to use an envelope with your name on the front) at the Information Center.** Please remember to pick your flowers up after the 11:00 worship service or you can arrange to pick them up on Monday from the church office. **The following Sundays are available to place flowers: January 21 and 28.**



The deadline to designate Thrivent Choice Dollars is March 31st. Direct your dollars online at [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/) or call 800-THRIVENT. You must remake your request annually or quarterly to assure your funds are being distributed in accordance with your wishes.

We appreciate any funds you designate. Thank you!



**We continue to take donations** of non-perishable food items for our food pantry and also used eyeglasses. Please bring them to church with you any Sunday and leave them at the Information Center area. Thank you for all of your donations to our local charities!



The Women's Ministries continue their ongoing opportunity to raise funds! Furniture and home decor items that are fit for resale can be sold through New-2-You in Northville. Please call Happy Westmeier with any questions or to set up a meeting time (248-349-5818). All proceeds from the sales go to Women's Ministries. We thank Happy for her many hours of service for our church and the Women's Ministries.



Please join us in the Fellowship Hall between worship hours for coffee and fellowship!

