

Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Mankato, Minnesota

The Epiphany of Our Lord  
January 12, 2025

At Our Savior Lutheran Church we live to make Christ known.

Monthly Memory Verse:

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn: “Arise and Shine in Splendor”

LSB 396

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| 1 Arise and shine in splendor;<br>Let night to day surrender.<br>Your light is drawing near.<br>Above, the day is beaming,<br>In matchless beauty gleaming;<br>The glory of the Lord is here.   | 4 Lift up your eyes in wonder—<br>See, nations gather yonder<br>From sin to be set free.<br>The world has heard Your story;<br>Her sons come to Your glory;<br>Her daughters haste Your light to see.      |
| 2 See earth in darkness lying,<br>The heathen nations dying<br>In hopeless gloom and night.<br>To you the Lord of heaven—<br>Your life, your hope—has given<br>Great glory, honor, and delight. | 5 Your heart will leap for gladness<br>When from the realms of sadness<br>They come from near and far.<br>Your eyes will wake from slumber<br>As people without number<br>Rejoice to see the Morning Star. |
| 3 The world’s remotest races,<br>Upon whose weary faces<br>The sun looks from the sky,<br>Shall run with zeal untiring,<br>With joy Your light desiring<br>That breaks upon them from on high.  |  |

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

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

## Absolution

LSB 185

## Service of the Word

## Kyrie

LSB 186



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



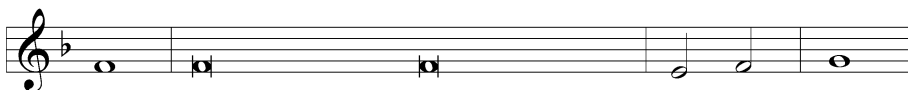
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

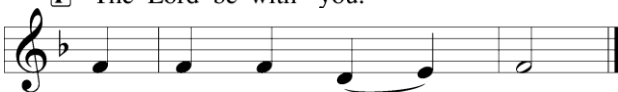
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir - it.

**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.



**G** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

- <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.

## Psalm

*Psalm 72:1–15*

- <sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, | O God,\*  
and your righteousness to the | royal son!
- <sup>2</sup>May he judge your people with | righteousness,\*  
and your poor with | justice!
- <sup>3</sup>Let the mountains bear prosperity for the | people,\*  
and the hills, in | righteousness!
- <sup>4</sup>May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the children of the | needy,\*  
and crush the op- | pressor!
- <sup>5</sup>May they fear you while the | sun endures,\*  
and as long as the moon, throughout all gener- | ations!
- <sup>6</sup>May he be like rain that falls on the | mown grass,\*  
like showers that wa- | ter the earth!
- <sup>7</sup>In his days may the righteous | flourish,\*  
and peace abound, till the moon | be no more!
- <sup>8</sup>May he have dominion from | sea to sea,\*  
and from the River to the ends | of the earth!
- <sup>9</sup>May desert tribes bow down be- | fore him\*  
and his enemies | lick the dust!
- <sup>10</sup>May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands  
render him | tribute,\*  
may the kings of Sheba and Seba | bring gifts!
- <sup>11</sup>May all kings fall down be- | fore him,\*  
all nations | serve him!
- <sup>12</sup>For he delivers the needy | when he calls,\*  
the poor and him who has no | helper.
- <sup>13</sup>He has pity on the weak and the | needy,\*  
and saves the lives of the | needy.
- <sup>14</sup>From oppression and violence he re- | deems their life,\*  
and precious is their blood | in his sight.
- <sup>15</sup>Long may he live;  
may gold of Sheba be giv- | en to him!\*
- May prayer be made for him continually,  
and blessings invoked for him | all the day!

**C** 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.

## Epistle

*Ephesians 3:1–12*

<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.

## Anthem: “Jesus Our Brother, Kind and Good”

Introductory Choir

## Alleluia

*LSB 190*

**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** Glo - ry be to Thee, 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:

““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 be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**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.**

**Hymn of the Day: “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”**

**LSB 395**

- 1 O Morning Star, how fair and bright!  
You shine with God’s own truth and light,  
    Aglow with grace and mercy!  
Of Jacob’s race, King David’s son,  
Our Lord and master, You have won  
    Our hearts to serve You only!  
    Lowly, holy!  
    Great and glorious,  
    All victorious,  
    Rich in blessing!  
Rule and might o’er all possessing!
- 2 Come, heav’nly Bridegroom, Light divine,  
And deep within our hearts now shine;  
    There light a flame undying!  
In Your one body let us be  
As living branches of a tree,  
    Your life our lives supplying.  
    Now, though daily  
    Earth’s deep sadness  
    May perplex us  
    And distress us,  
Yet with heav’nly joy You bless us.
- 3 Lord, when You look on us in love,  
At once there falls from God above  
    A ray of purest pleasure.  
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood  
Refresh our souls with heav’nly food.  
    You are our dearest treasure!  
    Let Your mercy  
    Warm and cheer us!  
    O draw near us!  
    For You teach us  
God’s own love through You has reached us.



- 4 Almighty Father, in Your Son  
You loved us when not yet begun  
Was this old earth's foundation!  
Your Son has ransomed us in love  
To live in Him here and above:  
This is Your great salvation.  
Alleluia!  
Christ the living,  
To us giving  
Life forever,  
Keeps us Yours and fails us never!
- 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

## Offertory

LSB 192



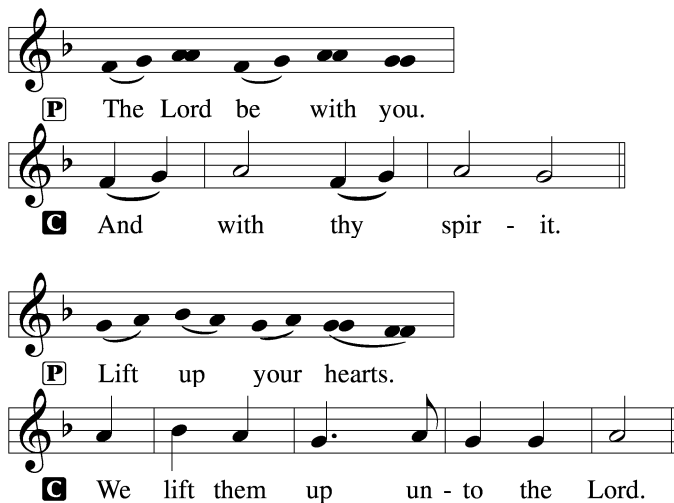
**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

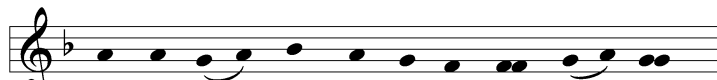
## Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

LSB 194



**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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

*LSB 195*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**P** 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.



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

### Pax Domini

LSB 197



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

## Distribution Hymns:

### “The Star Proclaims the King Is Here”

LSB 399

- 1 The star proclaims the King is here;  
 But, Herod, why this senseless fear?  
 For He who offers heav’nly birth  
 Seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.
- 2 The eastern sages saw from far  
 And followed on His guiding star;  
 And, led by light, to light they trod  
 And by their gifts confessed their God.
- 3 Within the Jordan’s sacred flood  
 The heav’nly Lamb in meekness stood  
 That He, of whom no sin was known,  
 Might cleanse His people from their own.
- 4 And oh, what miracle divine,  
 When water reddened into wine!  
 He spoke the word, and forth it flowed  
 In streams that nature ne’er bestowed.
- △ 5 For this Thy glad epiphany  
 All glory, Jesus, be to Thee,  
 Whom with the Father we adore,  
 And Holy Spirit evermore.

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## “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

LSB 394

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
Manifest by the star  
To the sages from afar,  
Branch of royal David’s stem  
In Thy birth at Bethlehem:  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan’s stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana wedding guest  
In Thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in pow’r divine,  
Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole  
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight,  
Quelling all the devil’s might;  
Manifest in gracious will,  
Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.
- 4 Sun and moon shall darkened be,  
Stars shall fall, the heav’ns shall flee;  
Christ will then like lightning shine,  
All will see His glorious sign;  
All will then the trumpet hear,  
All will see the Judge appear;  
Thou by all wilt be confessed,  
God in man made manifest.
- 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,  
Present in Thy holy Word—  
Grace to imitate Thee now  
And be pure, as pure art Thou;  
That we might become like Thee  
At Thy great epiphany  
And may praise Thee, ever blest,  
God in man made manifest.  
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## “Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”

LSB 400

- 1 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.
- 2 Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining;  
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;  
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,
- 3 Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion,  
Fragrance of Edom and off’rings divine,  
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?

4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
Vainly with gifts would His favor secure.  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration;  
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

5 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

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## Nunc Dimittis

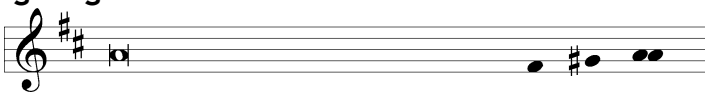
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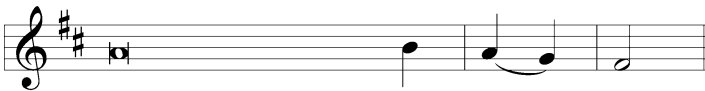
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**A** 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** A - men.



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

LSB 202



**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.



## Benediction

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn: “As with Gladness Men of Old”

LSB 397

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| 1 As with gladness men of old<br>Did the guiding star behold;<br>As with joy they hailed its light,<br>Leading onward, beaming bright;<br>So, most gracious Lord, may we<br>Evermore be led by Thee.           | 4 Holy Jesus, ev’ry day<br>Keep us in the narrow way;<br>And when earthly things are past,<br>Bring our ransomed souls at last<br>Where they need no star to guide,<br>Where no clouds Thy glory hide.   |
| 2 As with joyful steps they sped,<br>Savior, to Thy lowly bed,<br>There to bend the knee before<br>Thee, whom heav’n and earth<br>adore;<br>So may we with willing feet<br>Ever seek Thy mercy seat.           | 5 In the heav’nly country bright<br>Need they no created light;<br>Thou its light, its joy, its crown,<br>Thou its sun which goes not down;<br>There forever may we sing<br>Alleluias to our King.<br><small>Text: William C. Dix, 1837–98, alt.<br/>Text: Public domain</small> |
| 3 As they offered gifts most rare<br>At Thy cradle, rude and bare,<br>So may we with holy joy,<br>Pure and free from sin’s alloy,<br>All our costliest treasures bring,<br>Christ, to Thee, our heav’nly King. |  |

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