

THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR  
**THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**

Wednesday, January 6, 2021  
Our Father's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
6:30 p.m.

The Prelude

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*  
Dietrich Buxtehude

The Opening Hymn

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

The Confession and Absolution

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto 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 heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

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

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto 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 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.

The Introit

P: Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,\*  
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.

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:** May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him | tribute; \*  
may the kings of Sheba and Seba | bring gifts!  
**C:** May all kings fall down be- | fore 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 be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.  
**P:** Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,\*  
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.

The Kyrie  
**C** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Gloria in Excelsis  
**P** Glory be to God on high:  
**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav’nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Salutation and Collect of the Day  
**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** 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.

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

The Gradual Hymn *“Arise and Shine in Splendor”*  
LSB 396

Arise and shine in splendor;  
Let night to day surrender.  
Your light is drawing near.  
Above, the day is beaming,  
In matchless beauty gleaming;  
The glory of the Lord is here.

See earth in darkness lying,  
The heathen nations dying  
In hopeless gloom and night.  
To you the Lord of heaven—  
Your life, your hope—has given  
Great glory, honor, and delight.

The world’s remotest races,  
Upon whose weary faces  
The sun looks from the sky,  
Shall run with zeal untiring,  
With joy Your light desiring  
That breaks upon them from on high.

Lift up your eyes in wonder—  
See, nations gather yonder  
From sin to be set free.  
The world has heard Your story;  
Her sons come to Your glory;  
Her daughters haste Your light to see.

Your heart will leap for gladness  
When from the realms of sadness  
They come from near and far.  
Your eyes will wake from slumber  
As people without number  
Rejoice to see the Morning Star.

The Epistle Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

The Alleluia Verse

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

The Hymn of the Day

*“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”  
LSB 395*

O Morning Star, how fair and bright!  
You shine with God’s own truth and light,  
Aglow with grace and mercy!  
Of Jacob’s race, King David’s son,  
Our Lord and master, You have won  
Our hearts to serve You only!  
Lowly, holy!  
Great and glorious,  
All victorious,  
Rich in blessing!  
Rule and might o’er all possessing!

Come, heav’nly Bridegroom, Light divine,  
And deep within our hearts now shine;  
There light a flame undying!  
In Your one body let us be  
As living branches of a tree,  
Your life our lives supplying.  
Now, though daily  
Earth’s deep sadness  
May perplex us  
And distress us,  
Yet with heav’nly joy You bless us.

Lord, when You look on us in love,  
At once there falls from God above  
A ray of purest pleasure.  
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood  
Refresh our souls with heav’nly food.  
You are our dearest treasure!  
Let Your mercy  
Warm and cheer us!  
O draw near us!  
For You teach us  
God’s own love through You has reached us.

Almighty Father, in Your Son  
You loved us when not yet begun  
Was this old earth’s foundation!  
Your Son has ransomed us in love  
To live in Him here and above:  
This is Your great salvation.  
Alleluia!  
Christ the living,  
To us giving  
Life forever,  
Keeps us Yours and fails us never!

O let the harps break forth in sound!  
Our joy be all with music crowned,  
Our voices gladly blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way—  
Today, tomorrow, ev’ry day!  
His love is never ending!  
Sing out! Ring out!  
Jubilation!  
Exultation!  
Tell the story!  
Great is He, the King of Glory!

What joy to know, when life is past,  
The Lord we love is first and last,  
The end and the beginning!  
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
Transport us to that happy place  
Beyond all tears and sinning!  
Amen! Amen!  
Come, Lord Jesus!  
Crown of gladness!  
We are yearning  
For the day of Your returning!

The Sermon  
Text: “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?”  
Matthew 2:1-12

## The Nicene Creed

## The Prayer of the Church

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.

The Preface and Proper Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.  
**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## Sanctus

**© Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## The Lord's Prayer

## The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini  
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

Agnus Dei

**☩ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**  
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**  
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

## The Distribution Communion Hymns:

*“From God the Father, Virgin-Born”* *LSB 401*

From God the Father, virgin-born  
To us the only Son came down;  
By death the font to consecrate,  
The faithful to regenerate.

Beginning from His home on high,  
In human flesh He came to die;  
Creation by His death restored,  
And shed new joys of life abroad.

Glide on, O glorious Sun, and bring  
The gift of healing on Your wing;  
To ev'ry dull and clouded sense  
The clearness of Your light dispense.

Abide with us, O Lord, we pray;  
The gloom of darkness chase away;  
Your work of healing, Lord, begin,  
And take away the stain of sin.

Lord, once You came to earth's domain  
And, we believe, shall come again;  
Be with us on the battlefield,  
From ev'ry harm Your people shield.

△ To You, O Lord, all glory be  
For this Your blest epiphany;  
To God, whom all His hosts adore,  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

***“Hail, O Source of Every Blessing”***

***LSB 409***

Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing,  
Father of our human race!  
Gentiles now, Your grace possessing,  
In Your courts obtain a place.  
Grateful now, we fall before You,  
In Your Church rejoice to live,  
See Your glory and adore You,  
Thankful for the grace You give.

Once far off but now invited,  
We approach Your sacred throne,  
In Your covenant united,  
Reconciled, redeemed, made one.  
Now revealed to eastern sages,  
See the Star of Mercy shine,  
Myst'ry hid in former ages,  
Myst'ry great of love divine.

Hail, O all-inviting Savior!  
Gentiles now their off'rings bring,  
In Your temples seek Your favor,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.  
May we, body, soul, and spirit,  
Live devoted to Your praise,  
Glorious realms of bliss inherit,  
Grateful anthems ever raise.

***“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”***

***LSB 394***

Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star  
To the sages from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem  
In Thy birth at Bethlehem:  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana wedding guest  
In Thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in pow'r divine,  
Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole  
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight,  
Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will,  
Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

Sun and moon shall darkened be,  
Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
Christ will then like lightning shine,  
All will see His glorious sign;  
All will then the trumpet hear,  
All will see the Judge appear;  
Thou by all wilt be confessed,  
God in man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,  
Present in Thy holy Word—  
Grace to imitate Thee now  
And be pure, as pure art Thou;  
That we might become like Thee  
At Thy great epiphany  
And may praise Thee, ever blest,  
God in man made manifest.

Nunc Dimittis

**C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the  
face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Post-Communion Collect

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C and His mercy endureth forever.**

**A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this  
salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us  
through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;  
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C Amen.**

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C And with thy spirit.**

**A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C Thanks be to God.**

The Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.  
**C Amen, amen, amen.**

Closing Hymn

*“The Star Proclaims the King is Here”  
LSB 399*

The star proclaims the King is here;  
But, Herod, why this senseless fear?  
For He who offers heav'nly birth  
Seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.

The eastern sages saw from far  
And followed on His guiding star;  
And, led by light, to light they trod  
And by their gifts confessed their God.

Within the Jordan's sacred flood  
The heav'nly Lamb in meekness stood  
That He, of whom no sin was known,  
Might cleanse His people from their own.

And oh, what miracle divine,  
When water reddened into wine!  
He spoke the word, and forth it flowed  
In streams that nature ne'er bestowed.

△ For this Thy glad epiphany  
All glory, Jesus, be to Thee,  
Whom with the Father we adore,  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

The Postlude

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*  
Jan Bender

The Participants

The Celebrant

The Preacher

The Organist

Rev. Dr. Karl F. Fabrizious

Rev. Aaron Koch

Mr. Stephen P. Johnson

The Instrumentalists

Trumpet

Trombone

Euphonium

Timpani

Dean Sievert

Joshua Sievert

David Gottschalk

Isaac Sievert

Dennis Hanley

Jacob Sievert