

For we saw his star
when it rose and have
come to worship Him



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FOCUS We consider the mysteries highlighted by the Readings for the Feast of the Epiphany. The Wise Men, or Magi, mysteriously show up in Jerusalem, and these strangers are looking for the King of the Jews. The King of the Jews is mysteriously an infant, born to a humble family in Bethlehem, not in Jerusalem. And this King of the Jews mysteriously invites all people from all nations into His kingdom. These mysteries, hidden for the ages, is revealed in Jesus, the Light of the world.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Three Settings of “Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”

Manz/Bloedow/Ore

RINGING of the BELLS

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

LSB 394, v.1-4



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;



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;



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;



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.

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INVOCATION

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

- L** Arise, shine, for your light has come!
- C** **Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.**
- L** All the nations shall come to the light of Christ.
- C** **Kings shall bring Him gifts.**
- L** For Christ reveals the mystery hidden through the ages,
- C** **that all nations are partakers of the promise in Jesus Christ.**

Confession and Absolution

- L** Through the Gospel, all people are fellow heirs of salvation and members of the same Body. Yet there have been times when we have failed to live in unity, when we have failed to treat our brothers and sisters in Christ with respect and honor. Our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

(Silence for reflection.)

- Heavenly Father,
- C** **we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have created division and discord. We have hidden the light of Christ from others. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us with the light of Christ, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways. Amen.**
- L** Almighty God in His mercy sent His Son, Jesus, into our world to shine as a light for all people, including You. Jesus has died for your sins and is risen for your righteousness. Therefore, 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.
- C** **Amen.**

HYMN of PRAISE

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

LSB 394, v.5



5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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SALUTATION

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

PRAYER of the DAY

- L** Let us pray. O God, by the leading of a star You made known to the Gen - tiles Your only-begotten Son. 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.
- C** Amen.

Service of the Word

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

² 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. ³ And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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.⁶ 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.

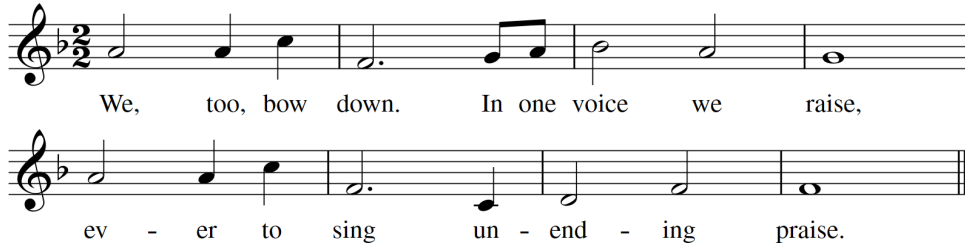
L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 72

Refrain: (1st time—Soloist; 2nd time—All)



1. *All hail to God's anointed, Great David's greater Son!
All hail, in time appointed, Your reign on earth begun!
You come to break oppression, To set the captive free,
To take away transgression And rule from sea to sea. **Refrain***
2. *You shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth,
And love, joy, hope, like flowers, Spring in Your path to birth:
Before You on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go,
And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow. **Refrain***
3. *The rulers bow before You, And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore You, Your praise all people sing;
To You shall prayers unceasing And daily vows ascend;
Your rule is still increasing, Your rule is without end. **Refrain***

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EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:1-12

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you,³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly.⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ,⁵ 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.⁶ 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.⁷ 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.⁸ 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,⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things,¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING “When Christ’s Appearing Was Made Known” *Held*

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

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

C **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,² 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.”³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.⁵ 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.’”⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.⁸ 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.”⁹ 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.¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.¹¹ 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.¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

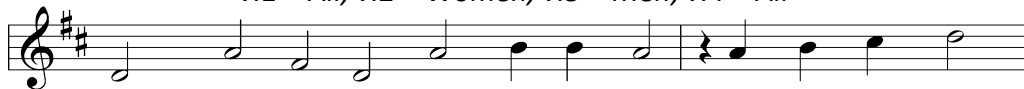
L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE for the CHILDREN

HYMN of the DAY “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” LSB 395, v.1-4

v.1 – All, v.2 – Women, v.3 – Men; v.4 – All



ALL: 1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's

Women: 2 Come, heav'n-ly Bride-groom, Light di-vine, And deep with-in

Men: 3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls

ALL: 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-sa-ly!
In Your one bod-y let us be As liv-ing branch-es
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!

HYMN of the DAY “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” LSB 395, v.5-6



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

with mu - sic crowned, Our voic - es glad - ly blend - ing!
is first and last, The end and the be - gin - ning!

For Christ goes with us all the way— To - day, to - mor -
He will one day, oh, glo - rious grace, Trans - port us to

row, ev - 'ry day! His love is nev - er end - ing!
that hap - py place Be - yond all tears and sin - ning!

Sing out! Ring out! Ju - bi - la - tion! Ex - ul - ta - tion!
A - men! A - men! Come, Lord Je - sus! Crown of glad - ness!

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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APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER of the CHURCH

L Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Light of the world,

C dawn on our darkness and lend us Your aid.

L Lord, there are many divisions in the church, divisions based on class, race, wealth, and age, divisions that need not exist. Bring unity where there is division, peace where there is discord, and reconciliation where there is conflict. Light of the world,

C dawn on our darkness and lend us Your aid.

L Lord, comfort all those who are suffering in the darkness of grief, [*especially* . . .]. Comfort them with the hope and promise of the resurrection to eternal life. Light of the world,

C dawn on our darkness and lend us Your aid.

L Lord, strengthen all marriages, encourage those who are single, and help us to recognize the value of each person, for Your redemption stretches to all people. Light of the world,

C dawn on our darkness and lend us Your aid.

L Lord, bless all pastors, teachers, church planters, missionaries, musicians, and servants in Your Church. Embolden them as they seek to reflect Your light to all the nations. Light of the world,

C dawn on our darkness and lend us Your aid.

L Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially* . . .]. Have mercy upon them, and heal them according to Your good and gracious will. Light of the world,

C dawn on our darkness and lend us Your aid.

L Lord, shine Your light of hope upon all those who are caregivers. Send them rest and peace, knowing that in You their labor is not in vain. Light of the world,

C dawn on our darkness and lend us Your aid.

L Lord, we commend all of these things to Your caring hands, trusting in Your mercy to all people. Light of the world,

C dawn on our darkness and lend us Your aid.

The LORD'S PRAYER

- C** 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.

BENEDICTION

- L** 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.
- C** Amen.

DISMISSAL

- L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

LSB 397, v.1,4-5



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
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;
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.
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.

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POSTLUDE

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

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PRESIDING MINISTER: *Rev. Timothy D. Smith, Associate Pastor*

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ORGANIST: *Mr. Rod Riese*

SOLOIST: *Mr. Matthew Hoehne, Director of Music*

ELDERS: *8am—Terry Knoll; 9:30am—Skyler Lynn*

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WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Your presence is very special to us. May your faith be strengthened and your life enriched as you join us in worship to God!

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

8am & 9:30am Sunday

BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

5pm Saturday & 11am Sunday

- **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**—Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the month in the Upper Sanctuary. We invite those who have been instructed in the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Others are asked to speak with a pastor before receiving the Sacrament. *Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*
- **LARGE PRINT**—large print copies of the bulletin are available on the table in the Narthex or you may ask the usher for one.
- **CHILDREN'S BULLETINS**—for ages 3-6 & 7-12 years, are available on the table in the Narthex.
- **NURSERY**—for children ages 3 & under. The upper level nursery is located near the Church Lounge on Sundays. *Please Note: The upper level nursery will be unstaffed unless volunteers are available.*
- **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**—Sunday School is available for children 4 years old through 6th Grade at 9:30am on Sunday mornings during the school year. Christian Education courses for adults and young adults are held at 9:30am on Sunday mornings & various times throughout the week during the school year. Trinity is committed to Christian Education through the 4K-8th grade School, our Childcare (infant through 13 years), and through our association with Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.
- **ELEVATOR**—is located next to the nursery on the upper level. On the lower level the elevator is located across from Classroom #101, which is past the offices. Use as needed.
- **RESTROOMS**—Narthex level across from the Library, lower level next to the elevator.
- **JOINING TRINITY**—We invite you to become part of this Christian community! If interested in membership, please speak with an elder or pastor, and we will contact you.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To gather people who grow in faith and share Jesus with all.

VISION STATEMENT:

To strive to be a mature and faithful congregation that is focused on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.