



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

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.

3 And nations 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 carried
on the hip.

5 Then 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.

6 A 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.

Properties

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.”

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.**

<i>Please sit</i>	The Words of Our Lord	LSB 197
Sermon Hymn - 395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright	Agnus Dei	LSB 198
Sermon	<i>Please sit</i>	
<i>Please stand</i>	Distribution	
Offertory	Communion Hymn - We Three Kings	Handout
<i>Please sit</i>	<i>Please stand</i>	
Offering	Nunc Dimittis	LSB 199
<i>Please stand</i>	Thanksgiving	LSB 200
Prayer of the Church	Post-Communion Collect	
Service of the Sacrament	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.	
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.	Salutation	LSB 201
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.	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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