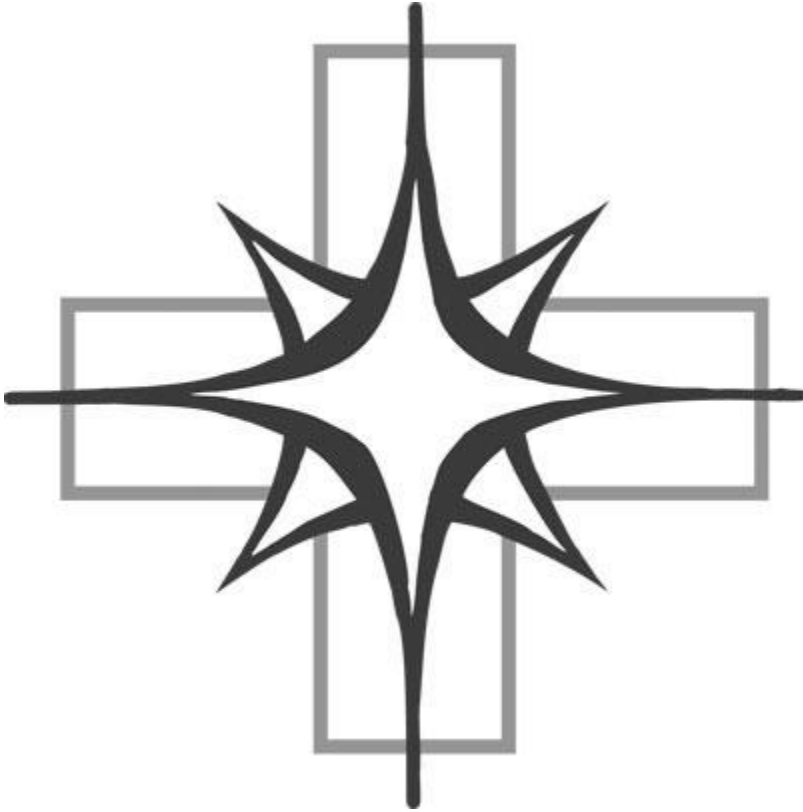


# ***Service of Light***



**The Lutheran Church of the Savior**

*Epiphany Worship – January 6, 2021*

## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**G** Amen.

## Litany of Light

- P** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth ... And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*Genesis 1:1, 3-5*

- G** Enlighten our lives, O light of the world!

## Thy Strong Word

*LSB 578 st. 1*

1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above a bracket) over groups of three notes. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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- P** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. *Isaiah 9:2*
- C** **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.** *John 1:5*
- P** Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. *Isaiah 9:2*
- C** **We have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.** *John 1:14*
- P** For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given. *Isaiah 9:6*
- C** **In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.** *John 1:4*

## Thy Strong Word

LSB 578 st. 2

2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

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- P** Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." *John 8:12*
- C** **Enlighten our lives, O light of the world!**

## Thy Strong Word

LSB 578 st. 3

3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with  
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we  
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

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**P** “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” *Matthew 5:14–16*

**C** **Enlighten our lives, O light of the world, that we, too, may shine!**

**P** Arise! Shine! For your light has come. *Isaiah 60:1*

**C** **We have seen His star and have come to worship Him!** *Matthew 2:2*

**P** Arise! Shine! For your light has come.

**C** **And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!** *Isaiah 60:1*

## Thy Strong Word

LSB 578 st. 6

- 6 God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

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## Prayer

- P** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,  
**C** **the light no darkness can overcome.**
- P** Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,  
**C** **and the day is almost over.**
- P** Let Your light scatter the darkness  
**C** **and illumine Your Church.**
- 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.**

## 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.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*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.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 2:1–12*

<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 to You, O Christ.



## Gospel Response

### As with Gladness Men of Old

LSB 397 sts. 1–2



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.

## Nicene Creed

**☑ 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.**





## The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

LSB 399 sts. 1–2, 5



1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,  
2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far And fol - lowed  
5 For this Thy glad e - piph - a - ny All glo - ry,



why this sense - less fear? For He who of - fers heav'n - ly  
on His guid - ing star; And, led by light, to light they  
Je - sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -



birth Seeks not the king - doms of this earth.  
trod And by their gifts con - fessed their God.  
dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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## Message

## “Rejoicing”

*Matthew 2:1–12*

## Prayer

**P** Once, O Lord, You led the Magi and brought them into the presence of Christ by the light of a star. Shine the light of Your Word on those still living in darkness, that they may be brought into Christ’s marvelous light and believe in Him whom You have sent. Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, may Your light shine on us and through us in our words and works of faith. Send forth Your blessing upon the proclamation of Your Word that those who hear may believe, and believing may have life in Your name. Bless Matthew, our Synod President, Timothy, our District President, and all pastors, missionaries and church workers. Bring to fruit their faithful labors for Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, may Your light shine upon those whose lives are touched by struggle, sorrow, illness, despair, and death. Come to the aid of all who have need in this life. Grant them healing, strength, comfort and peace according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, may Your light shine on us and bring forth the fruits of repentance in our daily lives. Give us confidence in Your Word that we may embrace Your holy will without fear. Hear and answer us, we pray, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

### 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.**

### Benediction

**P** God intervened in the Magi's life when they sought out the Savior. Following their time of worship, they were led home by a different route. During this time together, we have worshiped the King of kings.

**C** **He has changed our lives. We are forgiven, enlightened, and empowered.**

**P** We no longer return home by the same route of sin. We return home by a different route.

**C** **God's Spirit, poured out here in His Word, is leading us to follow in our Savior's footsteps to our homes, our neighborhoods, our workplaces, and ultimately, to the light of heaven.**

- P** Arise! Shine! For your light has come.  
 The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

LSB 394



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.

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