

Communion Practice: We believe that Christ is truly present in Holy Communion and, as we try to be faithful to Christ in the serving of this Sacrament, we ask that people be instructed before receiving Holy Communion. All confirmed members of this parish, who have been regularly examined by the Pastor, are welcome to partake of the Holy Eucharist today. We also welcome the members who are in good standing of any of the parishes served by the Bishops, Pastors, and Deacons of The Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America (ELDoNA), and who have spoken to the Pastor prior to the service. Members of other Lutheran parishes or other denominations are kindly asked to refrain from communing today. The Pastor would be glad to make an appointment with anyone to discuss our teachings and/or our parish.

A Prayer upon Entering Church

Almighty, Ever-Living God, grant that I may gladly hear Thy Word and that all my worship may be acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

A Prayer before Communion

Dear Savior, upon Thy gracious invitation I come to Thine Altar. Let me find favor in Thine eyes that I may approach Thy Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

A Prayer after Communion

O Thou blessed Savior Jesus Christ, Who hast given Thyself to me in this holy Sacrament, keep me in Thy faith and favor; as Thou livest in me, let me also live in Thee. May Thy holy Body and Blood preserve me in the true faith unto everlasting life. Amen.

A Prayer at the Close of the Service

Grant, I beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the Word which I have heard this day may through Thy grace be so engrafted in my heart that I may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

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The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord
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“When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.” St. Matthew 2:10

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Dix”</i>	Henry J. Markworth
The Ringing of the Bell		
Silent Prayer		
The Processional Hymn	<i>“Arise and Shine in Splendor”</i>	TLH 126
The Confiteor		
The Invocation and Address		TLH p. 15
Versicles		TLH p. 15
Confession and Absolution		TLH p. 16
The Introit	<i>(Tone 1)</i>	INSERT
The Kyrie		TLH p. 17
The Gloria in Excelsis		TLH p. 17-19
The Salutation		TLH p. 19
The Collect for the Day		INSERT
The Collect for New Year’s Day		
<i>Sit</i>		
The Lesson		Isaiah 49:1-7
<i>After each Lesson:</i>	V: This is the Word of the Lord. R: Thanks be to God.	
The Gradual		INSERT
The Epistle		Isaiah 60:1-6
The Verse		INSERT
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(Second Setting)</i>	TLH p. 20
<i>Stand</i>		
The Holy Gospel		St. Matthew 2:1-12
The Announcement of Movable Holy Days for 2018		
The Nicene Creed		TLH p. 22
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“The Star Proclaims the King is Here”</i>	TLH 131
The Sermon	<i>After Jesus Was Born in Bethlehem</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
The Offertory	<i>“Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God”</i>	TLH p. 22-23
<i>Sit</i>		
The Offering		
<i>Stand</i>		
The General Prayer		TLH p. 23
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”</i>	TLH 343
<i>Stand</i>		
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The Sanctus and Benedictus		TLH p. 26
The Lord’s Prayer		TLH p. 27

The Verba Domini		TLH p. 27
The Pax Domini		TLH p. 27
The Agnus Dei		TLH p. 28
<i>Sit</i>		
The Distribution		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Post-Communion Canticle	<i>“The Nunc Dimittis”</i>	TLH p. 29-30
The Thanksgiving	<i>(“And His mercy endureth forever”)</i>	TLH p. 30
The Post-Communion Collect		
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“How Blest Are They Who Hear God’s Word”</i>	TLH 48
<i>Stand</i>		
The Salutation		TLH p. 31
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Silent Prayer		
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Announcements		

THE FESTIVAL OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 6th, 2018



Introit

P: BE- | **HOLD** - || the Lord, the | Ru- | ler, | has | come, *

C: And the kingdom and the power and the glory | are | in |

His - | hand. (*Liturgical text based on Malachi 3:1*)

P: || Give the king Your | judg- | ments, | O | God, *

C: And Your righteousness | to | the | **king's** - | Son.

P: || He will judge Your people | with | right- | eous- | ness, *

C: And Your | poor | with | **just**- - | ice

P: || The kings of Tarshish and of the isles | will | bring | pre- | sents; *

C: The kings of Sheba and Seba | will | of- | **fer** - | gifts.

P: || Yes, all kings shall fall | down | be- | fore | Him; *

C: All na- | tions | shall | **serve** - | Him. (*Psalms 72:1-2, 10-11*)

GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

P: || Behold the Lord, the | Ru- | ler, | has | come, *

C: And the kingdom and the power and the glory | are | in |

His - | hand. (*Liturgical text based on Malachi 3:1*)

Collect

O God, Who by the leading of a star didst manifest Thine Only-Begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we, who know Thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of Thy glorious Godhead; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



Gradual

P: || All those from Sheba shall come; they shall bring | gold | and | in- | cense, *

C: And they shall proclaim the prais- | es | of | **the** - | Lord.

P: || Arise, shine, O | Je- | ru- | sa- | lem; *

C: For the glory of the Lord is ris- | en | up- | **on** - | you. (*Isaiah 60:6b, 1 paraphrase*)

Verse

P: || Al- | — | le- | lu- | ia! *

C: Al- | — | le- | **lu**- - | ia!

P: || We have seen His | star | in | the | East *

C: And have come with gifts to worship the Lord. | Al- | le- |

lu- - | ia! (*St. Matthew 2:2 paraphrase*)

Isaiah 49:1-7

¹ “Listen, O coastlands, to Me, and take heed, you peoples from afar! The LORD has called Me from the womb; from the matrix of My mother He has made mention of My name. ² And He has made My mouth like a sharp sword; In the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me, and made Me a polished shaft; In His quiver He has hidden Me. ³ And He said to me, ‘You are My servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.’ ⁴ Then I said, ‘I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and in vain; Yet surely my just reward is with the LORD, and my work with my God.’ ⁵ And now the LORD says, Who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, to bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel is gathered to Him (for I shall be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and My God shall be My strength), ⁶ indeed He says, ‘It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, that You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.’ ⁷ Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, their Holy One, to Him whom man despises, to Him whom the nation abhors, to the Servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel; And He has chosen You.”

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹ “Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. ² For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. ³ The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴ 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 nursed at your side. ⁵ Then you shall see and become radiant, and your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. ⁶ The multitude

of camels shall cover your land, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba shall come; They shall bring gold and incense, and they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD.”

St. Matthew 2:1-12

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 have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.” ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ So they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: ⁶ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.’” ⁷ Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also.” ⁹ When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. ¹¹ And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

TLH 126 “Arise and Shine in Splendor”

Martin Opitz, 1628, abridged

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

2. See Earth in darkness lying,
The heathen nations dying
In hopeless gloom and night.
To thee the Lord of Heaven—
Thy Life, thy Hope—hath given
Great glory, honor and delight.

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

4. Lift up thine eyes in wonder;
See, nations gather yonder,
They all come unto thee.
The world has heard thy story,
Thy sons come to thy glory,
And daughters haste thy Light to see.

5. Thy heart will leap for gladness
When from the realms of sadness
They come o’er land and sea.
Thine eyes will wake from slumber
When people without number
Come thronging from afar to thee. Amen.

TLH 131 “The Star Proclaims the King is Here”

Coelius Sedulius, about 450

1. The star proclaims the King is here;
But, Herod, why this senseless fear?
He takes no realms of Earth away
Who gives the realms of heav’nly day.

2. The wiser Magi see from far
And follow on His guiding star;
And led by light, to light they press
And by their gifts their God confess.

3. Within the Jordan’s crystal flood
In meekness stands the Lamb of God

And, sinless, sanctifies the wave,
Mankind from sin to cleanse and save.

4. At Cana first His power is shown;
His might the blushing waters own
And, changing as He speaks the word,
Flow wine, obedient to their Lord.

5. All glory, Jesus, be to Thee
For this Thy glad epiphany;
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Ghost forevermore. Amen.

TLH 343 “How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”

Philipp Nicolai, 1597

1. How lovely shines the Morning Star!
The nations see and hail afar
The light in Judah shining.
Thou David’s Son of Jacob’s race,
My Bridegroom and my King of Grace,
For Thee my heart is pining.
Lowly, Holy,
Great and glorious, Thou victorious
Prince of graces,
Filling all the heav’nly places.

2. O highest joy by mortals won,
True Son of God and Mary’s Son,
Thou high-born King of ages!
Thou art my heart’s most beauteous Flow’r,
And Thy blest Gospel’s saving pow’r
My raptured soul engages.
Thou mine, I Thine;
Sing hosanna! Heav’nly manna
Tasting, eating,
Whilst Thy love in songs repeating.

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 traveling days be ended.
Sing out, Ring out
Triumph glorious, O victorious,
Chosen nation;
Praise the God of your salvation.

7. Oh, 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. Amen.

TLH 48 "How Blest Are They Who Hear God's Word"

Johan N. Brun, 1786

1. How blest are they who hear God's Word
And keep and heed what they have heard!
They wisdom daily gather;
Their light shines brighter day by day,
And while they tread life's weary way,
They have the oil of gladness
To soothe their pain and sadness.

2. God's Word a treasure is to me,
Thro' sorrow's night my sun shall be,
The shield of faith in battle.

The Father's hand hath written there
My title as His child and heir,
"The Kingdom's thine forever."
That promise faileth never.

3. Today I was my Savior's guest,
My soul was here so richly blest,
The Bread of Life receiving.
Oh, may thereby my faith prevail,
So that its fruits shall never fail
Till my account is given
Before the throne in Heaven! Amen.