

⊕ EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD ⊕

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About Our Worship Service

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen to take away our sins. We gather for the Divine Service not merely for the sake of ritual or tradition. Nor do we come to worship primarily to give something back to God. Rather, we meet together to hear and receive what God has done for us. In Word and Sacrament, our gracious Lord gives those who believe in him forgiveness of sins, unity with him in new life, and the promise of eternal salvation in heaven! Through this same gospel he motivates and equips us to follow his holy will for our lives. We hope that you are comforted with the message of Jesus Christ's love for you as you worship today. Please join us again soon!

Visitors

Thank you for joining us for worship! Please read the following notes about our congregation. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please speak with the pastor.

Our Practice of Closed Communion

If you have not communed with us before, please read the notes printed later in this bulletin under the section titled "Our Holy Communion Practices."

Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the downstairs fellowship hall. A wheelchair accessible restroom is located at the front of the church, through the doors to the left of the chancel.

Guest Book

If you feel comfortable doing so, please sign our guest book located in the narthex so we can have a record of your visit.

Parent's Room

Parents with crying children are welcome to use the parent's room, located off the narthex.

Chair Lifts

Chair lifts are located off the northwest entrance for those who need to go to the fellowship hall on the lower level but have difficulty with stairs.

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Christmas

Christ the Savior Is Born

“Silent Night” was written originally in German by Joseph Mohr, with music composed by Franz Gruber. The carol was first performed on Christmas Eve in 1818 at St. Nicholas Church in Oberndorf, Austria. Legend says the church organ was broken, prompting Gruber to compose a simple guitar accompaniment. Subsequently accompanied by many instruments and translated into many languages, the text paints the picture of the incarnation. The last phrase is repeated, so in the second stanza we hear it twice: “Christ the Savior is born!” Every word of that phrase is significant, and every line of the Christmas carol describes a Bible truth. We use the beloved hymn to ponder the profound message of the Twelve Days of Christmas.

Epiphany of Our Lord

Love’s Pure Light Beams from Thy Holy Face

Today, the Christian Church celebrates the Festival of the Epiphany. Epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning “reveal.” When Jesus was born, he was first revealed as “love’s pure light” to Israelites: Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. Today we see the Lord miraculously guiding foreigners across countless miles so the Savior’s “holy face” could be revealed to them as well.

The Lord himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of his true light. He does so chiefly by his Word, which he causes to be preached within his Church on earth, not only to the Jews, but also to Gentiles.

Thus, the Festival of Epiphany is sometimes known as the “Gentile Christmas.” We Gentiles (non-Jews) rejoice in the good news that this Jewish baby is a gift for all people, including us! So bright is the dawning of the Son, so great is the fullness of his glory, and so strongly does “love’s pure light beam from (God’s) holy face,” that the Light of the world fills not only the dark streets of Bethlehem, but the ends of the earth!

The Service

Setting One

Welcome to God's house in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Please enter the sanctuary quietly so you and others can prepare your hearts for God's worship service.

A personal prayer for before worship is printed on the first page of the blue hymnal.

The hymns are located in the middle to back portion of the blue hymnal.

There will be no pre-service announcements.

Our worship begins with the tolling of the bells, followed by the opening hymn.

The Preparation

Tolling of the Bells

Opening Hymn

347 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, wing your
2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing
3 Ma - gi, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er

flight o'er all the earth; once you sang cre -
o'er your flocks by night, God with us is
vi - sions beam a - far; seek the great de -

a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
now re - sid - ing; yon - der shines the in - fant light.
sire of na - tions, you have seen the Sav - ior's star.

Refrain

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship,

wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Please stand for stanza 4 and direct your attention to the processional cross as it is brought to the chancel

4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing
long in hope and fear, sud - den - ly the
Lord, de - scand - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear.

Refrain

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship,
wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Invocation

(Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

(1 John 1:8-9; Luke 18:13)

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just

and will forgive us our sins

and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

(Matthew 16:19; John 20:21-23)

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

Amen.

Epiphany Dialogue

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. *(Isaiah 9:2, NIV)*

**Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.** *(Isaiah 60:1, NIV)*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. *(John 1:1,4, NIV)*

**The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.** *(John 1:5, NIV)*

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (John 8:12, NIV)

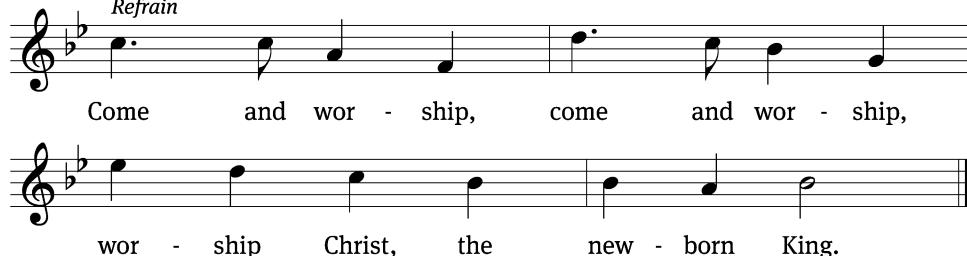
We saw his star when it rose

and have come to worship him. (Matthew 2:2, NIV)



5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the
Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your
voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship,
wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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The Word

Salutation

(*Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22*)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

(*Matthew 7:7-11; Philippians 4:6*)

Let us pray.

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

The prophet foretold that one born King of the Jews would draw kings from distant nations to the light of his glory.

- 60** Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD is dawning upon you.
- ² Look, darkness covers the earth,
and deep darkness covers the peoples,
but the LORD will dawn upon you,
and his glory will be seen over you.
- ³ Nations will walk to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- ⁴ Look up. Look all around and see!
All of them have been gathered. They are coming to you.
Your sons will come from far away,
and people will carry your daughters on their side.
- ⁵ Then you will look and be radiant.
Your heart will race with excitement and burst with joy.

For great riches from the sea will be delivered to you.
The wealth of the nations will come to you.
6 Caravans of camels will cover your land,
young camels from Midian and Ephah.
All those from Sheba will come.
They will carry gold and incense,
and they will announce the good news of the praise of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 72 A “Lord, Every Nation on Earth Will Adore You”

Recognizing the reference to kings bowing down and presenting gifts to the great King, the Church sings Psalm 72 in services that celebrate the Epiphany.

The Congregation will sing the refrains and the “Glory be to the Father...”

The Cantor will sing the verses

Congregation:



Lord, ev - 'ry na-tion on earth will a - dore you.

Cantor: Endow the king with your justice, / O God,
the royal son with your / righteousness.
May he endure as long / as the sun,
as long as the moon, through all gener- / ations.

May he be like rain falling on a / mown field,
like showers water- / ing the earth.
In his days may the righteous / flourish
and prosperity abound till the moon / is no more.

Congregation:



Lord, ev - 'ry na-tion on earth will a - dore you.

Cantor: May all kings bow / down to him
and all nations / serve him.
Long may he live! May gold from Sheba be / given him.
May the kings of Sheba and Seba pre- / sent him gifts.

May people ever / pray for him
and bless him / all day long.
Then all nations will be / blessed through him,
and they will / call him blessed.

Congregation: **Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.**

Congregation: 
Lord, ev - 'ry na-tion on earth will a - dore you.

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Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-12

Paul explains that that people from all nations are united as equals in the Savior's kingdom of grace.

² Surely you have heard of the administration of God's grace given to me for you,
³ namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation (as I have already written briefly). ⁴ When you read this, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ. ⁵ This mystery was not made known to people in past generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets. ⁶ This mystery is that in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and people who also share in the promise through the gospel.

⁷ I became a servant of this gospel, in keeping with the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸ To me—even though I am the very least of all the saints—was given this grace: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ ⁹ and to enlighten everyone about the administration of this mystery. In past ages this mystery remained hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰ He did this so that, through the

church, the multifaceted wisdom of God in the heavenly places might now be made known to the rulers and authorities.¹¹ This was done according to the eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.¹² In him we can freely approach God with confidence through faith in him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced

Gospel Acclamation

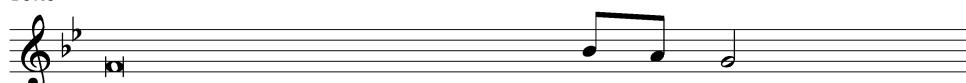
Matthew 2:2



Refrain

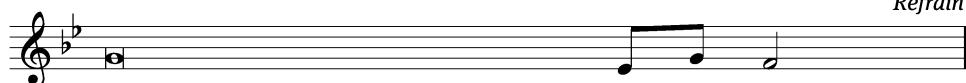


Tone



Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?

Refrain



We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.

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The pastor processes to the nave floor for the Gospel, symbolizing Christ's presence among us in his Word

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Magi from the east were the first in a long line of Gentiles would join Israel in worshiping Jesus as King.

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, when Herod was king, Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, **2** “Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” **3** When King Herod heard this, he was alarmed, and all Jerusalem with him. **4** He gathered together all the people’s chief priests and experts in the law. He asked them where the Christ was to be born. **5** They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, because this was written through the prophet:

6 You, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are certainly not least among the rulers of Judah: because out of you will come a ruler, who will shepherd my people, Israel.”

7 Then Herod secretly summoned the Wise Men and found out from them exactly when the star had appeared. **8** He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you find him, report to me, so that I may also go and worship him.”

9 After listening to the king, they went on their way. Then the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them, until it stood still over the place where the child was. **10** When they saw the star, they rejoiced with overwhelming joy. **11** After they went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. **12** Since they had been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day

370 "How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"



1 How love - ly shines the Morn - ing Star! The na - tions see
 2 O high - est joy by mor - tals won, true Son of God
 3 O might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved me ere
 4 Oh, joy to know that you, my friend, are Lord, be - gin -
 5 Lift up the voice and strike the string, let all glad sounds



and hail a - far the light in Ju - dah shin - ing.
 and Mar - y's son, the high - born King of a - ges!
 you had be - gun this an - cient world's foun - da - tion.
 ning with-out end, the first and last, e - ter - nal!
 of mu - sic ring in God's high prais - es blend - ed.



O Da - vid's son of Ja - cob's race, my Bride-groom and
 In your blest bod - y let me be, e'en as the branch
 Your Son has made a friend of me, and when in spir -
 And you at length— O glo - rious grace— will take me to
 Christ will be with me all the way, to - day, to - mor -



my King of grace, for you my heart is pin - ing.
 is in the tree, your life my life sup - ply - ing.
 it him I see, I joy in trib - u - la - tion.
 that ho - ly place, the home of joys su - per - nal.
 row, ev - 'ry day till trav - 'ling days are end - ed.



Low - ly, ho - ly, great and glo - rious, O vic - to - rious
 Sigh - ing, cry - ing for the sa - vor of your fa - vor,
 What bliss is this! He is liv - ing, to me giv - ing
 A - men, a - men! Come and meet me, quick - ly greet me!
 Sing out, ring out tri - umph glo - rious, O vic - to - rious



Prince of grac - es, fill - ing all the heav'n-ly plac - es.
 rest - ing nev - er till I rest in you for - ev - er.
 life for - ev - er; noth - ing me from him can sev - er.
 With deep yearn - ing, Lord, I look for your re - turn - ing.
 cho - sen na - tion; praise the God of your sal - va - tion.

Nicene Creed *Credo*

(Romans 10:9-10; Philippians 2:10-11)

Please stand

**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 truly 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.**

Please be seated

Offering Collection

(Proverbs 3:9-10; Matthew 6:19-34; Romans 12:1; 2 Corinthians 9:7-11; Galatians 6:6-10)

Offerings

God, who blesses us with all we gave, gives us the privilege of thanking him in many ways. One way is by offering a portion of our income to financially support the ministry of our congregation and synod.

If you are a guest, please do not feel like you must give an offering.

We are happy to share with you the free, good news of Jesus' gracious love for you!

If you would like to give an offering, you can place it in the collection plate when it is passed to you.

If you wish to give your offering via [PayPal](#), you can scan the QR code on the last page of this bulletin. Thank you for your financial support of our congregation!

Friendship Registers

You are invited to write your name in the Friendship Register - the maroon book at the end of each pew. Please write down your name and the names of those with you, check any appropriate box, and provide your contact information if you want the pastor to speak with you.

Prayer of the Church

Epiphany

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's Son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.

You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging.

You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

Prince of peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope.

Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn.

Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special prayers and intercessions

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Finally, Lord, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

Amen.

Please stand

The Sacrament

Visitors, before approaching the altar, please read the notes printed later in this bulletin under the section titled “Our Holy Communion Practices”

Prefaces

(2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 107:1)

The Lord be with you.

Musical notation in G clef, 2/4 time, with a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "And al - so with you." are written below the notes.

And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Musical notation in G clef, 2/4 time, with a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "We lift them up to the Lord." are written below the notes.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



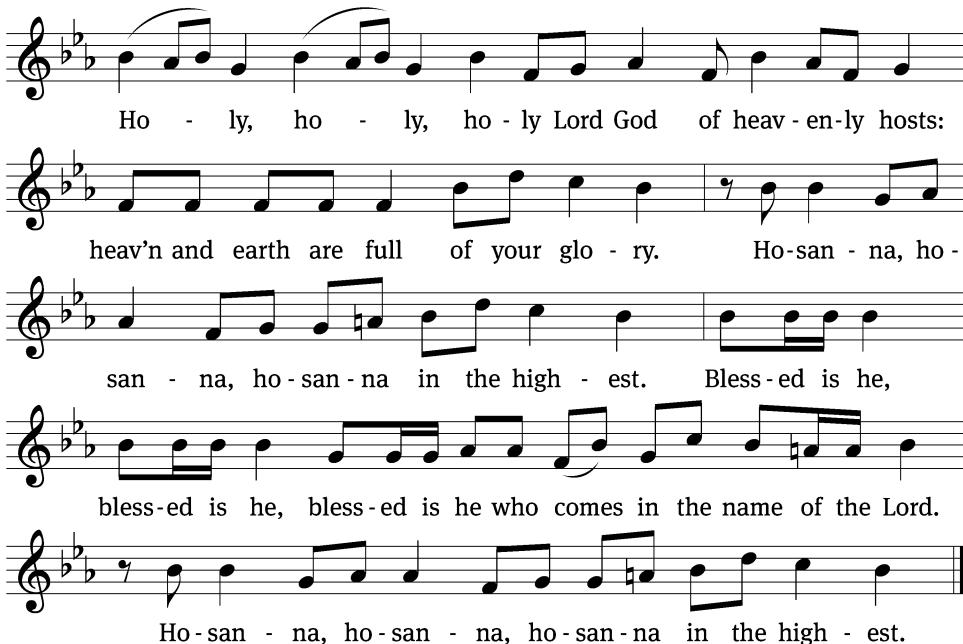
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



Prayer of Thanksgiving

(John 1:3; Romans 8:32)

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

**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.**

Words of Institution *Verba**(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Peace of the Lord *Pax Domini**(John 14:27; 20:19; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei**(John 1:29; Isaiah 53:4-7; 1 Peter 1:18-19)*

The musical notation consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing in blue where they would normally be placed. The lyrics are:

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Please be seated

Our Holy Communion Practices

(Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:27-29; Ephesians 4:4-6; 1 John 1:3; 2 John 9-11)

Visitors

Before approaching the altar to receive Holy Communion, please read the following notes:

The Holy Bible teaches the celebration of the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity in faith and teaching. To be "in communion" means to share and hold in common. By receiving Holy Communion, we are not only sharing Christ's true body and blood, but we are also confessing that we publicly hold in common the same teachings of God's Holy Word.

We therefore invite to Holy Communion only those Christians who share the same teachings to which we hold, all the while recognizing the true spiritual unity and fellowship of all believers in God's Holy Christian Church (i.e. the Communion of Saints). Confirmed members of Nain and confirmed visiting members of sister congregations in the WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) and the ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) are welcome to commune with us.

If you are a member of another Lutheran synod, another Christian denomination, or of another belief, we ask that you refrain from communing with us at this time. We do this out of love and in accordance with God's words through St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29. The pastor would be happy to speak with you if you have interest in communing in the future or have any other questions or concerns about our practices. Thank you for your patience and understanding, and for respecting our beliefs.

Communicants

"Christian Questions," a guide for personal preparation before receiving Holy Communion is printed on pages 295-296 in the hymnal. Prayers for before and after communing are printed on the first page of the hymnal.

The usher will direct you to the front of the nave, where you will commune. When the pastor distributes the bread and body of Christ, he will say, "The body of Christ, given for you." When he distributes the wine and blood of Christ, he will say, "The blood of Christ, poured out for you." Before consuming the sacramental elements, you may respond to the pastor's words by saying, "Amen" (which is Hebrew for, "Truly," or "Yes, it is so") as a way to confess your belief that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of your sins.

Children and Non-Communicants

Children and other non-communicants are welcome to approach the altar to receive a blessing from the pastor. He will make the sign of the cross on the head of each and say, "The Lord bless you." Non-Communicant adults are asked to cross their arms over their chest to indicate that they do not intend to commune.

Distribution of Holy Communion

(1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 2:42)

As he distributes the elements, the pastor says to the communicants:

The body of Christ, given for you.

Amen.

The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

Amen.

As he dismisses the communicants, the pastor says:

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go + in peace.

Amen.

Distribution Hymn

374 “The Star Proclaims the King Is Here” (stanzas 1, 2, 5)

1 The star pro - claims the King is here; but, Her - od,
2 The east - ern Ma - gi saw from far and fol - lowed
5 All glo - ry un - to Je - sus be and praise for

why this sense - less fear? For he who came from heav - en's
on his guid - ing star, and, led by light, to Light they
his e - piph - a - ny, whom with the Fa - ther we a -

throne does not de - sire an earth - ly crown.
pressed and by their gifts their God con - fessed.
dore and Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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Distribution Hymn

372 "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 thy low - ly bed,
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
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,
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, 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
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.
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
all our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King.
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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In Peace, Lord, You Let Your Servant (CW 968) *Nunc Dimitis*

(Luke 2:29-32)

Please stand as the canticle is introduced

In peace, Lord, you let your ser-vant now de-part ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which
you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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Thanksgiving

(*Psalm 118:1*)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Proclamation

(*1 Corinthians 11:26*)

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Post-Communion Prayer

(Romans 15:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 3:12, 5:11)

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

(Numbers 6:24-26)

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.

Amen.

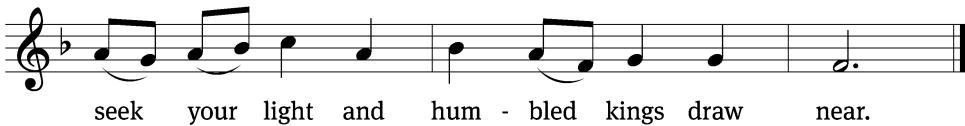
Closing Hymn

376 "Rise Up and Shine"

Please remain standing for the first stanza and follow the processional cross as it is brought out of the nave



1 Rise up and shine! Your light has come; God's
glo - ry breaks like dawn. For though the earth be
cloaked in night and gloom shrouds ev - 'ry - one,
yet o - ver you the Lord will rise, with
glo - ry gleam - ing clear, till na - tions turn to



Please be seated

2 Fling wide your gates, both day and night; no
 3 No more will you im - plore the sun to
 more keep watch or guard. You will be called God's
 shed by day its light, nor will you need the
 ho - ly hill, the cit - y of the Lord.
 change - ful moon to glis - ten through the night.
 No sound of strife will plague your land, nor
 Your glo - ry then will be your God, whose
 harm be - siege your ways; "Sal - va - tion" will you
 light will nev - er cease. Rise up and shine! Your
 name your walls, and all your por - tals "Praise."
 light has come to give you joy and peace.

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