



The Epiphany of Our Lord (observed) – January 4, 2026

*For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels,
nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate
us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 8:38-39



St. Paul's
Missouri Synod Lutheran

Welcome!

Service Setting Three – Hymnal – LSB 184

Bold face type - *read by the congregation*

Opening Hymn - The Unbelievable

Handout

Please stand

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

Invocation

Exhortation LSB 184

Please Kneel/Stand/Sit

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

Confession of Sins LSB 184

Absolution LSB 185

Please stand

Introit Psalm 45:6–8a;
antiphon: v. 17

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.**

**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.**

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

**therefore nations will praise you forever
and ever.**

Kyrie LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

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.
Amen.

Please sit

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.
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.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia LSB 190

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Proper Matthew 2:2b

**Alleluia. 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. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel Matthew 2:1–12

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

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

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.”

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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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

LSB 191

**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 + of the world to come. Amen.**

Please sit

Sermon Hymn - 395
O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Sermon

Please stand

Offertory LSB 192

Please sit

Offering

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 194

Proper Preface (Full)

Sanctus LSB 195

Lord's Prayer LSB 196

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 LSB 197

Agnus Dei LSB 198

Please sit

Distribution

Communion Hymn - We Three Kings
Handout

Please stand

Nunc Dimittis LSB 199

Thanksgiving LSB 200

Post-Communion Collect

Thanks be to You, heavenly Father, for
refreshing our minds, bodies, and spirits with
this Sacrament. Rule us always by Your Holy
Spirit that we may serve You constantly. Guide
and protect us that whoever sees us will be
drawn to the light that You have shone on
those You love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Salutation LSB 201

Benedicamus LSB 202

Benediction LSB 202

Closing Hymn - Light of the World
(Sing Hallelujah) Handout

Prayer Concerns

Mabel Lawson – Prayers for family and friends as they mourn her passing.

Ashley Forba – Ongoing health issues

Mary Ellen Mills – Eye issues

Janet Finn – Continued rehab after knee replacement

Elaine Decker – Ongoing health issues

Vladimir and Marie Dutko – Healing and well-being – Marina Yarasavage’s parents

Keith Mitchell’s father – Kendall Health issues

All those in the armed forces, including Kyle Stackhouse

All those suffering due to natural disasters

Bible Study on Wednesday Nights

Study will resume on Jan 7th.

Light dinner at 5 pm.

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year, but where does the celebration originate?

With so much information about Christmas out there, it is hard to know what to believe.

Join us Wednesdays as we separate the holiday from the holy day, the facts from the fantasy, and the truth from the tradition by using Lee Strobel's *The Case for Christmas*.

Church Events

The Carols and Lessons service will be Jan 11.

This is a great service to sing, and learn about, your favorite Christmas carols.

Meet with Pastor Josh – Sign-up sheet in narthex

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jan 1 Diane Pencek

Jan 13 Eugene Adams, Sr.

Jan 17 Willard Forba

Jan 21 Diane & Chris Turrell – Anniversary

Those Who Serve

Date	Reader	Ushers	Acolyte
Jan 4	Donna W	Jack P & Jack W	Kayla S
Jan 11	Diane T	Will F & Bill Y	Nate J
Jan 18	Bill Y	Kevin D & Gene A	Nate J
Jan 25	Karen M	Keith M & Bill Y	Kayla S

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	Advent Bible Study 7	8	9	10
Carols & Lessons service 11	12	13	Advent Bible Study 14	15	16	17
18	19	20	Advent Bible Study 5 pm 21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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Have a Blessed New Year!

Please join us for Sunday services at 10 am

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