



## **Celebration of the Epiphany & the Baptism of Our Lord**



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**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL**

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## ***WORSHIP SCHEDULE***

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month  
Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,  
Mandi Stilson – Choir/New Music Accompanist

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## ***WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS***

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

## ***NURSERY***

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

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## ***SERVING TODAY***

**8:00 a.m.**

**10:45 a.m.**

<b><i>Elder:</i></b>	<b>Mike Bandman</b>	<b>Jack Warneke</b>
<b><i>Comm/Asst. Elder:</i></b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>Rich Arnold</b>
<b><i>Acolytes:</i></b>	<b>Jacob Herstowski, Joshua Leicht</b>	<b>Mineva Freehling, Hunter Kregel</b>
<b><i>Ushers:</i></b>	<b>Morrie Cook, OPEN, OPEN</b>	<b>John Schultz, Lance Rasmussen</b>
<b><i>Lay Readers:</i></b>	<b>Mike Bandman</b>	<b>Deb Pellettiere</b>
<b><i>Greeters:</i></b>	<b>Jaronik Family, Chuck Kozlik Family</b>	<b>Kazarian Family, Hautzinger Family</b>
<b><i>Fellowship:</i></b>	<b>Don &amp; Joanne Heidlauf</b>	
<b><i>Jan. Altar Guild:</i></b>	<b>Sheila Bunnell</b>	<b>Diane Sanders</b>
<b><i>Jan. Counters:</i></b>	<b>David &amp; Cheryl Ross</b>	

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## ***ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:***

The Heidlauf's in celebration of Joanne's birthday (1/6).

## ***EPIPHANY REFRAINS***

An order of service using refrains and hymn verses related to Epiphany and God's revealing of His Son.

# Opening Song of Praise

# Shine, Jesus, Shine



1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the dark-ness, shin - ing;  
3. As we gaze on Your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis - play Your like - ness;



Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on us, set us free by the  
Ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our



truth You now bring us. Shine on me, shine on  
lives tell Your sto - ry. Shine on me, shine on



me. Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the  
me.



Fa - ther's glo - ry; Blaze Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on



fire. Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with



grace and mer - cy; Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be



light.

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## Invocation

A: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen. Alleluia.**

A: *Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?*

Matthew 2:2b

C: **For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel for the Epiphany

**Matthew 2:1–12 (ESV)**

<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. **A:** This is the Gospel of the Lord **C:** *Thanks be to God.*

## Children’s Message

### Opening Refrains

### The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

LSB 399 sts. 1–2, 5



1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,  
2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far And fol - lowed  
5 For this Thy glad e - piph - a - ny All glo - ry,



why this sense - less fear? For He who of - fers heav'n - ly  
on His guid - ing star; And, led by light, to light they  
Je - sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -



birth Seeks not the king - doms of this earth.  
trod And by their gifts con - fessed their God.  
dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

**Versicles**

Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8

A: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

C: **For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

A: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

**Introit Refrains (Entrance Verses) Songs of Thankfulness and Praise** LSB 394 sts. 1, 5



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



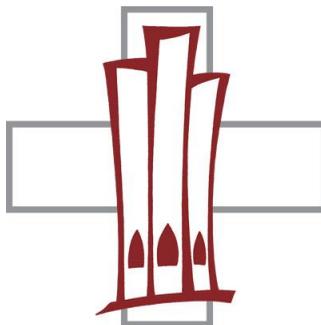
Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,  
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.



### **Introit (Entrance Verses)**

Psalm 45:6–8a, 72:18–19; antiphon (repeated verses): Psalm 45:17

A: I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;  
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

**C: Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.**

A: The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;  
you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

**C: Blessèd be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.**

**Blessèd be his glorious name forever;**

**may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!**

**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.**

A: I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;  
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Confession (Admission) of Sin**

P: As we praise the Father for sending His Son, we are bold and confident to approach the Lord, admitting our sin, and clinging to His forgiveness...  
Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### **Absolution (Forgiveness)**

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 unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my 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.**

**Thanksgiving Refrains O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright**

LSB 395 sts. 1, 4



1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's  
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when



own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -  
Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!  
here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,  
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing



Rich in bless-ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

**Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)**

A: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

A: Let us pray. 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.

C: **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

**Isaiah 60:1–6 (ESV)**

<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;

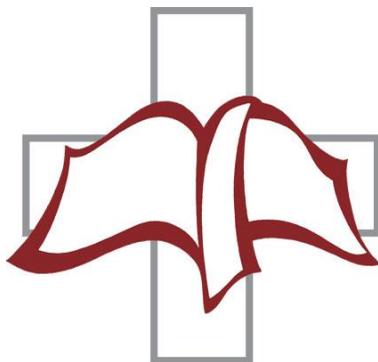
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,

and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**





1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;  
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,  
 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,  
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;  
 5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;  
 There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;  
 So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,  
 And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last  
 Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.  
 So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.  
 All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.  
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.  
 There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

### Versicles

*Isaiah 9:2a; John 1:15; Isaiah 9:2b; John 1:14b, Isaiah 9:6; John 1:14*

P: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

C: ***The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.***

P: On those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

C: ***We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son who came from the Father.***

P: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C: ***In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.***

**Sermon**    ***“Epiphany & the 30-Year Jump to the Baptism of Our Lord” Matt. 2&3***

## **Holy Gospel for the Baptism of Our Lord**

**Matthew 3:13-17 (ESV)**

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

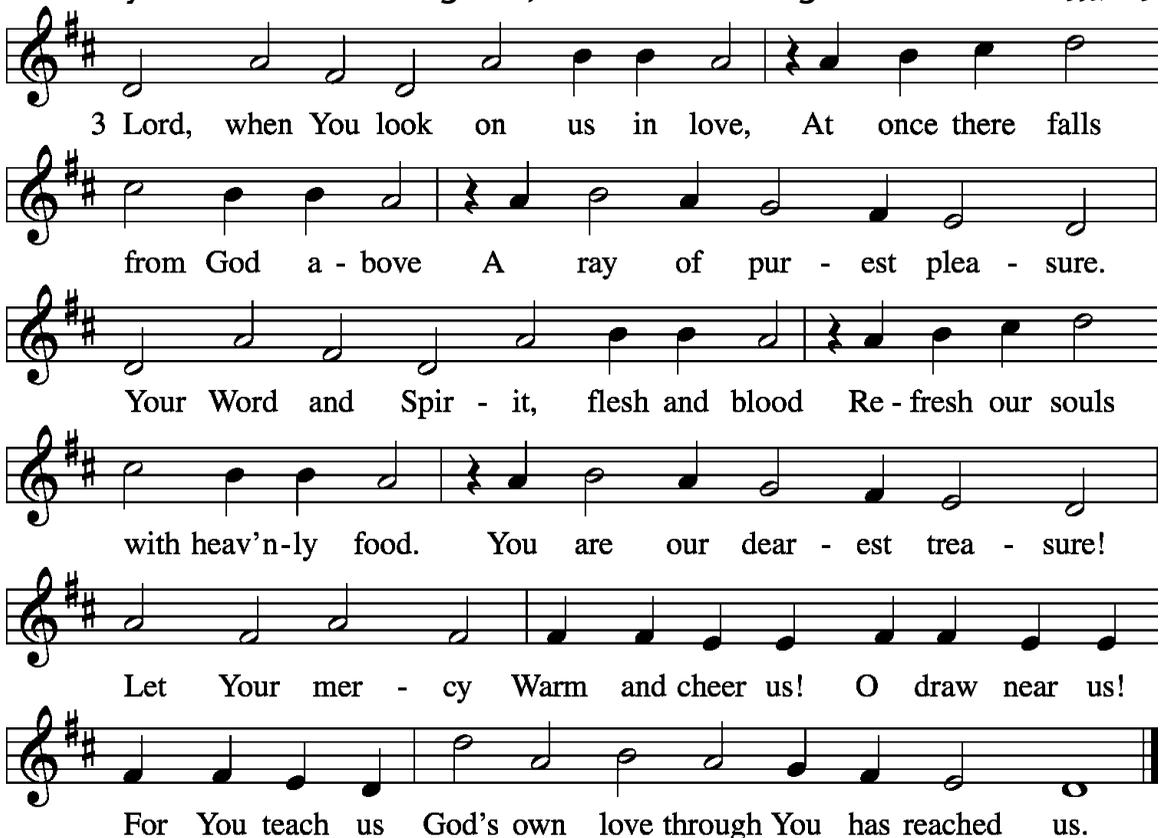
## **Offering & Prayer Requests**

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

## **Offertory**

## **O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright**

LSB 395, st. 3



3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls  
from God a - bove A ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls  
with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!  
Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!  
For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.

### **Collect (Prayer of the Day)**

P: Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

### **Prayers of the Church**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All: 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.**

#### **Confession of Faith 2<sup>nd</sup> Article of the Apostles' Creed and Luther's explanation**

A: What do you believe about Jesus Christ?

C: **I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

A: What does this mean?

C: **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

#### **Benediction**

A: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C: Amen.

**Closing Hymn****Jesus, Once With Sinners Numbered**

LSB 404, tune: 409



1 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Had no blem - ish  
 2 John con - fessed Him as the Sav - ior— "Look, the sin - less  
 3 This the bap - tism that our Sav - ior Great - ly longed to  
 4 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Full o - be - dience



of His own; In the wa - ters of the Jor - dan His true  
 Lamb of God!" Yet he dared not loose the san - dals Of the  
 un - der - go; This the crim - son cleans - ing need - ed So the  
 was Your path; You, by death, have con - se - crat - ed Wa - ter



worth and work were shown: Heav - en o - pened and the Spir - it  
 One God's love had shod. Oh, how fair the feet of Je - sus,  
 world God's love might know; This the mis - sion of Mes - si - ah  
 in this sav - ing bath: Dy - ing to the sin of Ad - am,



There de - scend - ed like a dove, As the Fa - ther's  
 Bring - ing news of peace to us, Christ, the her - ald  
 As He stepped from Jor - dan's stream, He, the cho - sen  
 Ris - ing to a life of grace; We are count - ed



voice re - sound - ed, "Hear My Son, the One I love."  
 of sal - va - tion, Preach - ing mer - cy from the cross:  
 and a - noint - ed Son of God, sent to re - deem.  
 with the righ - teous, O - ver us the cross You trace.

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