TRINITY EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GLENDORA THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD (Observed) January 5, 2025

397 As with Gladness Men of Old

- 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.
- 2 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 lastWhere they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glory hide.
- 5 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.

Confession and Absolution

- ${\sf P} \quad \ \ {\rm In \ the \ name \ of \ the \ Father \ and \ of \ the \ T \ Son \ and \ of \ the \ Holy \ Spirit.}$
- 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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

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I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;

therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

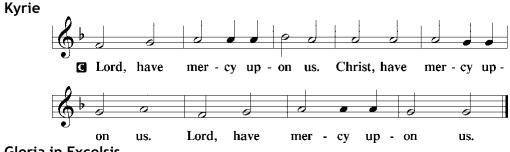
Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness; you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions; your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

(Sung) 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.

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therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.



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.

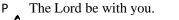
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day





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.



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.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- С Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Sent By the Father" Sung by Bob Mann

Epistle *Ephesians* 3:1–12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—²assuming that vou 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. Thanks be to God.

С

Α This is the Word of the Lord.



Holy Gospel Matthew 2:1–12

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



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.



Children's Message

810 O God of God, O Light of Light

- 1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and King of kings: To you in heaven's glory bright, The song of praise forever rings. To Him who sits upon the throne, The Lamb once slain but raised again, Be all the glory He has won. All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.
- For deep in prophets' sacred page, And grand in poets' winged word, 2 Slowly in type, from age to age, The nations saw their coming Lord; Till through the deep Judean night, Rang out the song, "Goodwill to men!" Sung once by firstborn sons of light, It echoes now, "Goodwill!" Amen.
- That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in hate and scorn-These all are past, and now above, He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn. Lift up your heads, O mighty gates! So sang that host beyond our ken. Lift up your heads, your King awaits. We lift them up. Amen, amen.
- Then raise to Christ a mighty song, And shout His name, His mercies tell! 4 Sing, heav'nly host, your praise prolong, And all on earth, your anthem swell! All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain! Forever let the song ascend! Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign, All glory, pow'r! Amen, amen.

Sermon

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 T of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

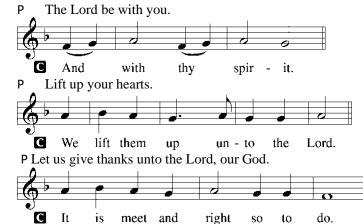
Offering

Offertory

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.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface



P It is truly meet, 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 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.

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

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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei

C 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.

395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

1 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!

2 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. 3 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.

4 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!

5 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!

6 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!

(Screen) My Lighthouse

400 Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

- 1 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid; Star of the East, the horizon adorning, Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.
- 2 Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining; Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall; Angels adore Him in slumber reclining, Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.
- 3 Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion, Fragrance of Edom and off'rings divine, Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean, Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?
- 4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation, Vainly with gifts would His favor secure. Richer by far is the heart's adoration; Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.
- 5 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid; Star of the East, the horizon adorning, Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Nunc Dimittis

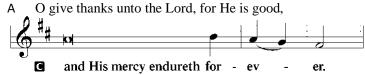
C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

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.

Thanksgiving



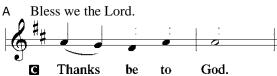
A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



Benedicamus



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 T give you peace.
- C Amen, amen, amen.

411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

- I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
 God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. *Refrain*
- ref In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
- 2 I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, And show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*
- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

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