

# The Epiphany of our Lord

Sunday, January 5, 2025



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*Our Mission Statement for Trinity Lutheran Church & School is:  
"Teaching, Living, Caring, and Serving as the Family of Christ."*

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### **WELCOME!**

We welcome all who have joined us this day, as we worship the Almighty God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you would like more information about Trinity, our mission, or becoming a member, please speak with Pastor Tonn, or the Elder on duty. Thank you, and may the Lord bless your worship with us today as God touches your life with His love!

### **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Take time before the service to prepare and examine your heart for this sacred event. If you need assistance, or cannot come up to the altar, please ask an Usher for help, or for Communion to be brought to you at your seat. White grape juice is available at the center of the trays of individual cups, and gluten free wafers are available for those who desire those options.

### **STATEMENT OF FAITH AND PRACTICE REGARDING HOLY COMMUNION**

We believe that we must properly examine ourselves before partaking, as 1 Corinthians 11:27 reveals, "... whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the Body and Blood of the Lord." As such, we ask that you search your heart to see if you believe that through this Sacrament our Savior gives us His very Body and Blood in His "real presence" for the forgiveness of sins. Our Lord invites to this meal those who trust in His words, repent of all sins, and willingly demonstrate His love and forgiveness of others as He has shown it to us. Because this Sacrament is also a statement of our unity in Christ, we ask that those who desire to receive the Lord's Supper, and have not previously communed at our altar, please speak to the Pastor or the Elder of the week before doing so.

### **SERVICE INFORMATION**

\* We offer two services on Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.

Our 9:00 a.m. service is livestreamed on Facebook.

- \* Attendance booklets are in each pew row. Please sign in and pass to your neighbor.
- \* We welcome children at our services. If you need it, our family room is by the right-side entrance to the Sanctuary, where you can still experience the service with your child.
- \* Please join us after the morning service for Bible Study and Sunday School from 10:20 – 11:20 a.m. Refreshments will be available.
- \* Offerings may be placed in the offering plates by the main Sanctuary entrance. You can also donate electronically via Tithe.ly. Use the barcode below to launch this option.



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## THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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### Prelude + Candle Lighting + Ringing of the Bell + Greeting

OPENING HYMN

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

LSB 397

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

*Isaiah 60:1, 5–6; Matthew 2:2, 10–11*

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

**People: We saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.**

Pastor: You shall see and be radiant.

**People: They rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.**

Pastor: They shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

**People: And they fell down and worshiped Him.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Psalm 124:8; 130:3, adapt.; Ephesians 3:11–12*

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

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

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

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

Pastor: Although God has graciously showered the light of His love on us, we have not responded in lives of total devotion. But because He has graciously promised to forgive, let us go to Him in the name of “Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in Him.”

**People: Gracious heavenly Father, we confess that we have let the distractions of this world turn our eyes from seeing the true Light. We have not loved You with our whole hearts. Forgive us and renew our hearts to see, follow, and worship You alone.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, our heavenly Father sent His Son to take to His cross all our sins, and His Holy Spirit has graciously shined the light of faith in Christ into our hearts. I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:**    The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**Pastor:**    Let us pray. 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.

**People: 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.

**Pastor:**    This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

Ephesians 3:1-12

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of 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.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA**

*LSB 952*

**HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 2:1-12

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

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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 the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**NICENE CREED**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" LSB 395  
v. 1-4

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v. 5-6

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Pastor: Rev. Paul Tonn  
Organist: Scot Gugle

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