Christ Lutheran Church Boyne City, MI



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. (Isaiah 60:2)

The Epiphany of Our Lord January 5, 2025

Welcome

Welcome to all – members, guests, and visitors – in the name of Jesus! Our Lord comes to us today in Word and Sacrament, bestowing upon us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. It is truly a blessing to gather with other Christians and celebrate all the Gospel promises of our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus. During the Offering, all worshipers are asked to please fill out the *Record of Fellowship* which is found in each of the pews.

Concerning the Lord's Supper

The Sacrament of the Altar is given in our churches to those baptized Christians who have been examined and absolved, and who publicly confess the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as contained in the Small Catechism. Communicant members in good standing with a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or of one of our sister churches are welcome to receive the Sacrament. Others are encouraged to speak with the pastor before or after service as we earnestly desire your future reception of this sacred meal.

Guests or visitors who are not receiving communion today are still invited to come forward for a blessing. Simply fold your arms across your chest to indicate this once you are at the rail. It is also fine to simply remain in the pew when your row is dismissed. Those who may need special accommodation in order to receive the elements of the meal, or who have mobility concerns are invited to speak with the pastor. Finally, although it is our custom to kneel together at the rail if this causes pain or discomfort you are encouraged to remain standing.

Children

Children are welcome in the sanctuary throughout the service. There is a nursery located across from the kitchen. Child activity bags can be found in the Cry Room, which is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Pastor: Chuck Hoffman Church Office: (231) 582-9301 Church E-Mail: <u>christlutheranboyne@gmail.com</u> Pastor's Phone: (231) 373-2449 Pastor's Email: <u>pastor.clcboyne@gmail.com</u>

Divine Service of Word and Sacrament (Setting One– LSB, page 157ff)

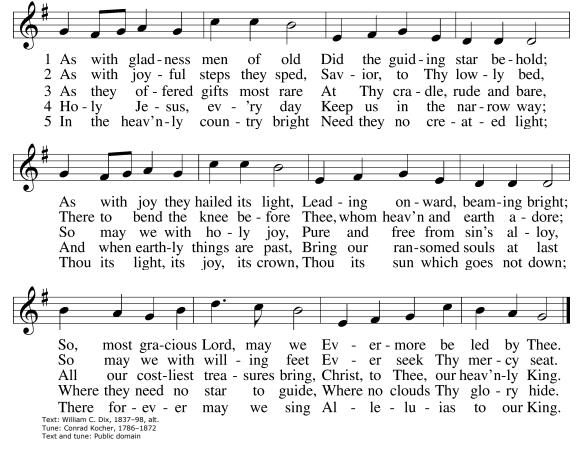
THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Isaiah 60:1–6 Ephesians 3:1–12 Matthew 2:1–12

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; yet, it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. While 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. 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 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). With gold, they confess His royalty; with incense, His deity; and with myrrh, His priestly sacrifice (Matt. 2:11).

397 As with Gladness Men of Old



Stand

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

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

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

G But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.
- 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 +I Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

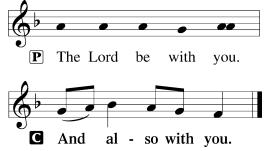
Kyrie

LSB 152

- **A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A 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.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.



Salutation and Collect of the Day: Epiphany



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.



Sit

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
²For 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.
³And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.
⁴Lift 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. ⁵Then 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. ⁶A 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.

Gradual

 Praise the LORD, all nations!
 Extol him, all peoples!
 For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle: Ephesians 3:1-12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— ²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which 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. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of 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. ⁸To 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, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in 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



Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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



¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, "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." ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They 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."

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And 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." ⁹After 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. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And 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. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.



395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright LSB 395 sts. 1. 3–4. 6 1 O fair and bright! You shine with Morn-ing Star, how God's when You look once there falls 3 Lord, on us in love, At 4 Al might - y Fa - ther. in Your Son You loved us when 6 What iov to know, when life is past, The Lord we love truth and light, glow with grace cy! own А and mer from God bove A ray of est plea a pur -sure. be -Was this old earth's foun - da tion! not vet gun first The the be - gin is and last. end and ning! Of Da-vid's son, Ja - cob's King Our Lord and mas race, Your Word Spir - it. flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls and Your Son has ran - somed in love То live in Him us He will one day, oh, glo-rious grace, Trans-port us to ly!You have Our hearts ter. won to serve You on with heav'n-lv dear food. You sure! are our est trea here and a - bove: This is Your great sal va tion. that hap - py place Be - vond all tears and sin ning! ly! and glo-rious, All Low - ly, ho Great vic - to - rious, Your Warm and cheer us! 0 Let mer cy draw near us! the liv - ing, Christ To A1 le lu ia! giv - ing us men! Come. Lord Je - sus! Crown of glad-ness! A men! А -_ 6 \mathbf{o} Rich in bless-ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess ing! 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! are yearn-ing For the dav of We Your re - turn ing! Text: tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978, alt. Text and tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608 Text: © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110002441 Tune: Public domain

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

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.

Prayer of the Church

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Sit

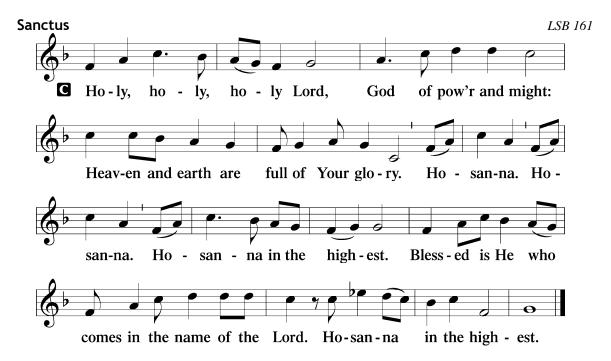
Offering Please sign the attendance book found in your pew. In addition to the plate, offerings may be placed in the offering box at any time.

Stand

Preface

LSB 160

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **I**t is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- 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, 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:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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 + 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 + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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; 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.



Sit

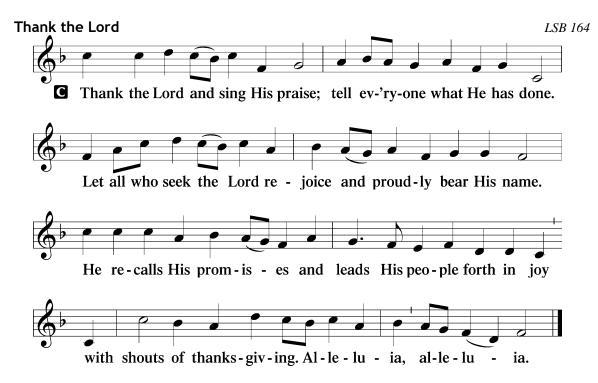
Distribution

621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence LSB 621 mor - tal keep si - lence 1 Let all flesh And with fear and 2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard 4 At His feet the six winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with trem - bling Pon - der noth-ing mind - ed, stand; earth - ly -Lord of lords in stood, hu earth He man ves - ture, the Light of de - scend - ing the Light, on way As Veil their fac - es sleep - less eye, to the pres - ence Christ our with bless-ing His For in hand God to earth dethe bod - y the In and blood. He will give to all the From the realms of end - less Comes the pow'rs of hell day, to with cease-less voice they "Al - le - lu - ia, As cry: al 1e -O scend Comes our hom-age mand. ing to de own self for heav'n - ly faith fuÌ His food. the dark-ness clears quish van As way. a lu ia! Al le - lu - ia. Lord Most High!" _ Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829-85, alt.

Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.; tr. Gerard Moultrie, Tune: French, 17th cent. Text and tune: Public domain 398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed



Stand



Post-Communion Collect

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 Amen.

Benediction

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.

LSB 166

394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise. Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King 2 Man - i - fest at su-preme: mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul; 3 Man - i - fest in 4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee; see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word-5 Grant us grace to Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far, at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest; And Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Ouell - ing all the dev - il's might; Christ will then like light - ning shine, All glo-rious sign; will see His Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou; Thy birth at Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In 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, er bring-ing good from ill; Ev will then the trum - pet hear, will see the Judge ap-pear; All All we might be-come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny That to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest. An - thems be An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed. God in man made man - i - fest. to Thee ad-dressed. God in man made man - i - fest. An - thems be con-fessed. God in man made man - i - fest. Thou by all wilt be And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest. Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–85, alt. Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–93

LSB 394

Text and tune: Public domain

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2024 Concordia Publishing House.

Announcements

The Elders will meet on Monday at 6:30 PM.

Thursday morning Bible Class will resume on January 9th.

On Saturday, we will meet at 9:00 AM to take down the Christmas decorations.

Kinder Kloset will be held on Saturday from 10-noon.

Choir will resume on January 15th.

2025 Offering Envelopes are in mailboxes.

	Serving at 8:00am	Serving at 10:30am
Organist	Jon Teuscher	
Elders	Greg Danforth	Mark Szaniszlo
Ushers	Jay Higgins	Glenn Hessler
	Larry Handwerk	Bob Smith
Altar Guild		
	Dee Kelly and Jill Loewenstein	



Christ Lutheran Church

1250 Boyne Ave. Boyne City, MI (231) 582-9301 www.clcboyne.org

Worship: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study: 9:15 AM