

Lamb Of God Lutheran Church

January 6, 2019



Leap of Faith

*For every house is built by someone, but
God is the builder of everything.*
Hebrews 3:4



The Epiphany Of Our Lord

ARISE
SHINE
for your light has come!
ISAIAH 60:1

Communion Statement

We will be celebrating Holy Communion at this service

We consider this to be a family meal partaken in and with the Real Presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The term “Communion” describes the relationship between the participants, certainly between each person and our Savior whose meal it is, but also with all who come together to consume Christ’s body and blood in and with the bread and wine. To properly celebrate Communion all participants should be in communion, sharing the same confession of faith as is taught by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). **We welcome all those who regularly confess this faith as members or regular attenders of Lamb of God. Those who belong to another LCMS congregation and wish to join with us as fellow family members are asked to speak to an Elder prior to the beginning of service. Those who are visiting but not members of an LCMS congregation may approach the communion rail and receive a blessing with their arms folded in front of their chest, or remain seated.**

This has been the practice of the Church from the beginning, which according to earliest records would dismiss all those not baptized and confirmed before the Lord’s Supper was celebrated. We are celebrating this Sacrament in keeping with this tradition. If you are from outside the LCMS confession, please know that we are not judging you or your faith. We are not implying that you are not a Christian or worthy of the gifts Christ won for you on the cross. We are simply acknowledging that since you do not have the same confession as we do you are not “in communion” with us. If you still desire to participate in Holy Communion in the future at Lamb of God please speak with Pastor Mark after the service.

Thank you for honoring our celebration of Holy Communion.

*** Note: For those concerned about consuming alcohol-the individual cups in the center of each tray contain diluted wine. (1 drop of wine in water)*

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Who witness, have fellowship & show compassion.

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WORSHIP
10:00 AM



Divine Service, Setting Three

Epiphany
January 6, 2019

Fellowship Register

Please sign the register that you will find in the book holder and pass it on to the others sitting in your pew. Guests are invited to sign the register and please include your address. Thank you.

Pre-Service Music

Welcome & Announcements

☐ The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

 And also with you.

(The Peace of the Lord is given and received)

Opening Hymn + LSB 782
Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

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1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings
 2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion
 3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior
 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing

New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies
 Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that
 Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of
 Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and

nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
 end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.
 ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

Refrain
 Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,
 Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

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Confession & Absolution + LSB 184

- ☐ In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

☩ **Amen.**

- ☐ 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.

- ☐ Our help is in the name of the Lord,

☩ **who made heaven and earth.**

- ☐ I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

☩ **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

- ☐ O almighty God, merciful Father,




☩ **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.**

- ☐ 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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

☩ **Amen.**

Introit + Ps. 45:6-8a; antiphon: Ps. 45:17

- ☐ 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.

Entrance Hymn + LSB 397 vs 1 & 2
As with Gladness Men of Old



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.
 So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.

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 be seated.



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.

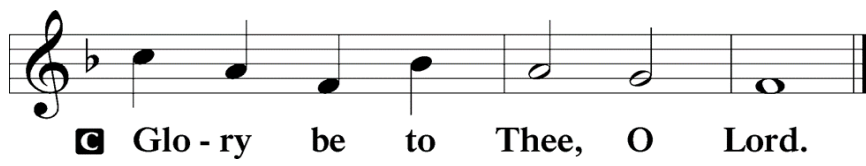
☐ This is the Word of the Lord.

 Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able.

Holy Gospel + Matthew 2:1-12

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter.



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord. ¹Now after Je-

sus 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.



*Apostle's
Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

Sermon Hymn + LSB 396

Arise and Shine in Splendor




1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; Let night to day sur -
 2 See earth in dark - ness ly - ing, The hea - then na - tions
 3 The world's re - mot - est rac - es, Up - on whose wea - ry
 4 Lift up your eyes in won - der— See, na - tions gath - er



ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near. A - bove, the
 dy - ing In hope - less gloom and night. To you the
 fac - es The sun looks from the sky, Shall run with
 yon - der From sin to be set free. The world has



day is beam - ing, In match - less beau - ty
 Lord of heav - en— Your life, your hope— has
 zeal un - tir - ing, With joy Your light de -
 heard Your sto - ry; Her sons come to Your



gleam - ing; The glo - ry of the Lord is here.
 giv - en Great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.
 sir - ing That breaks up - on them from on high.
 glo - ry; Her daugh - ters haste Your light to see.

5 Your heart will leap for gladness
 When from the realms of sadness
 They come from near and far.
 Your eyes will wake from slumber
 As people without number
 Rejoice to see the Morning Star.

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Sermon + Isaiah 60:1-3
"The Light Shining in the Darkness"

The Tithes & Offerings

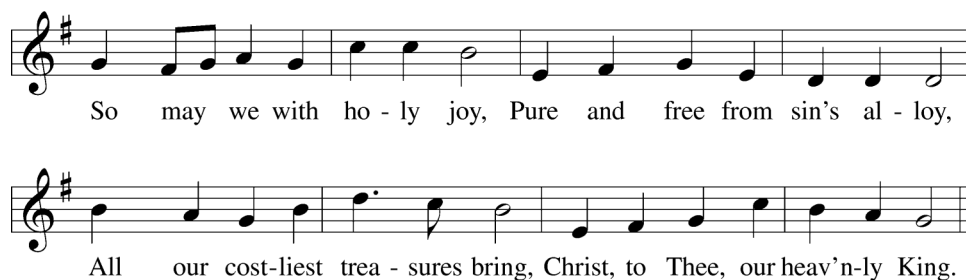
Offering Verse: Matthew 2:11

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.

The Offertory Hymn + LSB 397 vs 3
As with Gladness Men of Old





3 As they of - fered gifts most rare At Thy cra - dle, rude and bare,





Recognition of Servants of the Congregation

The Installation of Congregational Officers

The Prayers of the Church

- ☐ Lord, in Your mercy,
 **hear our prayer.**
- ☐ Withy exceedingly great joy in Your promises and with confidence that You will hear and answer Your people, we commend into Your hands ourselves and all for whom we pray, through Christ, our Lord, whom with the Father and Holy Spirit, You are one God and one Lord, now and forevermore.
 **Amen.**

Holy Communion *Preface + LSB 194*

- ☐ The Lord be with you.
 **And with thy spiritⁱ**
- ☐ Lift up your hearts.
 **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

☐ Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

 It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface + Pastor

It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus + LSB 195

Lord's Prayer + LSB 196

☐ Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises we are bold to pray.

 Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on



■ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.

earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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

Words of Institution

The Pax Domini + LSB 197

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Agnus Dei + LSB 198

Please be seated.

+ Distribution of the Blessed Sacrament +



☒ A - men.

*Distribution
Hymn + LSB*

395

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



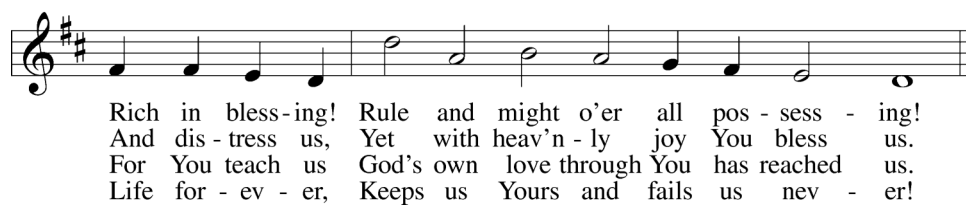
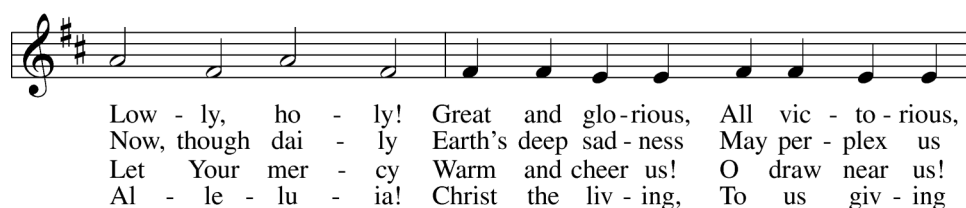
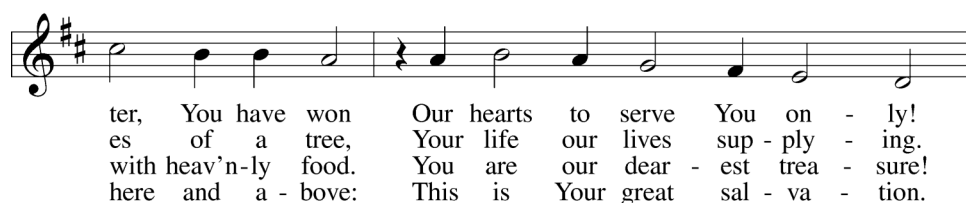
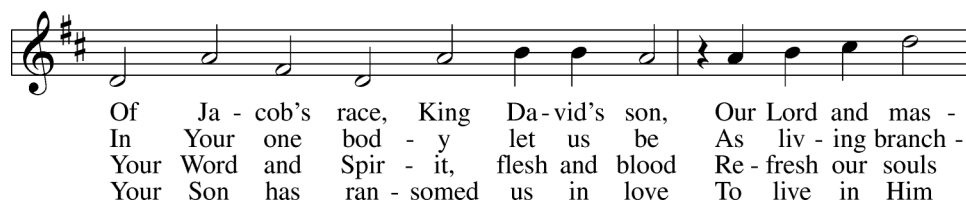
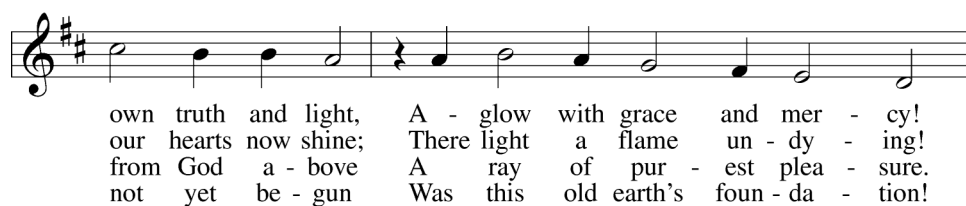
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.



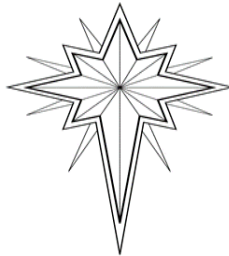
1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
2 Come, heav'n-ly Bride-groom, Light di - vine, And deep with - in
3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when



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!

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Distribution Hymn + LSB 341
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the
 2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot
 3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the
 4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a

King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing
 is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -
 rul - er is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py
 tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em -

near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -
 ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of
 homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less
 ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your

va - tion He doth bring; There - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing.
 all our woe He brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings.
 sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.
 Sov - 'reign en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin.

To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
 To Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
 To God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.
 To God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!

- 5 Redeemer, come and open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
O enter with Thy grace divine;
Thy face of mercy on me shine.
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on
Until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame
We offer to Thy name.

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Distribution Hymn + LSB 411
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,

The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain
 In Him there is no dark - ness at all.

The night and the day are both a - like.

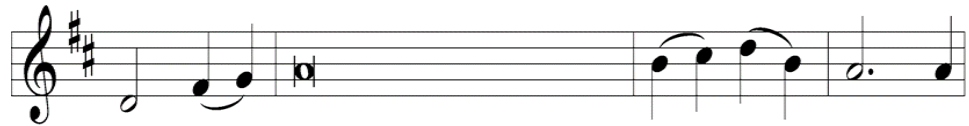
The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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Please stand, as able.

Nunc Dimittis + LSB 199



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thv word. for mine eyes have seen Thv salvation.



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



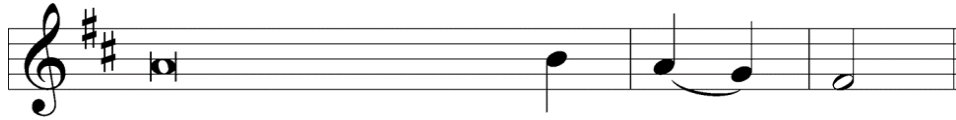
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving + LSB 200

- ☐ O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good ➞



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

- ☐ Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty god, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy the same in faith toward You and I fervent love toward one another: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Salutation and Benedicamus



C And with thy spir - it.

The Lord be with you.



C Thanks be to God.

- ☐ Bless we the Lord.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Benediction +
LSB 202*

- ☐ The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

Closing Hymn + LSB 397 vs 4 & 5
As with Gladness Men of Old



4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day Keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright Need they no cre - at - ed light;



And when earth - ly things are past, Bring our ran - somed souls at last
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide.
There for - ev - er may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King.

□ Go in peace. Serve the Lord
☩ **Thanks be to God.**

