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The Epiphany of Our Lord

Prelude  
Tower Bells  
Welcome  
Announcements

*Visitors are encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the “Welcome” side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plate near the entrance doors. Those taking Communion are asked to fill out the “Communion” side (black print) of the card. Completed cards may also be left on the pew seat. Offerings may be placed in the plates at the entrance before or after worship. Ushers will not pass offering plates between pews.*

Opening Hymn *As With Gladness Men of Old* **LSB 397**

Confession and Absolution **LSB 151**

P: 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.

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

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: 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.**

P: 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 72:1-15, 18 (*speak*)

1 Give the king your justice, O God,  
**and your righteousness to the royal son!**  
2 May he judge your people with  
righteousness,  
**and your poor with justice!**  
3 Let the mountains bear prosperity for the  
people,  
**and the hills, in righteousness!**  
4 May he defend the cause of the poor of the  
people,  
**give deliverance to the children of the needy,  
and crush the oppressor!**  
5 May they fear you while the sun endures,  
**and as long as the moon, throughout all  
generations!**  
6 May he be like rain that falls on the mown  
grass,  
**like showers that water the earth!**  
7 In his days may the righteous flourish,  
**and peace abound, till the moon be no more!**  
8 May he have dominion from sea to sea,  
**and from the River to the ends of the earth!**

9 May desert tribes bow down before him,  
**and his enemies lick the dust!**  
10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the  
coastlands render him tribute;  
**may the kings of Sheba and Seba  
bring gifts!**  
11 May all kings fall down before him,  
**all nations serve him!**  
12 For he delivers the needy when he calls,  
**the poor and him who has no helper.**  
13 He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
**and saves the lives of the needy.**  
14 From oppression and violence he redeems  
their life,  
**and precious is their blood in his sight.**  
15 Long may he live;  
may gold of Sheba be given to him!  
**May prayer be made for him continually,  
and blessings invoked for him all the day!**  
18 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
**who alone does wondrous things.**

Kyrie (*Sing*)

LSB 152

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, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

This Is the Feast (*sing*)

LSB 155

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 156

P: (*Speak*) The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**All: 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. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading      Isaiah 60:1-6 (*Congregation sits*)

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.**

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Verse (*Stand and sing*)

LSB 157

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**C: (*sing*) Glory to You, 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: *(sing)* Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

*(See inside back cover of hymnal.)*

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

*The Star Proclaims the King is Here*

**LSB 399**

Sermon

Offertory *(Stand and sing)*

LSB 159

*Offering brought forward during Offertory.*

**What shall I render to the Lord for His benefits to me?**

**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will take my cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church of God, upon whom Christ has poured His grace and salvation, that she may continue holy in His sight, anointed with the oil of gladness and the hope of everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all pastors, that God would embolden them like His servant Paul to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ; and that He would open the ears and hearts of their listeners to believe the message that the King of kings has given His life for all, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all Christian homes, that the Word of God would dwell richly therein, just as Christ Himself once dwelt in the home of Mary and Joseph, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For an end to all threats of violence, that the Lord would raise up leaders who act with integrity, pursue justice and follow the Lord's commands, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the security of our nation, that God would grant us the blessings of food, shelter, medical care and safety, sustaining those whose duty it is to protect and defend, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the afflicted, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*], that God would give them the comfort of His presence, relief in their suffering and healing according to His will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who, like the Magi of old, have come to worship Christ and offer Him gifts, that receiving His body and blood, we may return home according to His holy way, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

**Heavenly Father, You have anointed Your Son to be our Savior and have established His throne forever and ever. Grant that we who are called by His name would see His reign spread among all nations; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**In Our Prayers** – *Contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.*

Service of the Sacrament

Preface, Sanctus, Prayer of Thanksgiving (*sing*) LSB 160-161

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.**

P: 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:

Sanctus (*sing*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: 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. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162



### **Zion Lutheran Church's Belief and Practice of the Lord's Supper**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord Jesus gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes again in glory.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

For further study: Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f., 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; 11:17-34.