

## THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

We Have Come to Worship Him

January 5 & 6, 2019

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### AS WE GATHER

The star that once led the Magi to the Christ Child is a type of the light that God has caused to shine so that all of us may know Christ Jesus as Savior and Redeemer. We would not have known Him except that the Lord made the light to shine in our darkness to reveal Jesus Christ to us and to lead our fearful hearts to faith. The star still shines through the light of God's Word and leads us into the presence of Him whom the Father sent to be our Savior. The glory of God is His steadfast love and mercy, which He has revealed in Jesus Christ. In Him we have been bidden, and in Him we come. Like Luther put it in the explanation of the Creed, the faithful response is to serve, praise, thank, and obey the Lord whom God has sent. And by the power of the Holy Spirit, that is exactly what we have come to do today—worship Christ, the Lord of the world.

### WELCOME

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!  
For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.  
Praise the Lord! (Psalm 117, ESV)

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

#### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### OPENING HYMN #393 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Infant holy, Infant lowly, For His bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, Little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all.  
Swiftly winging, Angels singing, Bells are ringing, Tidings bringing:  
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping Vigil till the morning new  
Saw the glory, Heard the story, Tidings of a Gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow, Praises voicing, Greet the morrow:  
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

(Rise)

### INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

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

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: **and your forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **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.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy 'spirit.

People: Amen.

### INTROIT ♪

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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### KYRIE ♪

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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People: ♪ **Glory be to God on high:**

**and on earth peace, good will toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,**

**we glorify Thee, we give thanks to thee, for thy great glory.**

**O lord God, heav'nly King. God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy;  
Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

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.**

(Be seated)

### **INSTALLATION of Principal Jack Burkee**

#### **10:30 BAPTISMAL HYMN #605 “Father Welcomes”**

**Refrain: Father welcomes all His children To His fam’ly through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.**

Little children, come to Me, For My kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin. *Refrain*

In the water, in the Word, In His promise, be assured;  
Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again. *Refrain*

Let us daily die to sin; Let us daily rise with Him.

Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God. *Refrain*

#### **10:30 BAPTISM of Adrian Sanchez de la Cruz**

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✘ **WORD** ✘

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 60:1–6* (Arise and shine for Your light has come.) 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

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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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *Ephesians 3:1–12* (The mystery long hidden has been revealed in Jesus Christ.) 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### **5:00 CHOIR ANTHEM** “*Lord You Left Your Throne*” Jack Schroder

(Rise)

**ALLELUIA**

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**People:** ♪ **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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

**People:** ♪ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

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**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 2:1–12* (The star leads the Magi to Bethlehem, where Jesus Christ was born for all.) 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 Thee, O Christ.**

### **5:00 & 8:00 NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen. (Be seated)

### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

#### **SERMON HYMN #723 “The Lord Is My Light”**

Soloist sings refrain and verse 1

Congregation joins refrain

Soloist sings verse 2

Congregation joins refrain and sings verse 3 and refrain

#### **Refrain:**

**The Lord is my light and my salvation, The Lord is the stronghold of my life. Since the Lord is my life, my strength, and my all, Whom then shall I fear?**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord; To dwell in His house forever,  
To gaze on the beauty of the Lord All the days of my life. **Refrain**

Do not hide Your face, O Lord; Ev’ry day I will seek Your face.  
Though my father and mother may forsake me, The Lord will receive me. **Refrain**

Teach me, Lord, and keep me on Your paths; Guide me, Lord, along a level way.  
I will gaze on the goodness of the Lord In the land of all the living. **Refrain**

#### **SERMON “Salvation Comes From Jesus and is for All People”**

(Rise)

#### **OFFERTORY** ♪

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

Amen.

(Be seated)

**OFFERING** As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Led by the light of the star, wise still come and, at the bidding of the Lord, kneel before Him with their prayers for all people as they have need. As once the Magi of old came to adore the infant Savior and to bring Him the worship of their hearts, hands and gifts, so do we come this day giving thanks for your mercy and rejoicing in your promise kept.

**People: Bring the light of your Word to all who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.**

Pastor: You have established your Church and drawn into her people from every race, tribe and nation. Bless all those entrusted with the leadership of the church, and give to all pastors and missionaries the boldness of your Spirit, that they may proclaim the saving truth of your Word without fear.

**People: Empower and uphold Pastor Chuck Ferry and family along with Rachel Meyer, our Together in Mission partners. Bless also those who hear, that they may be brought to faith.**

Pastor: Lord of the Church, we rejoice that you raise up leaders to serve in various ways. We give you thanks for moving Jack Burkee to accept the call to be our principal.

**People: Bless him in his calling, lead and guide him day by day, move us to support and encourage him, and bless our school to be a blessing to all our students.**

Pastor: Lord of salvation, we rejoice to know your love and grace and we rejoice also in the extension of your kingdom, as Adrian Sanchez de la Cruz is baptized into Christ this weekend.

**People: Bless him to grow in faith all his days and bless his loved ones to support and encourage him in his walk with the Lord.**

Pastor: Almighty God, Bring an end to all threats of violence, and raise up for all people leaders who will act with integrity, pursue justice and follow your commands.

**People: Grant to all people the blessing of food, shelter, medical care and safety in their homes, and bless those whose duty it is to protect and defend them.**

Pastor: Guide those who teach your Word, and fill the classrooms in our churches, schools, universities and seminaries with children, youth and adults who seek to know Jesus Christ.

**People: Prosper the publishing of faithful books to teach the faith, and bless the ways in which we may use the gift of technology for the faithful witness of the Gospel.**

Pastor: Give to all people the comfort of your presence, healing according to your will, relief of their suffering, and an end to the terrors of mind and heart. We pray for Cheryl Seifert and family, asking you to comfort them upon the passing of Cheryl's mother, Lydia. We also lift up those for whom our prayers have been requested: Henry, Nancy, Don, Barbara, Larry, Marge, Dolores, Herb, Cliff, Cindy, LuEva, Arlene, Dick, Nancy, Shirley, Gladys, Russ, John, Arlene, Jack, Shirley, Jonathan, Sarah and those we name in our hearts.

**People: Sustain the weary with your Word, the wounded with hope and the dying with peace.**

Pastor: Father in heaven, mindful of your plan of the mystery hidden for the ages and revealed in Christ, we come together in this place as people set apart to live out our common vocation of worship, witness, intercession and mercy work.

**People: Bless the gifts we bring as you once honored the Magi by accepting gold, frankincense and myrrh.**

Pastor: United with the faithful of every time and place, we give you thanks and praise. Through their example, we are encouraged to fight the good fight of faith.

**People: Guard us against the doubt and fear and help us endure, that we may be kept faithful and one day see you and be filled with the radiance of your glory forever.**

Pastor: You have claimed us all as your chosen people, members of Christ's Body, heirs of all the riches of your grace. As we kneel to receive the body of Christ and His blood, shed for the forgiveness of our sins, grant us to eat and drink faithfully.

**People: Bless our communion with Christ, bring peace and unity by your Spirit, and fill us with faith in the life and salvation He brings for all.**

Pastor: With exceedingly great joy in your promises and with confidence that you will hear and answer your people, we commend into your hands ourselves and all for whom we pray, through Christ, our Lord, whom with the Father and Holy Spirit, you are one God and one Lord, now and forevermore.

**People: Amen.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

**PREFACE**

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** ♪ **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**People:** ♪ **It is meet and right so to do.**

Pastor: It is truly meet, right and salutary... evermore praising you and saying:

**SANCTUS** ♪

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Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He,

blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**5:00 & 8:00 THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor: 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.

**People:** ♪ **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

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**THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

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

**People:** ♪ **Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI** ♪

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

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

(Be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION** Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

**“O Chief of Cities, Bethlehem”**

O chief of cities, Bethlehem, Of David's crown the fairest gem,  
But more to us than David's name, In you, as man, the Savior came.

Beyond the sun in splendor bright, Above you stands a wondrous light  
Proclaiming from the conscious skies That here, in flesh, the Godhead lies.

The wise men, seeing Him so fair, Bow low before Him and with prayer  
Their treasured eastern gifts unfold Of incense, myrrh, and royal gold.

The golden tribute owns Him King, But frankincense to God they bring,  
And last, prophetic sign, with myrrh, They shadow forth His sepulcher.

O Jesus, whom the Gentiles see, With Father, Spirit, One in Three:  
To You, O God, be glory giv'n By saints on earth and saints in heav'n.

Text: Aurelius Prudentius Clemens, 348-c. 413; tr. composite. Public domain

**HYMN #408 “Come, Join in Cana's Feast”**

Come, join in Cana's feast Where Christ is honored guest.  
He welcomes all who come to taste The wine His hands have blessed.

The old wine now is gone From jars that stand apart.  
No longer can it satisfy The yearning, thirsting heart.

But Christ, The Word made flesh, Bids water turn to wine.  
He fills our empty cups again With grace and truth divine.

Come, friends, and share the feast; Here drink the wine supplied  
By Him who is both guest and host – For us, the crucified.

For now He lives and reigns Through all eternity  
With Father, Spirit, Three in One, The glorious Trinity.

### **HYMN #397 “As With Gladness Men of Old”**

As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed,  
There to bend the knee before Thee, whom heav’n and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet Ever seek Thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin’s alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav’nly King.

Holy Jesus, ev’ry day Keep us in the narrow way;  
And when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

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

### **COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

**NUNC DIMITTIS** ♪

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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

**People:** ♪ **and His mercy endureth forever.**

Pastor: 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.

**People:** ♪ **Amen.**

### **SALUTATION & BENEDICAMUS**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** ♪ **and with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

**People:** ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

### **BENEDICTION**

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 peace.

**People:** ♪ **Amen, amen, amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN #367 “Angels from the Realms of Glory”**

Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation’s story, Now proclaim Messiah’s birth.

**Refrain:** ***Come and worship, come and worship;  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.***

Shepherds in the field abiding, Watching o’er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing, Yonder shines the Infant Light. **Refrain**

Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations, Ye have seen His natal star. **Refrain**

Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending, In His temple shall appear. **Refrain**

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising To the eternal Three in One. ***Refrain***

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