

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN MISSIONS FOR CHRIST

PORT CHARLOTTE, FLORIDA

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THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

What Does It Mean to Be King?

AS WE GATHER

In many Christian cultures, the day of the Epiphany of Our Lord is known as “Three Kings Day.” Special celebrations that include foods associated with the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus happen around the globe as the “new King” is welcomed by His subjects. Jesus is no ordinary King. He is the “King Most Wonderful” as Bernard of Clairvaux (*LSB 554*), who lived some 1,100 years ago, expressed it in poetic verse. Today we bring our gifts and come to worship that King, rejoicing in His blessed rule among us.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

PRELUDE

PASTORAL GREETING

HYMN "As with Gladness Men of Old"

LBW 82

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES Based on *John 1:4–5, 9; 8:12*

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

People: **the light no darkness can overcome.**

Pastor: In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.

People: **The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it.
The true Light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us make confession to God our Father, source of light and love, from whom His whole family in heaven and on earth receives His blessings and gifts. Assured of His great mercy, let us acknowledge together that we, by our heedless thoughts, careless words, and loveless deeds have sinned against our gracious God and deserve His punishment now and eternally.

People: **Almighty God, we know that we are by nature sinful and that daily our lives transgress Your Law. We repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. Be merciful to us and for the sake of Jesus grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we walk in Your light and with renewed spirits serve You in time and in eternity.**

Pastor: 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. Out of His glorious riches, the Lord strengthen you with power through his Spirit that Christ shall dwell in your hearts through faith.

People: Amen.

FORGIVEN

✂ WORD ✂

KYRIE

“Kyrie-II”

LSB 944



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2	Christ, _____	have mer - cy.	Christ, _____	have mer - cy.
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	Lord, _____	have mer	-	-	-	cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

LBW 50

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in Your Son, Jesus Christ, the hoped-for promise of salvation was fully realized. Grant that we truly welcome Jesus as the King of our hearts and the ruler of our lives. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, world without end.

People: **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

(The glory of the Lord is shown forth in light.)

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

"Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you;

your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Ephesians 3:1-12

(Jesus is God’s gift for all people, both Jews and Gentiles.)

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.

His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Lector This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God. *Congregation, please rise for the Alleluia Verse and the Holy Gospel*

Pastor: Alleluia. Where is He who has been born king of the Jews?

People: For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

(*The Magi visit the infant Jesus.*)

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:"

Bethlehem, Bethlehem in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel."
Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LBW 543

SERMON *The Day of Epiphany*

Pastor Steve Dygert - STS

APOSTLES' CREED *Text found on page 85 of the Green Hymnal.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Celebrating that the Lord is revealed in our midst, we pray for an increase of the Word that we rejoice in sins forgiven in Christ alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As the Magi brought their gifts to the place where the child Jesus was, direct us, O Lord, to love the place where Your presence dwells and to

cherish the fellowship of faith and love that we enjoy as God's holy people.
Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Remembering the journey of the Magi as they were led by the star, grant that we be led throughout our lives in ways that lead us to Your presence.
Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: On this day of reflection and of celebration, we also make our petitions for the sick, the shut-in, and all who at this time are in need of our intercession, [*especially . . .*], that their prayers soon be answered and that they be supported by God's people with care in the name of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: *...special intercessions may be included here...].* Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As we bring forth our gifts, grant that we also offer the gift of ourselves and our lives, that we be directed by the Holy Spirit to do the work of God, bringing aid to the poor and hope to the oppressed, working for justice in our communities and being agents of peace in our circles of relationships.
Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.



OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Just as I am”

Dean Carson

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

P: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION AT OUR SAVIOR

The Lord, our Host, invites to his Supper those who are baptized into the Christian faith, confess him as Savior, have been instructed and have examined themselves, truly repent of sins, believe the Risen Lord is present in the sacrament with his true body and blood, and resolve to live faithfully and obediently. For those with an intolerance to alcohol, the center ring of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available to those with wheat allergies.



✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And now we bless You that in Jesus Christ You have come among us as our humble King, sharing Your forgiving and limitless love. Grant us grace to hear Your Word with grateful hearts, remaining steadfast in hope throughout our earthly lives as we await the joys of heaven, where we will join in the eternal chorus of angels and archangels giving You unending praise.

HYMN Holy, Holy, Holy

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God, Almighty
Early in the morning, our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and forever.

Amen

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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 \times 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 Covenant in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1st Corinthians 1 12 6

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:

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**GENERAL COMMUNION
BLESSING**

BENEDICTION The Lord bless you and keep you.

Pastor: The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
Numbers 6:24-26

People: Amen

. HYMN "Go Tell it on the Mountain"

LSB 388

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God .



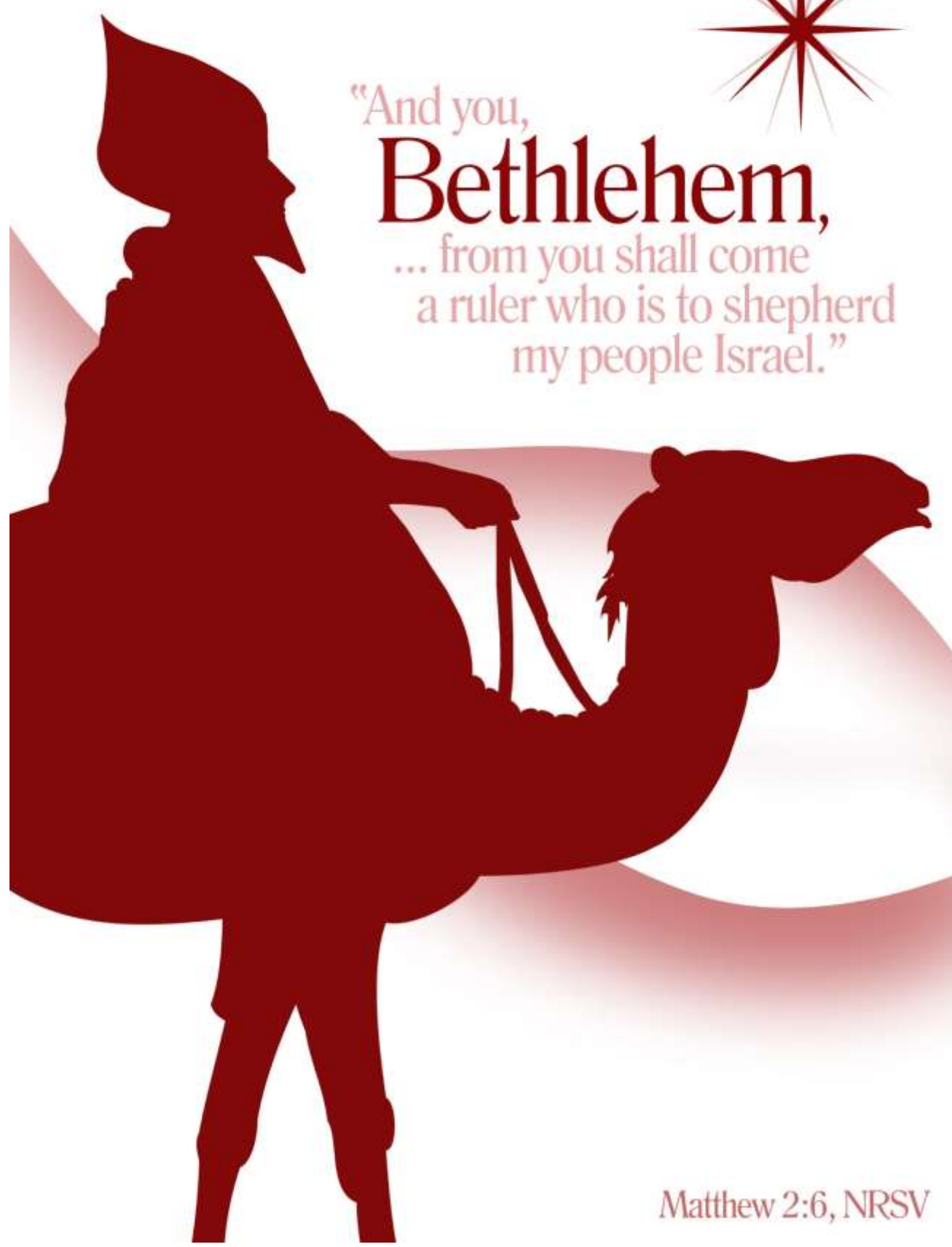
KEEP SEEKING HIM



A Light to the Nations



“And you,
Bethlehem,
... from you shall come
a ruler who is to shepherd
my people Israel.”



Matthew 2:6, NRSV

Epiphany



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