

**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD (OBSERVED)**

Sunday, January 9, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Altamont, IL

Rev. William Gleason, Emeritus Pastor, St. Paul Lutheran, Hamel, Illinois

Elder: Dennis Guffey

Organist & Choir Director: Dean Manuel

Crucifer: Dayton Tabbert; Acolyte: Garrett Flood; Book Bearer: Kyson Koester

Ushers: Steve Flood, Jason Koester, Ronnie Putnam

**Preservice Music**

**Ringling of Bells**

**Prelude** - "ST. ANNE" tune by: William Croft 1678-1727

*Please stand and face the processional cross at the entrance of the nave.*

**Processional Hymn LSB #395** *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* sts. 1-4

✠ **DIVINE SERVICE, Setting Three** ✠

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✠ **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** ✠

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✠ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ✠

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**Introit for the Epiphany of Our Lord**

*Psalm 72:1-2, 10-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text (respond with the words in bold)*

Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,

**and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in his hand.**

Give the king your justice, O God,

**and your righteousness to the royal son!**

May he judge your people with righteousness,

**and your poor with justice!**

May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute;

**may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!**

May all kings fall down before him,

**all nations serve him!**

Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,

**and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in his hand.**

♪ The Gloria Patri

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♪ Kyrie

♪ Gloria In Excelsis

♪ Salutation

## Collect for the Epiphany of Our Lord

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. **C: ♪ Amen**

*Please be seated*

### Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup>For 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.

<sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— <sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which 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. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of 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. <sup>8</sup>To 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, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and

authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**C: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**

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

**C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>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, <sup>2</sup>saying, “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.” <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>“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.”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And 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.” <sup>9</sup>After 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. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>And 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. <sup>12</sup>And 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.

**C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed**

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*Please be seated*

**Hymn of the Day LSB #397 As with Gladness Men of Old**

**Sermon Text: Matthew 2:1-12**

Title: “*Christians are Pro-Child*”

**THE MAJI LEAD US TO REJOICE TO WORSHIP THE CHRIST CHILD  
AND TO LOVE ALL CHILDREN.**

I. Children aren't trouble but joy.

II. Children are to be treasured and evangelized.

*Please stand*

♪ **Offertory**

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*Please be seated*

**Offering**

*Please stand as the offering plates are brought forward during the offering hymn*

**Offering Hymn #370 *What Child Is This***

*Please stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

*Response after each petition of the prayer:*

P: let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord have mercy.**

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen**

✠ **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ✠

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♪ **Preface**

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♪ **Sanctus**

♪ **Lord's Prayer**

♪ **The Words of Our Lord**

♪ **Pax Domini**

♪ **Agnus Dei**

*Please be seated*

**Distribution**

**LSB #624 *The Infant Priest Was Holy Born***

**LSB #394 *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise***

**LSB #839 *O Christ, Our True and Oly Light***

*Please stand*

♪ **Nunc Dimittis**

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♪ **Thanksgiving**

♪ **Benedicamus**

♪ **Benediction**

**Announcements**

**Recessional Hymn LSB #395 *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* sts. 5-6**

*Face the cross as it leads us to live in Christian faith (Mt. 16:24; 1 Cor. 2:2).*

**Postlude**