

ΕPIPHANY

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OUR SAVIOR EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

(Wisconsin Synod)

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VERSICLE: “We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.”

Matthew 2:2

PRAYER OF THE DAY: *Lord God, by the leading of a star you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith, to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

WORSHIP NOTES: We welcome you to worship and to a new phase in our worship cycle. Today is the beginning of “*Epiphany*” which means “*a showing*” or “*a revealing*.” Our service is designed to reveal Jesus as Savior of the world. So bright is the dawning of the Son, so great is the fullness of his glory, that his light not only fills the dark streets of Bethlehem, but illuminates to the very ends of the earth. Jew and Gentile alike gather to worship him who is born ruler of Judah and Shepherd of all Israel.

Guests: Welcome to all who are visiting with us today! Please note:

Restrooms: far side (south) of the entry. **Hearing Help:** enhanced hearing units available.

Parent’s Room: far left (southwest). **Large Print Bulletin:** Please contact an usher



OPENING HYMN “Brightest and Best” (p. 8)

CW, # 92

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



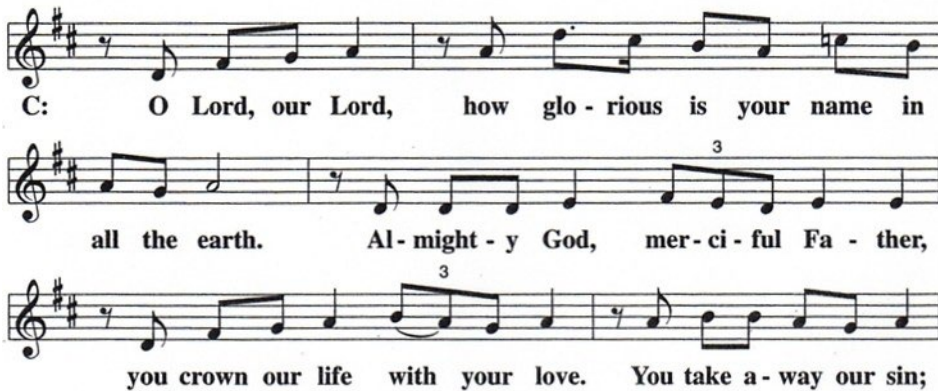
P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
 ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
 but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.
 O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
 you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: A - men.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. "Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

PSALM

Psalm 72

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EPISTLE Ephesians 3:2-12

Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

VERSE OF THE DAY & RESPONSE

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Pastor: Alleluia, Alleluia!

ALL: "We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

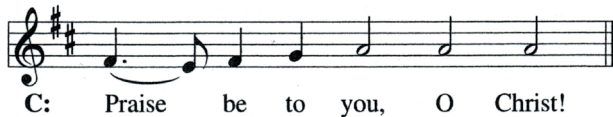
GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: "'But you,

Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.” Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.



HYMN OF THE DAY “Hail, O Source of Every Blessing” (p.12) CW, #87

SERMON

Ephesians 3:2-12

“THE MYSTERY IS SOLVED!”

- 1. Gentiles are heirs of God with Jews**
- 2. The church displays God’s wisdom to the world**

NICENE CREED

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

While the offerings are being collected, members are reminded to fill in the Friendship Register and pass the entire pad to the next person. Visitors, please include your email and phone number, so we can thank you for worshiping with us.

OFFERING HYMN “The Church’s One Foundation” (p. 10)

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SERVICE CONTINUES

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

BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN “As with Gladness Men of Old” (p. 13)

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SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brightest and Best

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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 bring him the fin - est of of - f'rings,
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.
 Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall.
 Rar - est of fra - gran - ces, tri - bute di - vine,
 Vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure.
 Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.

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 praise that the heart brings;
 Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,

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.
 Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.
 Tune: James P. Harding, 1850-1911, adapt.

MORNING STAR
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Psalm 72

Refrain



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Psalm tone



Endow the King with your justice, Ó God,*
the royal Son with your righteousness.

He will defend the afflicted among the people*
and save the children of the needy.

He will endure as long as the sun,*
as long as the moon, through all generations.

He will be like rain falling on a mown field,*
like showers watering the earth.

Refrain

All kings will bow down to him,*
and all nations will serve him.

All nations will be blessed through him,*
and they will call him blessed.

Praise be to the LORD God, who alone does marvelous deeds.*
May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

**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.**

Refrain

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The Church's One Foundation

5 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
 3 The Church shall nev - er per - ish. Her dear Lord, to de - fend,
 4 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,

She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more

She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 To guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, Is with her to the end.
 By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,

Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest

From heav'n he came and sought her To be his ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 Though there be those that hate her And strive to see her fail,
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"


And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
 And to one hope she press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 A - gainst both foe and trai - tor She ev - er shall pre - vail.
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.


5 Mid toil and tribulation
 And tumult of her war
 She waits the consummation
 Of peace forevermore
 Till with the vision glorious
 Her longing eyes are blest
 And the great Church victorious
 Shall be the Church at rest.

Hail, O Source of Every Blessing


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1 Hail, O Source of ev - 'ry bless-ing, Fa - ther of our hu - man race!
 2 Once far off but now in - vit - ed, We ap - proach your sa - cred throne,
 3 Hail, O all - in - vit - ing Sav - ior! Gen - tiles now their of - f' rings bring,



Gen - tiles now, your grace pos - sess - ing, In your courts ob - tain a place.
 In your cov - e - nant u - nit - ed, Rec - on - ciled, re - deemed, made one.
 In your tem - ples seek your fa - vor, Je - sus Christ, our Lord and King.



Grate - ful now, we fall be - fore you, In your Church re - joice to live,
 Now re - vealed to east - ern sa - ges, See the star of mer - cy shine,
 May we, bod - y, soul, and spir - it, Live de - vot - ed to your praise,



See your glo - ry and a - dore you, Thank - ful for the grace you give.
 Mys - t'ry hid in for - mer a - ges, Mys - t'ry great of love di - vine.
 Glo - rious realms of bliss in - her - it, Grate - ful an - thems ev - er raise.

Text: Basil Woodd, 1760-1831, alt.

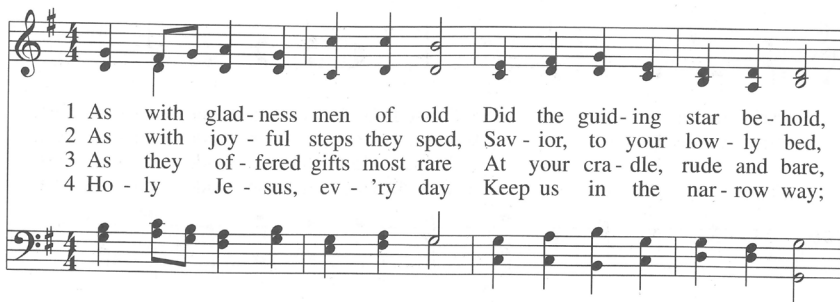
Tune: Freylinghausen, *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch*, Halle, 1704, alt.O DURCHBRECHER ALLER BANDE
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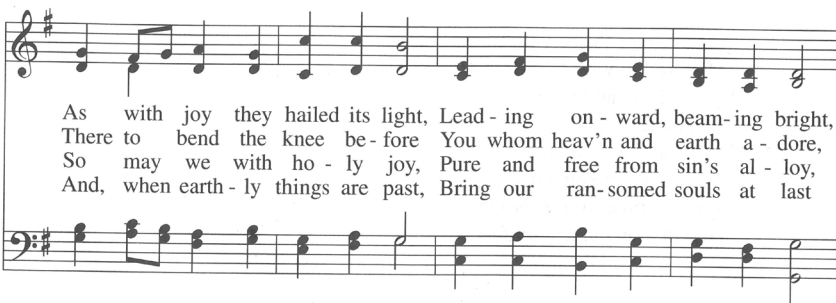
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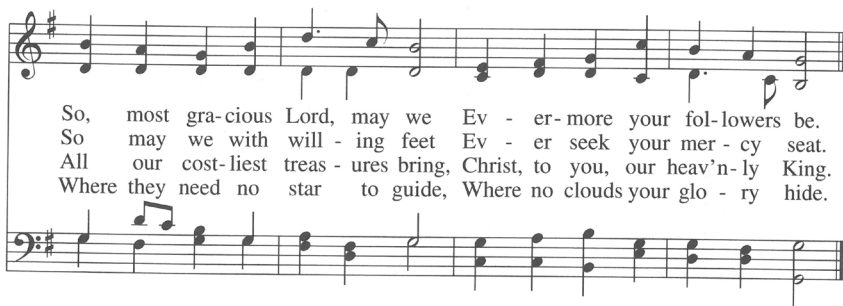
As with Gladness Men of Old



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 your low - ly bed,
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare At your cra - dle, rude and bare,
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day Keep us in the nar - row way;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright,
 There to bend the knee be - fore You 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



So, most gra - cious Lord, may we Ev - er - more your fol - lowers be.
 So may we with will - ing feet Ev - er seek your mer - cy seat.
 All our cost - liest treas - ures bring, Christ, to you, our heav'n - ly King.
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds your glo - ry hide.

- 5 In the heav'nly country bright
 Need they no created light;
 You its light, its joy, its crown,
 You its sun which goes not down.
 There forever may we sing
 Alleluias to our King!

Please join us for our Early Childhood Education Event!

January 30, 2023 | 6:30pm

Here are a few highlights for the 2023-2024 School year:

- PreK is available up to 5 days a week with wrap around care for the 2023-2024 school year.
- 8:05 a.m. through 11:30 a.m. and wrap around care from 11:30 a.m. until 3:15 p.m.
- Before & After school care is available prior to 8:05 a.m. and after 3:15 p.m.
- Meet the teachers, principal, and other parents.
- Explore our Christian curriculum.
- Receive important health and immunization information.
- Come learn more about our strong Christian and academic program. Let us share our vision for your children's future at Our Savior Lutheran, focusing on: Christian Faith – Christian Service – Christian Witness – Academic Readiness

Congregational Call Meeting

Thursday, January 12th
after 7pm Service.

We plan to extend two calls,
one for a Pastor and one for a 1-2
grade teacher.

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (1/8)	8:00 AM	Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	9:15 AM	Adult & Teen Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship Service w/communion
	11:30 AM	Our Savior Church Undecorating
Monday	5:30 PM	Church Elders Meeting
	7:00 PM	Church Council Meeting
Tuesday	10:30 AM	Senior Bible Study
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Children's Chapel
	4:00 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
Thursday	7:00 PM	Worship Service w/communion
	8:00 PM	Call Meeting
Saturday	7:30 AM	VTO Meeting
Sunday (1/12)	8:00 AM	Worship Service w/communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	9:15 AM	Adult & Teen Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship Service w/communion

Next Week's Readings

First Lesson	Exodus 4:1-9
Second Lesson	Romans 12:4-8
Gospel	John 2:1-11
Psalm	Psalm 133

LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday

This service is also recorded for review after livestream.

Link on our website (see below).

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

"Epiphany"

Service Theme

PASTOR: Charles
Papenfuss

ORGANIST: Bob Klug

HYMNS: 92, 87, 538, 83

FIRST LESSON:

Isaiah 60:1-6

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 3:2-12

GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 2:1-12

THE SERMON:

Ephesians 3:2-12

"THE MYSTERY IS SOLVED"

The flowers this
week are from
Dianne Robertson in
loving memory of her
husband Pat.

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