



WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN! Thank you for joining us as we worship of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We are happy you are here! As a kindness to one another, **please place your cell phones on mute** for the time we are together in worship. If you are a visitor, let us know you are here!

IN OUR PRAYERS: Please use a prayer request card if you have a specific prayer request this morning. It is our joy and our privilege to share in these petitions to Almighty God. If you have them ready before the service, hand them to Pastor when you have them completed, otherwise give them to the ushers at the time the offering is collected.

THE MEANING OF THE TWO PICTURES IN THE BULLETIN: The two pictures at the top of the bulletin are the church's logo and the LCMC logo. The church's logo is the descent of the Holy Spirit into 'Our Savior' at the time of His Baptism.

BIBLE STUDIES: We will discuss renewing our study of the Bible on Wednesdays and Sundays. Gene Dulik has volunteered leading a study of the Gospel of John after worship on Sundays; and I will lead a Bible Study on John 1 on Wednesdays starting January 13th, at 10 AM.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY: The Celebration of the Epiphany of Our Lord

GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME – January 10th, 2021

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: *Congregational response in BOLD*

Pastor: Our Heavenly Father, as we approach your altar with with love for You and our concern for the price you paid for us on the cross, we realize the difficulties that we face, and we confess the poor job we have done with our response to your sacrifice. For that, dear Lord, we make our confession to you this day.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by the things we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As a result of the love of God, the work of Jesus on the cross, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I, as a called and ordained servant of The Word, and by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the, Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Service of the Word

Kyrie Elision

P: In Peace let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P Help. Save, and defend us precious Lord.

C: Amen

INTROIT:

All Kings will bow down to him, and all nations will serve him.

Endow the king with your justice O God, the royal son with your
highteousnes

**He will judge your people in highteousness, your afflicted ones with
justice.**

For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to
help.

**He will take pity on the weak and the needy, and save the needy
from death.**

He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood
in his sight.

May his name endure forever; may it continue as long as the sun.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it
was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

All Kings will bow down to him, and all nations will serve him

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison): P: Let us pray:

**O God, by the leading of a star you once made known to all nations
your only-begotten Son; now lead us, who know you by faith, to know in
heaven the fullness of your divine goodness, Alleluia.**

**May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
so that we may know the hope to which God has called us through Jesus
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever. Alleluia and Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: 141 As With Gladness, Men of Old vs 1,3,5

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

60 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.

A: This ends our Old Testament Reading.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: (ESV)

Epistle: Ephesians 3:1-12

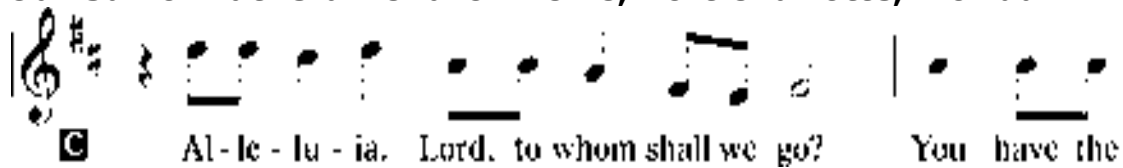
3 For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles **2** assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, **3** how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. **4** When you read this, you can perceive 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.

A: This ends our Epistle reading. Please rise for the singing of the Alleluia.



THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12 (ESV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 2nd Chapter.



The Visit of the Wise Men

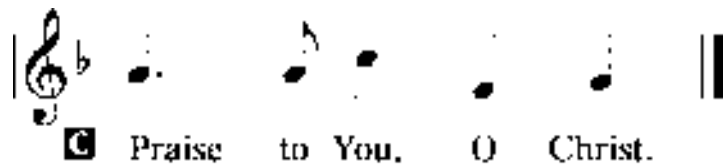
2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, **2** saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose [b] and have come to worship him." **3** When Herod the king heard this, he 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.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.



SERMON "Star of the East" **Pastor Steve Dygert + STS**

SERMON HYMN: 140 We Three Kings of Orient Are

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the 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 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 on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

"And I believe in the Holy Ghost, 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 catholic 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."

RITE OF FRIENDSHIP:

P. The Peace of the Lord Be With You Always.

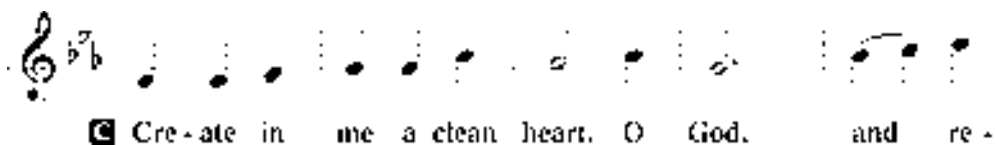
C. **And Also With You.**

P. Please share the peace of the Lord with those around you.

During Covid, share the peace by remaining in your chairs and waving at those around you.

P. We now have the opportunity to share back with the Lord a little of the bounty He has shared with us.

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Psalm 51:10-12*



new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Hu-ly Spic-it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

THE OFFERTORY: How Great Thou Art – Dean Carson

THE OFFERING:

*As we bring the offering to the altar we will sing the Doxology,
 written in England for Protestant Churches in 1674.*

Praise God, from Whom all bless - ings flow; praise
 Him all crea - tures here be - low; praise
 Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

PROPER PREFACE – EPIPHANY:

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For today you have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations, and, when he appeared in our mortal nature, you made us new by the glory of his immortal nature.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the Hosts of Heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying: :

SANCTUS: Holy, Holy, Holy – Sung

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.

PRAYERS OF PRAISE: P: *Let us Pray: (Prayer Response) Lord in your Mercy: Hear our prayer.*

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**

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SENDING HYMN: Sing a New Song Unto the Lord, insert on last page

THE BENEDICTION & THE DISMISSAL

Congregational Song, Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our father
Brothers all are we

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God

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Sing a New Song

Refrain



Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be



sung from moun - tains high. Sing a new song



un - to the Lord, sing - ing al - le - lu - ia.

Veres



1. Shout with glad - ness! Dance for joy! O come be -



2. Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sav - ior



3. Glad my soul for I have seen the glo - ry



fore the Lord. And play for God on



now has come. I He has turned your



of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the

D.C.



glad tam - bou - rines, and let your trum - pet sound.



sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.



dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

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