

**Messiah Lutheran Church**  
**The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**



**The Epiphany of our Lord**  
**(observed)**

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**Divine Service I**

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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**VISITORS WELCOME!** A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please sign the guestbook near the front door and introduce yourself to the pastor after the service. We pray that the hearing and receiving of the Word of God in our midst will be filled with joy and thanksgiving!

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated every Sunday and on Feast Days. Visiting communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are invited to commune today. All other visitors are asked to speak with the pastor before coming to the altar. If there is time before the service, introduce yourself to the pastor or an elder. Other visitors are invited to use this time for prayer. If you desire information about attending communion, you are encouraged to visit with the pastor after the service today.

**PRAYERS OF PREPARATION** are found in the cover of the hymnals. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer. **Please turn off and put away all electronic devices during the service.**

**+SERVING TODAY+**

**Elder:** TBD

**Greeter:** Mary Rusch

**Organist:** Monica Scholz

**Altar Guild:** Angela Pynaker & Kathy Capriotti

*Stand*

**Invocation**

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

**+CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION+**

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

**+SERVICE OF THE WORD+**

**Introit**

*Ps. 72:1-2, 10-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*



Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,\*  
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in His hand.

**Give the king Your justice, | O God,\*  
and Your righteousness to the | royal son!**

May he judge Your people with | righteousness,\*  
and Your poor with | justice!

**May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him |  
tribute;\***

**may the kings of Sheba and Seba | bring gifts!**  
May all kings fall down be- | fore him,\*  
all nations | serve him!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,\*  
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in His hand.

**Kyrie**

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**Gloria in Excelsis**

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**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

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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*

<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.

## Gradual

*Is. 60:6b, 1*



**Those from She- | ba shall come.\***

**They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good  
news, the praises | of the LORD.**

**Arise, shine, for your | light has come,\***

**and the glory of the LORD has risen up- | on you.**

## 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.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

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**Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 2:1-12*

<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:

<sup>6</sup>"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.

*Sit*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Nicene Creed**

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**Prayer of the Church**

**Offertory**

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*Please be seated as the altar is prepared for the Service of the Sacrament. You are encouraged to use this time to prepare yourself to receive the Sacrament; appropriate prayers are found in the front cover of the hymnal. Visitors, please review the communion statement in the front of the bulletin.*

*Offering may be left at either of the doors to the sanctuary.*

*Stand*

**+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+**

**Preface**

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**Sanctus**

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**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Lord's Prayer**

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**The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini**

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**Agnus Dei**

*Sit*

**Distribution**

***Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light***

*LSB 378*

***Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning***

*LSB 400*

***As With Gladness Men of Old***

*LSB 397*

***The Star Proclaims the King Is Here***

*LSB 399*

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

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**Post Communion Collect**

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**Benediction**

***Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure***

*LSB 533*

