

FOLLOW HIS
STAR

MATTHEW 2

EPIPHANY

(OBSERVED)

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran
One Church - Two Campuses

January 7, 2018
Mission Campus | 8:30 & 11am

READING OVERVIEW

In our worship services this weekend we celebrate The Epiphany of Our Lord. (Epiphany actually falls on January 6 every year, but we often celebrate it on the closest Sunday.) Epiphany is frequently referred to as the “Gentile Christmas” because the focus is on the biblical truth that Jesus came as the Messiah or Savior for all people. In the first lesson from Isaiah 60, Isaiah prophesies about how “the nations” will come to Jerusalem to see the light and glory of God revealed there. St. Paul carries forward the Epiphany theme in the second lesson from Ephesians 3. Paul speaks of the “mystery” now revealed—that Gentiles have become fellow heirs with Jews, “partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel” (Ephesians 3:6). The traditional Gospel lesson for Epiphany is the story of the wise men as recorded in Matthew 2. The coming of these strange visitors from the east is seen as a fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy. God provides a star to guide the wise men to the place where they find Jesus. Clearly the coming of God’s Messiah is intended to be good news for all people. God has revealed his salvation to us and now calls us to let the light of Christ shine in our daily lives.

ADDITIONAL READINGS

Isaiah 66:18-23

Acts 15:1-21

Galatians 3:26-29

TO OUR GUESTS: Please add your voice and heart to the worship: sing the music and pray the prayers. Everyone is welcome at God’s House, and everyone’s voice is needed to tell the Good News of God’s love in Christ. Please help others find a place near you, and greet the person next to you as we prepare to worship together. Please be sure to fill out an attendance card located in the plastic folder.

NURSERY AVAILABLE: We love children at Trinity and are so pleased you and your children are worshipping with us today! We firmly believe the most important people influencing the faith formation of a child are found in the home – parents, grandparents, guardians. One of the key ways children learn about God is by watching their parents worship. We encourage you to keep your children with you in church to worship as a family. We also offer a staffed nursery for children 6 months to 3 years of age. At Mission, the nursery is staffed during the 9:45am and 11am services and available to parents at 8:30am. The Mission nursery is around the corner from the Sanctuary. At Shawnee, the nursery is staffed from 8:30-noon downstairs in room 103.

PRELUDE

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

Dietrich Buxtehude

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

LSB 394 | ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
 And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;
 Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;
 Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;
 That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 Thou by all wilt be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION (Isaiah 60:1,2b)

- L** Arise, shine, for your light has come,
- C** and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

- L** The Lord will arise upon you,
- C** and his glory will be seen by you.

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L As we gather as God's people, the light of God's holiness shines upon us. We are mindful of our sins and the darkness that is a part of our lives. Let us confess our sins and receive God's promised forgiveness.

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

L We join the tax collector in the temple as we declare,

C God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

L God has heard your confession. His light shines in our hearts, dispelling the darkness of sin. Your sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.

C Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Thy Word

Refrain only, two times | THY WORD

Refrain



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray. Lord God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory. We pray this in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 60:1–6 (ESV)

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
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.
And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
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.
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.
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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
 2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
 prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
 leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
 ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 3:1–12 (ESV)

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, 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. 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.

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

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

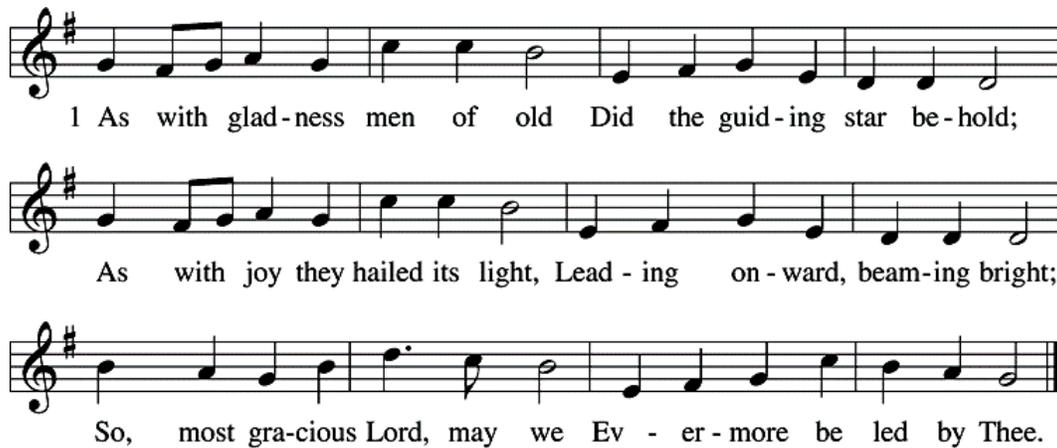
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

NOISY COLLECTION

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

As with Gladness Men of Old

LSB 397: 1 | Dix



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1–12 (ESV)

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

“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.”

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. 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.” 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. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 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. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL RECESSIONAL

As with Gladness Men of Old

LSB 397: 5 | Dix



5 In the heav'n-ly coun - try bright Need they no cre - at - ed light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;
There for - ev - er may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King.

SERMON

“God Revealed”

based on Matthew 2:1-12

Think about _____ a gift.

Epiphany is God _____ His Christmas gift to us.

Note how that gift was revealed to the _____. –vv. 1-2, 9-10, 12

Think of how the gift is revealed to _____!

–Psalm 119:105; 1 Corinthians 1:22-24; Galatians 3:27; 1 Corinthians 10:16

The reality is that God reveals Himself to us _____ and _____.

Do we _____ and _____?

–Luke 2:15-17; vv. 1-2; Isaiah 60:1-4; Matthew 5:14-16; 1 John 4:7-12

THE NICENE CREED

C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life **✝** of the world to come. Amen.



1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
2 Come, heav'n-ly Bride-groom, Light di - vine, And deep with - in



own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!
our hearts now shine; There light a flame un - dy - ing!



Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -
In Your one bod - y let us be As liv - ing branch -



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!
es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing.



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,
Now, though dai - ly Earth's deep sad - ness May per - plex us



Rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
And dis - tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy You bless us.

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!

OFFERING

Partita on "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

John Behnke

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

We Three Kings

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
bring to crown him a - gain; king for - ev - er,
owns a de - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
God and Sac - ri - fice; heav'n sings al - le -



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



Refrain
Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE FIRST NOEL | arr. Willcocks

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise

Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him a -

bove, ye heavenly host: Praise Father,

Son, and Holy Ghost. No - el, No - el, No -

el, No - el, Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

BENEDICTION

L The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

LSB 398 | FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;
4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;
Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.
All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,
Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;
To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.
Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.
And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.
His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A king - dom with - out end.

5 O'er ev'ry foe victorious,
He on His throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
All blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever—
That name to us is Love.

DISMISSAL

- L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
- C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Partita on "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

John Behnke

Announcements

Call Process: Interviews!



Over the last few weeks, the Call Committee has read through and prayed over the information on eleven different

DCE candidates. Our hope is to narrow that list to two or three candidates whom we will then invite for on-site interviews, happening some time in January. We ask that you continue to lift this process up in your prayers.

Children's Book Collection



The Abigail Circle is looking to collect children's books during the month of January to be donated to Reach out and Read KC, www.reachoutandreadkc.org.

Last year was our first year doing this and it was a great success! We ended up with a trunk full! We are asking for book donations again this year and will be collecting books from December 31 – January 28. The books need to be for children from birth to age 5.

Noisy Collection



The next noisy collection is **TODAY**, Sunday, January 7, in all services. Bring your "noisy" (and not so noisy) change to donate for the Sunday

school effort. This collection will help Metro Lutheran Ministry to fund electric bills for those less fortunate.

LWML Coffee and Tea Sale



Between worship services, Mission Campus, Sunday, January 14. One of the many mission projects being supported by your mite box donation is

Providing Food and the Gospel to Starving Children. Learn more about this project from the poster behind the mite box. Thank you for your support!

Sola Social

Sola Gratia
Grace Alone

Sola Fide
Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura
Scripture Alone

Saturday, January 27, 3pm, Mission Campus. If you are at least 60 years old and are in for a wee bit of mystery, we would like to have you join us for a Sola Social on January 27 at 3pm in the

fellowship hall at the Mission campus. A meal will be provided free of charge, and a light-hearted activity is planned which will take a look at the life of Martin Luther. A sign-up sheet is available at the welcome center, and we hope to see your name on it! A freewill offering basket will be made available at the social.

Preschool Open House and Enrollment Dates



10am-2pm

Tours, enrollment packets, children's activities, refreshments. We hope to see you at this come-and-go event!

Enrollment Dates

Current family enrollment begins Friday, January 26, online at 8am.

Church family/alumni enrollment begins Friday, February 2, online at 8am.

New family enrollment begins Friday, February 2, online at noon.

Can't make the Open House?

Tours are available by appointment – call 913-563-5280.

2018 Altar Flower Chart - Mission Campus



Would you like a meaningful way to commemorate a special event in your life or the life of a loved one? The 2018 altar flower chart is now available for signups in the Mission Campus foyer.

Worship Leaders

Preaching: Pastor Mark Schulz

Director of Music and the Arts:

Ben A. Spalding

Guest Organist: Dr. Sharon Hettinger

Stewardship Corner

And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds...

Hebrews 10:2 (NRSV)

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given by Bill and Charlene Millsap in celebration of Bill's 90th birthday.



A Community Following Jesus

Mission | 5601 W. 62nd St.

Mission, KS 66202

Shawnee | 21320 Midland Dr.

Shawnee, KS 66218

913.432.5441