

# EPIPHANY

The Epiphany of our Lord  
January 10th, 2021  
8:00 AM, 9:15 AM, & 10:30 AM



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Welcome and Opening Prayer

412 The People That in Darkness Sat

LSB 412



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious  
 2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring  
 3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a  
 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -



light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In  
 na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their  
 Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All  
 last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.  
 har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.  
 pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.  
 God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.

5 His righteous government and pow'r  
 Shall over all extend;  
 On judgment and on justice based,  
 His reign shall have no end,  
 His reign shall have no end.

△ 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,  
 And make us Thine alone,  
 Who with the Father ever art  
 And Holy Spirit, one,  
 And Holy Spirit, one.

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*Stand*

## Divine Service Setting Four, page 203

### ✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

*Confession, to confess to God our sins and sinful nature. Absolution, “To absolve of sin and wrongdoing,” more specifically, to affirm God’s forgiveness to all who sincerely confess their sins to Him.*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

*Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13* 203

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

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

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

### Confession of Sins

*LSB* 203

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

### Absolution

*[John 20:19–23]* *LSB* 203

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 45:6–8a; antiphon: v. 17*

- P** I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;  
**C** **therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.**  
**P** Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;  
**C** **you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.**  
**P** Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;  
**C** **your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. 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.**  
**P** I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;  
**C** **therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.**

### Kyrie

*Mark 10:47 204*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



*Kyrie Eleison*

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LORD, HAVE MERCY

## Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

*"Salutation" is a word from Latin meaning, "to salute" or "to greet." "Collect" (KAH-lekt), a brief structured prayer, usually consisting of five parts: address to God, basis for the prayer, petition, desired benefit or result, and trinitarian conclusion. The Collect of the Day also "collects" the message of the day's Gospel reading.*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

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## Reception of Members by Transfer or Profession of Faith (9:15 am)

- P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.
- P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R** *Yes, I do.*
- P** Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?
- R** *Yes, I renounce them.*
- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?
- R** *Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*
- P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- R** *I do.*
- P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord’s Supper faithfully?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?
- R** *I do.*

**P** Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?

**R** *I will, with the help of God.*

**P** Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing this son to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling him with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit he may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

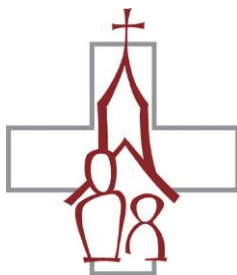
**C** **Amen.**

**P** The grace of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**C** **Amen.**

*The new members return to their places.*

*Sit*



## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 60:1–6*

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 60.

<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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Ephesians 3:1–12*

**A** The Epistle is from Ephesians, chapter 3.

<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.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

#### Alleluia

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**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

#### Verse

*John 20:31 LSB 205*



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that  
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

#### Alleluia

205



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



## Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1–12

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

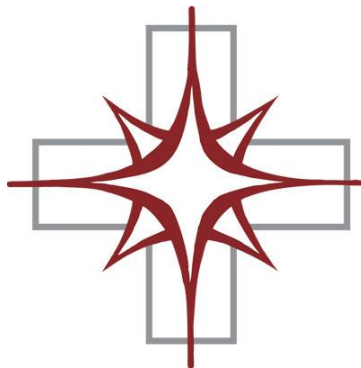
<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king 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:

<sup>6</sup>“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.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**



## Nicene Creed

*Creed comes from the Latin "credo" which means "I believe." We confess our Christian faith in one of the three creeds (short statement of belief) agreed upon by the ancient church.*

**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.



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's  
 2 Come, heav'n - ly Bride - groom, Light di - vine, And deep with - in  
 3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls  
 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 -  
 In Your one bod - y let us be As liv - ing branch -  
 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!

5 O let the harps break forth in sound!  
Our joy be all with music crowned,  
Our voices gladly blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way—  
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
His love is never ending!  
Sing out! Ring out!  
Jubilation!  
Exultation!  
Tell the story!  
Great is He, the King of Glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,  
The Lord we love is first and last,  
The end and the beginning!  
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
Transport us to that happy place  
Beyond all tears and sinning!  
Amen! Amen!  
Come, Lord Jesus!  
Crown of gladness!  
We are yearning  
For the day of Your returning!

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## Sermon

## Offering

*For those gathered with us in-person, an offering plate will be at the back of the room for a contactless drop-off for your gifts, tithes, and offerings as you leave today's service.*

*For those still joining us remotely, we have multiple options for giving. You can text CHRISTLCMS to 77977 to give via text message, or sign up for online giving at [pushpay.com/pay/christlcms](https://pushpay.com/pay/christlcms) for a one-time or recurring gift. Or, use the "My Church by PushPay" app, with keyword CHRISTLCMS. You may also mail your offering to the church office (3509 SW Burlingame Rd, Topeka, KS 66611).*

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*If you have prayer requests, please e-mail them to our church office ([office@christlcms.org](mailto:office@christlcms.org)) or call the office at (785) 266-6263. We will include them in next week's service, and also share them with our prayer chain if desired.*

## Stand

## Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

*At the end of each petition, the pastor will say, "Lord, in Your mercy," to which the congregation will respond, "**Hear our prayer.**"*

☐ ...through Jesus Christ, Your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ Amen.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136] LSB 208*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

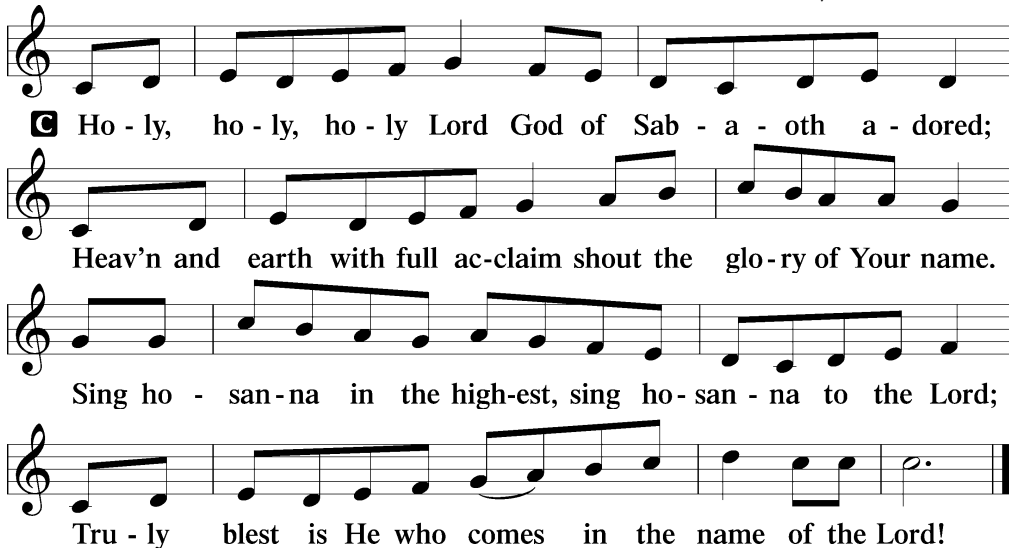
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9* 208



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## 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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

- 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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  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

(PAKS DOH-mee-nee), Latin for "peace of the Lord" (John 20:19).

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

John 1:29 LSB 210

(AHG-noose DAY-ee), Latin for "Lamb of God."



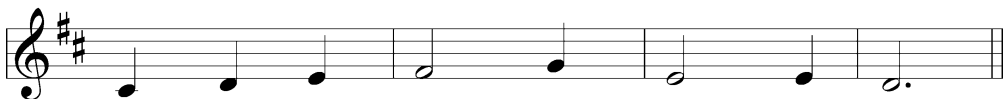
**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

## Distribution

*Communion is reserved for those who are members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or members of a church body in fellowship with the LCMS unless special arrangements have been made with the pastor. The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first. Then they will distribute it to those who cannot come up to the front of the sanctuary due to physical ailments. Following that the ushers will dismiss the people from their pews to proceed to the front. All are invited up to receive a blessing.*



# 399 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

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1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,  
 2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far And fol - lowed  
 3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood The heav'n - ly  
 4 And oh, what mir - a - cle di - vine, When wa - ter  
 △ 5 For this Thy glad e - piph - a - ny All glo - ry,

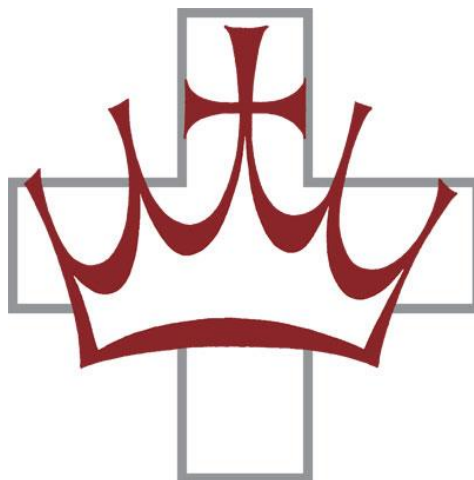


why this sense - less fear? For He who of - fers heav'n - ly  
 on His guid - ing star; And, led by light, to light they  
 Lamb in meek - ness stood That He, of whom no sin was  
 red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it  
 Je - sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -



birth Seeks not the king - doms of this earth.  
 trod And by their gifts con - fessed their God.  
 known, Might cleanse His peo - ple from their own.  
 flowed In streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.  
 dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,  
 3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;  
 5 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on His throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!  
 To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;  
 Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.  
 All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.  
 From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing and all - blest.

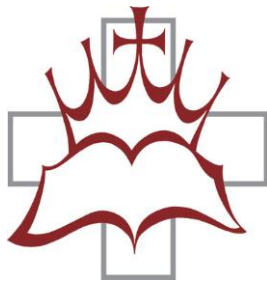


He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,  
 To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,  
 Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
 To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;  
 The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.  
 And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.  
 His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A king - dom with - out end.  
 His name shall stand for - ev - er— That name to us is Love.

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### 394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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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 - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 An - thems 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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*Stand*

**Dismissal**



# Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32 LSB 211

(*NUNK dih-MIH-tuss*). Latin for “now [let your servant] depart,” from the Song of Simeon.



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

  
*Nunc Dimittis*  
SONG OF SIMEON

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** 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.

## Luther's Morning Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.  
Amen.

## Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1 LSB 212

*(beh-neh-dih-KAH-moose), Latin for "bless we [the Lord]." We give thanks to God for everything He has done for us in Jesus Christ.*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*A final blessing from God this morning before we leave.*

**P** 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.

*Sit*

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# 411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

LSB 411



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.

## -- Week at a Glance --

Sunday January 10th	<b>8:00, 9:15, &amp; 10:30 am</b> 11:45 am 3:00 pm 5:00 pm	<b>Worship Service w/ Communion</b> Voters' Meeting Jr. Youth (4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> grades) Youth Group (7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grades)
Monday January 11th		
Tuesday January 12th	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Wednesday January 13th	<b>3:00 pm</b> 4:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>Drive-Up Communion for Homebound</b> Confirmation Pastor's Adult Bible Class
Thursday January 14th	6:30 pm	Financial Peace Class
Friday January 15th		
Saturday January 16th	10:00 am	Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)
Sunday January 17th	<b>8:00, 9:15, &amp; 10:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service w/ Communion</b>

# -- Announcements --

## Celebrating

**Birthdays:** Hayes K., Linda O. (10<sup>th</sup>); Jennifer B., Lynn M. (11<sup>th</sup>); Zach D., Bessie T. (12<sup>th</sup>); Abel W. (13<sup>th</sup>); Brian G., Kelly G., Alexandra H., Phil H. (14<sup>th</sup>); Duane S. (15<sup>th</sup>); Darren C., Curtis H., Dalton W. (16<sup>th</sup>)

**Baptism Birthdays:** Wayne B., Ella L. (10<sup>th</sup>); Karen M., Jana R., Lily S. (11<sup>th</sup>); Landon C. (12<sup>th</sup>); Jared H. (14<sup>th</sup>); Joshua A., Justin K. (16<sup>th</sup>)

**Anniversaries:** Gary & Karen M. (7<sup>th</sup>); Lee & Janet M. (11<sup>th</sup>)

## Worship Service Updates

*We have three worship service times: Sunday mornings at 8 am, 9:15 am, and 10:30 am. These services are capped at 45 people each to allow for proper distancing.* Please continue to sign up through the church website. Thank you for your patience as we navigate this ever-changing situation!

## Voters' Meeting

Our voters meeting (originally slated for December) will be TODAY (January 10<sup>th</sup>) at 11:45 am in the Schemm Family Life Center. Due to wording in our church constitution and bylaws, we will NOT be able to offer the meeting through Zoom as originally planned. Sorry for the short notice and inconvenience.

## Children/Youth Sunday School

Children's Sunday School (Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade). DCE Amanda will continue posting weekly lessons and resources to the members area of our website ([christlems.org/members](http://christlems.org/members)) – contact the church office if you need the password.

Youth (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) Sunday School is once again meeting in-person in the basement youth room on Sundays at 9:15am.

## Pastor's Bible Class

Pastor Ben's Bible Class is now back to its regular day/time on Wednesdays at 7 pm. This class is available both in person and via Zoom. Please e-mail the church office if you need the link. This class takes a closer look at the lectionary readings for the coming Sunday.

## Youth & Jr. Youth

Jr. Youth (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades) will be meeting at 3:00 pm this afternoon. Youth in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades will be meeting this evening at 5:00 pm. Contact Amanda for details.



# -- Announcements --

## Welcome

After completing our new members class with Pastor Ben, DelRay Capper is joining us in membership here at Christ during our 9:15 am service today. He and his daughter were both baptized by Pastor Bruss last April, and his wife Kadie is already a member of our congregation. Introduce yourself to the Capper family and say hello!

## Bible Reading Challenge

We're starting a new Bible Reading Challenge on January 17<sup>th</sup>! Join us as we take three weeks to read through Acts and Romans. Pick up the pink reading calendar in the coffee lobby, or download it from our website. Bring it back when you're done for a reward!

## Drive-Up Communion for Homebound Members

If you have been watching our church services online or receiving a church bulletin in the mail during the pandemic but have not been able to attend in person, we invite you to join us for a brief Holy Communion service on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Sign up online or call the church office for a private 10-minute time slot between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm. Please limit one household per time slot. (This communion service is intended to reach out to those who have been unable to attend our weekly worship services in-person. If you have been attending on Sunday mornings, we encourage you to continue receiving communion at that time.)

## Remembered in our Prayers

Charlie P., Alice M., Luke H., Betty C., Julie J., Don L., Brittian K. (Sondra K.'s grandson), Lance L., Jerry M., Bob T., Glenna L., Jean B. (sister Pauline C.'s sister), Judy P. (Lynne D.'s aunt), Mert B., Angela (Mary D.'s daughter), Judy (Colleen B.'s neighbor), Noel (Colleen B.'s brother), Kathy (Brenda Z.'s sister-in-law), Martin E., Shirley (Frank J.'s grandmother), Melanie (Sharon L.'s daughter), Ella (Marsha S.'s granddaughter), Julie (Heather S.'s cousin), Willa H., Brian C., Bob (David B.'s brother), Sherry (Liz J.'s sister-in-law), the Pence family as they mourn the loss of Wayne, Rene A. for a speedy adoption process for Barbara, our front line/essential workers, and others named in your heart. Pray for the Topeka Rescue Mission, the Schumachers and their ministry in Ghana, and missionaries around the world. We pray especially for those around the world being persecuted for their faith in the one, true God and the suffering they endure. Please continue to pray for Pastor Ben, Amanda, our staff and their families as they do our Lord's work here at Christ Lutheran. We pray for the staff and students of TLS and the Center for Young Children. We also pray for those who serve in the armed forces, first responders, and for our country and government. Prayers of thanksgiving for our Lord and Savior and the new life we have in Him.

# EAT FOR CHANGE



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Topeka Lutheran School. Come in to the Chipotle at **2040 SW Wanamaker Rd Ste 103** in Topeka on **Tuesday, January 19th** between **5:00pm** and **9:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Topeka Lutheran School.

## NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Use code CQ9FXB4 before checkout in 'promo' field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.



All online orders must be placed for pickup at the same time/location of the fundraiser. Delivery cannot be counted at this time. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

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Day/Time: [Thursdays at 6:30 pm](#)

Start Date: [January 14th](#)

## *The Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son*

The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a “thirteenth day” of Christmas, and yet it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. Where Christmas has focused on the incarnation of our Lord, that is, on God becoming flesh, the season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. For the Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1–2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth, not only to the Jews but also to the Gentiles (Eph. 3:8–10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5–11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3–6).

### Offerings

We have multiple options for your gifts, tithes, and offerings. You can text CHRISTLCMS to 77977 to give via text message, or sign up for online giving at [pushpay.com/pay/christlcms](http://pushpay.com/pay/christlcms) for a one-time or recurring gift. Or, use the “My Church by PushPay” app, with keyword CHRISTLCMS. You may also mail your offering to the church office (3509 SW Burlingame Rd, Topeka, KS 66611). Direct links with more information are available on the church website ([christlcms.org/giving](http://christlcms.org/giving)).

## Stewardship Corner

<i>Budgeted Weekly Needs:</i>	<b>TBA – Voters Meeting</b>
<i>Offerings Received – Week of 12/27</i>	<b>\$ 4,865</b>
<i>Budgeted Needs (Jan-Dec 2020)</i>	<b>\$383,149</b>
<i>Offerings Received (Jan-Dec 2020)</i>	<b>\$371,808</b>

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**Isaiah 60:6b – “They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.”** Faith in God moves the heart toward thanksgiving, which moves us toward making offerings to the Lord in His House. It’s simply what Christians do. Our thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us simply must overflow into sacrificial giving to the Lord. What Isaiah prophesied, the Wise Men did, and we still do today by giving with a thankful heart.