

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

(Observed)

9 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE - January 5th, 2025



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Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

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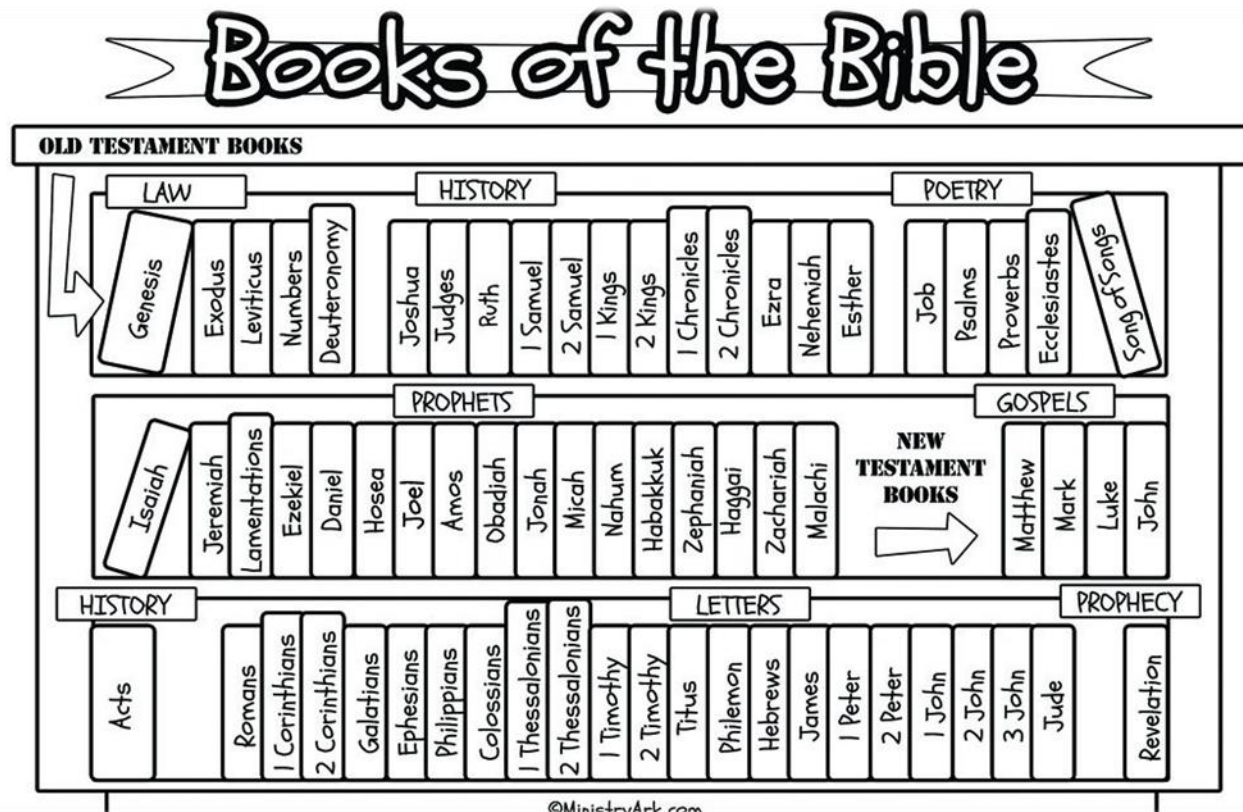
WELCOME! THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY.

To help you prepare for worship.

- 1. Locate today's Bible verses in your Bible.**
Matthew 2:1-12
- 2. Mark each verse with a bookmark so you can easily find it during worship.**
- 3. Highlight those verses you find helpful.**
- 4. Pray the following prayer before worship:**
Dear Lord, bless my time with you this morning. Fill us with Your presence and bring peace into our lives. Amen.

Bookmarks and Bible highlighters are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Need help finding the Bible verses? This image may help!



PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #370

What Child is This?
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- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,
 On Mary's lap is sleeping?
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
 While shepherds watch are keeping?
 This, this is Christ the king,
 Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
 Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
 The babe, the son of Mary!

- 2 Why lies He in such mean estate
 Where ox and ass are feeding?
 Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
 The silent Word is pleading.
 Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
 The cross be borne for me, for you;
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
 The babe, the son of Mary!

- 3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
 Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
 The King of kings salvation brings;
 Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
 Raise, raise the song on high,
 The virgin sings her lullaby;
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
 The babe, the son of Mary!

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father:

C I confess to God Almighty,
before the whole company of heaven and to you,
my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word,
and deed by my fault, by my own fault,
by my own most grievous fault;
wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,
forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.
Amen.

P The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness,
and remission of 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.

HYMN #412:1,3,6

The People That In Darkness Sat

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1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious
3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a
△ 6 Lord Je - sus, reign in us, we pray, And make us



light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In
Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All
Thine a - lone, Who with the Fa - ther ev - er art And



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
Ho - ly Spir - it, one, And Ho - ly Spir - it, one.

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.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:1–12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for 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, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which 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. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of 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. ⁸To 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,

⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1–12

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “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.”

³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They 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.”

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.

⁸And 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.”

⁹After 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.

¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

¹¹And 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.

¹²And 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.

G Thanks be to God.

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SERMON HYMN #397

As with Gladness Men of Old

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- 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.

SERMON

THE OFFERING – WAYS TO GIVE

- Sunday in the Offering Plate
- Text “Give” to 844-431-7278
- Scan the QR code.
- By mail: PO Box 126, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472



Thank you!

OFFERING HYMN #374

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child
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- 1 Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the Undefined, To the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His favor.
- 2 Angels sang about His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;
Heaven's star shone brightly forth Glory all around Him.
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, Heard the angels singing;
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ringing.
- 3 Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;
He is still the Undefined But no more a stranger.
Son of God of humble birth, Beautiful the story;
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glory!

A TIME FOR PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

✠ THE LORD'S SUPPER ✠

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:
"Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you.
This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying:
"Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G And also with You.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*We believe that Christ's body and blood are present in, with and under the bread and wine.
Our Lord invites to his table those who repent of all sin, and trust in Jesus as their Savior.
If you have never communed at Gloria Dei before or are unsure about what is taking place,
please talk to Pastor Meyer. Welcome to the Lord's Table!*

INSTRUMENTAL DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

BENEDICTION

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

G Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #832

Jesus Shall Reign

Text: Public domain

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.
- 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.
- 4 Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.
- 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR January 5, 2025

Prayer Requests: The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear? *Psalm 27:1*

This week at Gloria Dei:

TODAY – January 5 – Epiphany of Our Lord (observed)

9:00 am In-Person Worship w/Holy Communion &
Facebook/YouTube Live

10:00 am Coffee & Refreshments – Team 3

10:15 am Education - Sunday School & Bible Study

TUESDAY – January 7

9 am to Noon – Quilters Group

FRIDAY – January 10

11:00 am Chat N Chow – St, Alice

SUNDAY – January 12 – The Baptism of Our Lord

9:00 am In-Person Worship w/Holy Communion &
Facebook /YouTube Live

10:00 am Coffee & Refreshments – Team 4

10:15 am Education - Sunday School & Bible Study

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Worship Assistant: Adam Ruud

Altar Guild: Lani Fagerstrom

Accompanist: Nadine Meyer

Technical Director: Brian Zitzow

Usher: Bob Schepers

Counters: Bob & Theresa Peterson

Coffee & Refreshments: Team 3 – Fairbanks, Fairchild, Fiecke

Attendance Last Sunday: 151

Online Viewership: Facebook 253; YouTube 38.

Contribution information is available upon request in the office.

COMMUNION WINE: If you would like a non-alcohol version of communion, the purple cups in the center of each tray are alcohol free.

WAYS TO GIVE:

Sunday in the offering plate, by text 844-431-7278
or by scanning the QR code. Offerings can also be
mailed to: PO Box 126, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472
Thank you!



CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS: Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex for you to have your picture taken for the church directory being organized by the LWML Guild. Miriam Hanson will be taking the photos on Sundays January 12 and January 26 following services. We would like to have as many individuals and families included as possible. Thank you!

COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS SERVER SCHEDULE 2025: The schedule is now available and has been distributed to members mailboxes. Refreshments will continue to be provided by members serving each week supplemented with cookies provided by Gloria Dei should you wish to utilize that option.

J.O.Y (Just Older Youth) will meet monthly beginning on Monday, January 27, 2025, 11 am to 12:30 pm Join in on the education and fun of this group. The agenda will vary each month and will consist of games, speakers, recognition of celebrations, seasonal activities, prayer, devotion and lunch. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

NEW BIBLE STUDIES BEGINNING JANUARY 2025:

1) Sunday Morning - Paul's letter to the Romans. In this Bible class, we get to dig deep into God's Word with plenty of time for discussion and life-application.

2) Wednesday 10 am Bible Class - Paul's letter to the Ephesians - In this class, you get a little homework each week, with some sections in Ephesians with a few questions to answer. Get together - dig deep and apply God's Word to our lives. It's a great hour to meet, right in the conference room. Sign up for this class (so we know how much material to get) is on the bulletin board.

F3: FAITH, FAMILY, FORMATION will meet on January 15, 2025, from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. A meal will be served followed by a look at the Fourth and Fifth Commandments. Children will have a class and a project of their own while adults discuss how we honor family and life.

LAKES AREA FOOD SHELF: is located at 29316 Patriot Ave, Pequot Lakes, MN. For more information about the food shelf, please contact George & Colette Miller at 218-820-2928.

LWML GUILD meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month at 1 pm. (January 2025 will be an exception and the meeting will be on the second Thursday, January 9). All ladies of Gloria Dei are welcome. Meetings consist of social time, devotion and business discussion. We hope to see you there.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR HOURS: Wednesdays and Fridays 9 am to 2 pm. *These hours are subject to change. Please call ahead if you wish to see Lynn in the office. Thank you.*

LIFE QUOTE: “Let the peace of Christ change how you live—clothing yourself with godly virtues reflecting a thankful heart. Carry this peace that the angels proclaimed and Simeon saw. It sets the tone for the coming year, another year you get to live as God’s child in the peace of Jesus.”

Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota

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