



St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School

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January 4, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

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THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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PRELUDES

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

arr. G.P. Telemann

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

arr. Mark Sedio

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” #395
(Stanzas 1-4)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSiON and ABSOLUTION

P Confident in the assurance of forgiveness through Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

P Almighty God,
C We confess to You that we choose to walk in places far from Your light. We neglect opportunities to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with You. We hide the light that is Your gift to us. Forgive us and guide us in our way, that we may shine before others and give You the glory. Amen

P Arise, shine, Your light has come. 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.

P People of God, live no longer in darkness, but in the light of Christ.
C Amen.

KYRIE

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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 mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

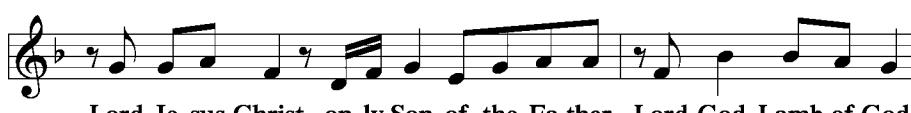
P Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



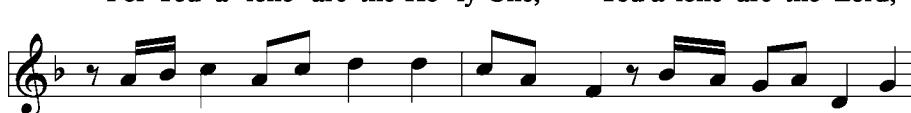
You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray together:
C **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, Your Son, 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

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For 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. ³And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴Lift 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. ⁵Then 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. ⁶A 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.

- P** Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
- C** **May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!**

- P** Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!
- C** **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!**

- P** May they fear you while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
- C** **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!**

- P** In his days may the righteous flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
- C** **May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth!**

- P** May desert tribes bow down before him
and his enemies lick the dust!
- C** **May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!**

- P** May all kings fall down before him,
all nations serve him!
- C** **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.**

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you,³ how the

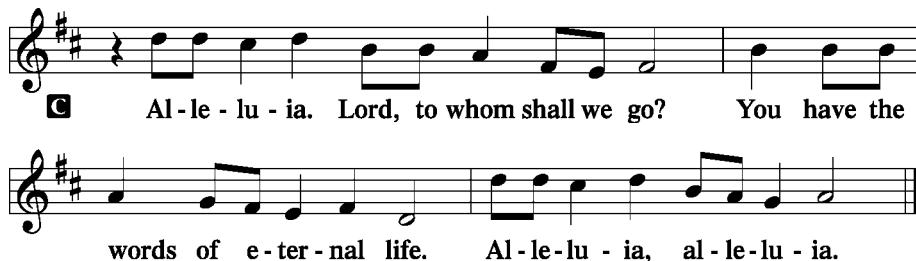
mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly.⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ,⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.⁶ This mystery 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.

HOLY GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12

ALLELUIA VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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



C Glo - ry 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.



NICENE CREED

C 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 sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both
the living and the dead,
Whose kingdom will 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 in 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.

(10:30 – During the Hymn of the Day, children age 3 through first grade are invited to attend “Kids of the Kingdom” children’s church. They will return following the sermon.)

HYMN OF THE DAY "As with Gladness Men of Old" #397

SERMON

#397

“The Search”

Text: Matthew 2:1-12 – Pastor Danny Eggold

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS

VOLUNTARY

“As With Gladness Men of Old”

arr. Henry Markworth

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Gracious and loving God,

C We bring to Your table these gifts of Your creation and fruits of our labor for Your use in the world. Receive them for the sake of Christ, who enlightens our lives and leads us to the feast now and forever. Amen

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P O God, You have made Yourself known to all nations in the person of Your Son. Grant us a right knowledge of Him, that we would abandon the darkness of this world and embrace the joy of His heavenly light. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son as the Savior of the world, that all the families of the nations might worship before You. Bless the families of this congregation with Your grace and protection, that they might remember You in both joy and trouble and worship before You forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Enlighten, O Lord, the rulers of this world by the proclamation of Your wisdom, which casts down the proud and raises up the lowly. Work peace and justice in our land, and give free course to Your blessed Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You have made us fellow heirs of the unsearchable riches of Christ. Remember all those who are afflicted and in need of deliverance. Hear their prayers, provide help and deliverance according to Your will, and preserve them in the faith until that day when their eternal healing is fully revealed. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, You brought the Magi of old to worship Your Son, Jesus, and so You have brought us to worship Him also. Receive our gifts and give us Jesus in His body and blood, that we may return home according to Your holy way. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Lord, as Your Son was once found in the arms of the Virgin Mary, so now is He found in Your Holy Christian Church. Cause Your Word to abide richly among us, that many would be led to Christ through our witness. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

P All these needs, gracious Father, and whatever else You know that we need, grant for the sake of Him who shattered this world's darkness with everlasting light, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

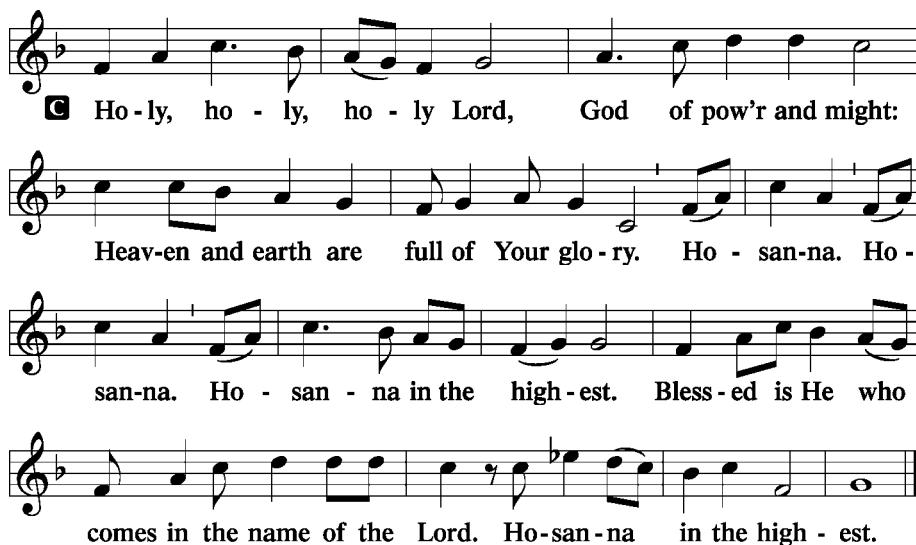


C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C 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 power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



AGNUS DEI

A musical setting for the Agnus Dei. It consists of four lines of music in common time, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. The melody is a simple harmonic progression. The lyrics are: 'C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.' The text is written below the staff.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Let All Together Praise Our God” (*We rise for stanza 7.*)

#389

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

#393

“The Star Proclaims the King is Here” (*We rise for stanza 5.*)

#399

DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

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 - er shall be, world without end. A-men.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Heavenly Father, You have graciously fed us with the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Let this holy food empower us, that Your dawn may break forth as we give ourselves to the hungry and to those who thirst for righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION and DISMISSAL

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

A - men.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN “**O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright**” #395
(Stanzas 5-6)

POSTLUDE

“Let All Together Praise Our God”

arr. J.G. Walther