



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Jackson, Minnesota

“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”

The Epiphany of Our Lord

(transferred)

January 5, 2025

Welcome to this Divine Service. We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Please sign the attendance card in pew and place in offering plate.

Communion Policy: In the Lord’s Supper, the Risen Christ gives us His true Body & Blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. As we participate in the Lord’s Supper we declare doctrinal unity. Therefore we ask guests who are not members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church to speak with Pastor before communing with us.



Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Hymn “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” **395 vv. 1-4**

Confession and Absolution **184-185**

Introit **Ps. 45:6-8a; antiphon: Ps. 45:17**

[P] I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;

[C] **therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.**

[P] Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;

[C] **you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.**

[P] Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

[C] **your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. 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.**

[P] I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;

[C] **therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.**

Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis **186-189**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

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.

C *(sung)* Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1–6 ESV

- ¹ 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8

P Praise the LORD, all nations!

C Extol him, all peoples!

P For great is his steadfast love toward us,

C and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

P Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

C bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle

Ephesians 3:1–12 ESV

¹ 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.

☞ This is the Word of the Lord. **☞** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

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Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 2:1–12 **ESV**

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

☞ (*sung*) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹ 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 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.

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] *(sung)* Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed 191

Hymn “As with Gladness Men of Old” 397

Sermon “See the Light; Be the Light” **St. Matthew 2:1–12**

Offertory and Offering 192-193

Prayer of the Church

Karen Temple, Richard Polz, Jim Grantz, Marge Russenberger, Derek Rehnelt (Gen Rehnelt’s grandson), Mary Grantz, Doug Wetzler, Bonnie Temple (Ken and Karen Temple’s daughter-in-law), Don Kuehl, Matt Nielsen (Karilyn Richard’s son), Megan Janzen (Pastor Nathan Janzen’s wife), Ron Sinn, Ron Kloos, Travus Mekosch.

Petitions conclude:

[P] . . . let us pray to the Lord: **[C]** **Lord, have mercy.**

Final petition concludes:

[P] . . . for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

[C] **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament 194-202

Distribution Hymns 374, 396

Closing Hymn 395 vv. 5-6

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

Postlude



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