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Epiphany



# *The Gift of God Is for All People*



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## *Welcome to Holy Trinity*

We're glad you came today to join us in worshiping the one true God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He has graciously created us, mercifully redeemed us, and freely gives us all the treasures of heaven through His Word and Sacraments!

If you are a **visitor** with us today, please sign the "GUEST" cards in the pews and give them to the ushers or pastor. If you want to find out more about what we teach, or are curious about church membership, please talk to our pastor. Members of Holy Trinity, please fill in the side marked "MEMBER."

A **Parents' Room** is located at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily leave to calm a child. Inside the Parents' Room you can still see, hear and participate in the worship service.

**Wheelchair accommodations** are found on the organ side of the church. If you do not use a wheelchair, be careful to leave space in these wheelchair accessible pews for the benefit of those who need them and their families.

HOLY TRINITY is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), a national church body headquartered in Mankato, Minnesota. We confess that we are saved by Grace Alone (Eph. 2:8) through Faith Alone (Acts 16:31) revealed in Scripture Alone (John 5:24). Though we are totally sinful from birth, Jesus Christ paid for our sins on the cross and gives us eternal life in heaven. We subscribe to the Lutheran Confessions (the Book of Concord, 1580) because they are a faithful and accurate summary of this Biblical doctrine. The ELS has been in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) since 1872.

### *A Note to All Our Guests Regarding the Lord's Supper:*

During this service, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Since this sacrament is the Lord's Supper and not ours, we are careful to follow our Lord's instructions. In particular, we take to heart these important truths:

1. In the Lord's Supper, Jesus truly gives us His body and blood together with the bread and the wine. Jesus says, "Take and eat; this is my body...Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood" (Matthew 26:26-28).
2. In the Lord's Supper, we express a unity of faith with one another. "Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf" (1 Corinthians 10:17).
3. Our Lord urges us to practice this unity with great love and care. "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:27,29).

Because we take these truths seriously, we invite all communicant members of our congregation or of a sister congregation in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) or the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) to commune with us today. However, we ask that those who are not members of a sister congregation refrain from taking the Lord's Supper with us at this time. In doing this, we are not judging anyone's faith. Out of love for our Lord and all people, we simply desire to discuss the Bible's teachings with our guests before communing together. We want all who commune to receive the Lord's Supper for their benefit and in a way that follows our Lord's instructions. If you have any questions about this or any other teaching of the Bible—or if you would like information about how to join our congregation—please feel free to speak to our pastor.

# THE DIVINE SERVICE

## RITE TWO

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**Hymn** • 114, “*Angels from the Realms of Glory*”

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| <p>1. Angels from the realms of glory,<br/>Wing your flight o'er all the earth;<br/>Ye who sang creation's story<br/>Now proclaim Messiah's birth:<br/>Come and worship, Come and worship,<br/>Worship Christ, the newborn King.</p> | <p>4. Saints before the altar bending,<br/>Watching long in hope and fear,<br/>Suddenly the Lord, descending,<br/>In His Temple shall appear.<br/>Come and worship, Come and worship,<br/>Worship Christ, the newborn King.</p> |
| <p>3. Sages, leave your contemplations,<br/>Brighter visions beam afar;<br/>Seek the great Desire of nations,<br/>Ye have seen His natal star.<br/>Come and worship, Come and worship,<br/>Worship Christ, the newborn King.</p>     | <p>5. All creation, join in praising<br/>God the Father, Spirit, Son,<br/>evermore your voices raising<br/>to th'eternal Three in One.<br/>Come and worship, Come and worship,<br/>Worship Christ, the newborn King.</p>        |

– Stand –

### Invocation

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

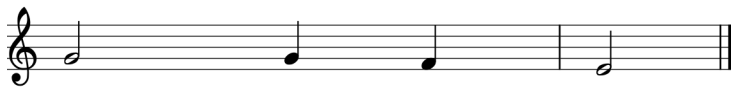


**G** A - men.

### Confession and Absolution

**P** *Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to 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 heav'n and earth.

**P** *I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;*



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

**A** **LL** **O** almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to 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.

**P** *Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C** Amen.

## Psalm 72

**P** *Endow the King with your justice, O God,*

**C** **the royal Son with your righteousness.**

**P** *He will defend the afflicted among the people*

**C** **and save the children of the needy.**

**P** *He will endure as long as the sun,*

**C** **as long as the moon, through all generations.**

**P** *He will be like rain falling on a mown field*

**C** **like showers watering the earth.**

**P** *All kings will bow down to him,*

**C** **and all nations will serve him.**

**P** *All nations will be blessed through him,*

**C** **And they will call him blessed.**

**P** *Praise be to the Lord God, who alone does marvelous deeds.*

**C** **May the whole earth be filled with his glory.**

## Gloria Patri



**C** **G**lory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was



in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, for-ev-er-more. A-men.

## Kyrie Eleison

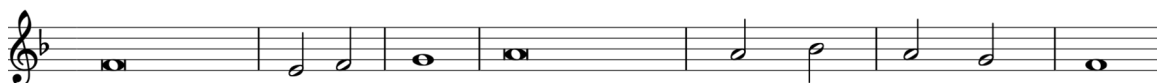


**A** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ have mer - cy



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

## Gloria in Excelsis Deo



**A** Glory be to God on high and on earth peace good will toward men.



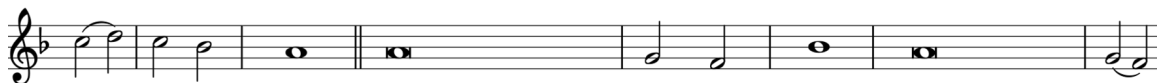
We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to



You for Your great glory. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Father Al -



mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,



Son of the Father, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on



us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



You are seated at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up - on us.



For You only are holy. You on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation

☐ *The Lord be with you.*



☐ And with your spir - it.

## Prayer of The Day

☐ *Let us pray:*

*Lord God, by the leading of a star, you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



A - men.

-Be seated-

## First Reading • 1 Kings 10:1-9

An African queen visits Israel to test the wisdom of King Solomon. The result of her visit: she ends up praising the LORD for his love. The gift of God is for all people.

The Queen of Sheba heard about Solomon's fame, which was connected with the fame of the Lord, so she came to test him with hard questions.<sup>2</sup> She came to Jerusalem with a very great entourage—with camels carrying spices and a large quantity of gold and precious stones. She came to Solomon and told him everything that was on her heart.

<sup>3</sup>Solomon answered all her questions. There was nothing hidden from the king that he could not explain to her.

<sup>4</sup>The Queen of Sheba saw all the wisdom of Solomon, the house which he built,<sup>5</sup> and the food on his table. When she saw the council meeting of his officials, the careful attention of his ministers, as well as their attire, his cupbearers, and the whole burnt offerings which he offered at the House of the Lord, it took her breath away.

<sup>6</sup>She said to the king, “The report I heard in my own country about your accomplishments and your wisdom is true. <sup>7</sup>I did not believe the report until I came and saw it with my own eyes. The truth is, not even half of it was told to me! Your wisdom and wealth surpass the report which I heard. <sup>8</sup>Blessed are your men, blessed are your servants, who stand before you continually hearing your wisdom! <sup>9</sup>May the Lord your God be blessed, who was pleased to put you on the throne of Israel. Because the Lord loves Israel forever, he made you king to administer justice and righteousness.”

## Second Reading • Acts 13:46-49

The focus of St. Paul's ministry would be to share the gift  
of eternal life with the Gentiles.

Then Paul and Barnabas responded fearlessly, “It was necessary that God’s word be spoken to you first. But since you reject it and consider yourselves unworthy of eternal life, look: We are now turning to the Gentiles! <sup>47</sup>For this is what the Lord has instructed us: I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the end of the earth.”

<sup>48</sup>When the Gentiles heard this, they were rejoicing and praising the word of the Lord. All who had been appointed for eternal life believed.

<sup>49</sup>And the word of the Lord was being carried through the whole region.

-Stand-

## Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 2:2

☐ *Alleluia. Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him. Alleluia.*



**A** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



## Gospel • Matthew 2:1-12

- 📖 *The holy Gospel is written in the second chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, beginning at the twelfth verse.*



🎵 Glo - ry be to You, O Lord!

The Lord miraculously led Wise Men across many hundreds of miles of difficult terrain, so that they might worship the child who offered the gift of salvation.

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, when Herod was king, Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, <sup>2</sup>“Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was alarmed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup>He gathered together all the people’s chief priests and experts in the law. He asked them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, because this was written through the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>You, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are certainly not least among the rulers of Judah: because out of you will come a ruler, who will shepherd my people, Israel.”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly summoned the Wise Men and found out from them exactly when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you find him, report to me, so that I may also go and worship him.”

<sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they went on their way. Then the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them, until it stood still over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced with overwhelming joy. <sup>11</sup>After they went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>Since they had been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

Ⓟ *Here ends the Gospel.*



Ⓞ Praise be to You, O Christ!

### **Confession of Faith** ~ *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 is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall 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 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.

-Be seated-

## Chief Hymn • 168, “As with Gladness Men of Old”

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

## Sermon • *Matthew 2:1-2*

**Come Worship Your Savior-King!**

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## Offertory Psalm



**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 Your presence and take not Your



Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Your sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Your free Spir - it. A - men.

-Be seated-

## Offering

### Prayer of the Church

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## Preface

**P** *The Lord be with you.*



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

**P** *Lift up your hearts.*



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

☐ *Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.*



☐ It is good and right so to do.

## Preface for the Season

☐ *It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:*

## Sanctus



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth; Heav'n and



earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the



high-est. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high-est.

## 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 pow'r and the



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

## Words of Institution

☐ *Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "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, gave thanks, and 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 and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

## Pax Domini

☐ *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*



☐ A - - - men.

## Agnus Dei



☐ O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world,



have mercy up-on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world, have mercy up-on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You



take a-way the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. A - men.

-Be seated-

## Distribution

*Guests, please read and take note of the explanation of our Communion practice on page 2 in this service folder.*

### Hymn • 167, “How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”

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| <p><b>1. How lovely shines the Morning Star!</b><br/> <b>The nations see and hail afar</b><br/> <b>The light in Judah shining.</b><br/> <b>Thou David's Son of Jacob's race,</b><br/> <b>My Bridegroom and my King of Grace,</b><br/> <b>For Thee my heart is pining.</b><br/> <b>Lowly, Holy, Great and glorious,</b><br/> <b>Thou victorious Prince of graces,</b><br/> <b>Filling all the heav'nly places.</b></p> | <p><b>2. O highest joy by mortals won,</b><br/> <b>True Son of God and Mary's Son,</b><br/> <b>Thou highborn King of ages!</b><br/> <b>Thou art my heart's most beauteous Flow'r,</b><br/> <b>And Thy blest Gospel's saving pow'r</b><br/> <b>My raptured soul engages.</b><br/> <b>Thou mine, I Thine; Sing hosanna!</b><br/> <b>Heav'nly manna Tasting, eating,</b><br/> <b>Whilst Thy love in songs repeating.</b></p> |
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3. Now richly to my waiting heart,  
 O Thou, my God, deign to impart  
 The grace of love undying.  
 In Thy blest body let me be,  
 E'en as the branch is in the tree,  
 Thy life my life supplying.  
 Sighing, Crying, For the savor  
 Of Thy favor; Resting never  
 Till I rest in Thee forever.
4. A pledge of peace from God I see  
 When Thy pure eyes are turned to me  
 To show me Thy good pleasure.  
 Jesus, Thy Spirit and Thy Word,  
 Thy body and Thy blood, afford  
 My soul its dearest treasure.  
 Keep me Kindly In Thy favor,  
 O my Savior! Thou wilt cheer me;  
 Thy Word calls me to draw near Thee.
5. Thou, mighty Father, in Thy Son  
 Didst love me ere Thou hadst begun  
 This ancient world's foundation.  
 Thy Son hath made a friend of me,  
 And when in spirit Him I see,  
 I joy in tribulation.  
 What bliss Is this! He that liveth  
 To me giveth Life forever;  
 Nothing me from Him can sever.
6. Lift up the voice and strike the string,  
 Let all glad sounds of music ring  
 In God's high praises blended.  
 Christ will be with me all the way,  
 Today, tomorrow, every day,  
 Till trav'ling days be ended.  
 Sing out, Ring out Triumph glorious,  
 O victorious, Chosen nation;  
 Praise the God of your salvation.
7. O joy to know that Thou, my Friend,  
 Art Lord, Beginning without end,  
 The First and Last, Eternal!  
 And Thou at length—O glorious grace!—  
 Wilt take me to that holy place,  
 The home of joys supernal.  
 Amen, Amen! Come and meet me!  
 Quickly greet me! With deep yearning,  
 Lord, I look for Thy returning.



**Hymn** • “O God from God, O Light from Light”

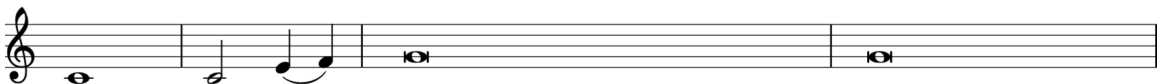
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1. O God from God, O Light from Light,  
O Prince of Peace and King of kings,  
To you in heaven's glory bright  
The song of praise forever rings.  
To him who sits upon the throne,  
The Lamb once slain but raised again,  
Be all the glory he has won,  
All thanks and praise! Amen, Amen.
2. Deep in the prophets' sacred page,  
Grand in the poets' winged word,  
Slowly, in type, from age to age  
The nations saw their coming Lord;  
Till through the deep Judean night  
Rang out the song, "Good will to men!"  
Sung by heav'n's hosts in splendor bright,  
Re-echoed now, "Good will!" Amen.
3. That life of truth, those deeds of love,  
That death of pain mid hate and scorn –  
These all are past, and now above  
He reigns, our King once crowned with  
thorn.  
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates!  
So sang the angel hosts again.  
Lift up your heads – your King awaits.  
We lift them up, Amen, Amen.
4. Sing to the Lord a mighty song;  
Sing to his name, his glories tell!  
Sing, heav'nly hosts, your praise prolong,  
And all on earth, your anthem swell!  
Worthy the Lamb for sinners slain!  
Forever let the song ascend!  
Worthy the Lamb enthroned to reign;  
Glory and pow'r! Amen, Amen.

-Stand-

**Nunc Dimittis**

**A** Lord, now You let Your servant de - part in peace ac - cord-ing to Your



word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have pre -



pared be - fore the face of all people, A light to light - en the  
 Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of Your 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-ershall be, for - ev-ermore. A - men.

### Communion Verse

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



**C** And His mercy en - dures for-ev - er.

### Collect of Thanksgiving

**P** O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.



☐ A - men.

## Benediction

☐ *The Lord bless you and keep you.*

*The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.*

*The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace †.*



☐ A - men, a - men, a - men.

-Be seated-

## Closing Hymn • 193, “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

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| <p><b>1. Jesus shall reign where’er the sun</b><br/> <b>Does his successive journeys run;</b><br/> <b>His kingdom stretch from shore to shore</b><br/> <b>Till moons shall wax and wane no more.</b></p> | <p><b>2. For Him shall endless prayer be made</b><br/> <b>And endless praises crown His head;</b><br/> <b>His name like sweet perfume shall rise</b><br/> <b>With ev’ry morning sacrifice.</b></p> |
| <p><b>3. People and realms of ev’ry tongue</b><br/> <b>Dwell on His love with sweetest song,</b><br/> <b>And infant voices shall proclaim</b><br/> <b>Their early blessings on His name.</b></p>         |  |

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