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**A WORD TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION:** In the Sacrament of the Altar, our Lord Jesus Christ gives us His very Body and Blood to eat and drink. Receiving the Sacrament is not merely a matter between God and the person, but a “communion,” something done in “community.” It is a public confession of our faith and expression of the unity that exists between Christians. Because of these reasons, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church practices closed communion. We invite those who are members in good standing of LCMS congregations to join us at the altar today. All those communing for the first time should speak with the pastor before doing so.

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+ THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD +  
Thursday, 6 January A+D 2022 • 7:00 P.M.

*Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service, Setting Three, pg. 184*

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

**HYMN OF INVOCATION**

*“As with Gladness Men of Old” LSB 397*

*Stand*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*LSB 184*

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**INTROIT**

*Psalm 45:6-8a; antiphon: v. 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.



**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther 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, world with - out end. A - men.

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

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

## KYRIE

LSB 186

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 187

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 189

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.

## 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

*Psalm 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*

<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.

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*LSB 190; Matthew 2:2b*

Alleluia. 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. Alleluia.

## 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.

**NICENE CREED** LSB 191

*Sit*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”* LSB 395

*Sit*

**SERMON** *“Brought to Light”* Ephesians 3:1-12

*Stand*

**OFFERTORY** LSB 192

*Sit*

**OFFERING**

*Stand*

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

**PREFACE** LSB 194

**SANCTUS** LSB 195

**LORD’S PRAYER** LSB 196

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** LSB 197

**PAX DOMINI** LSB 197

**AGNUS DEI** LSB 198

*Sit*

**DISTRIBUTION** *“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”* LSB 394  
*“The Infant Priest Was Holy Born”* LSB 624

*Stand*

**NUNC DIMITTIS** LSB 199

**THANKSGIVING** LSB 200

**SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS** LSB 201

**BENEDICTION** LSB 202

**HYMN TO DEPART** *“The Star Proclaims the King Is Here”* LSB 399

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