

**Thanksgiving**  
**Salutation and Benedicamus**  
**Benediction**  
**Hymn**

*LSB 200*  
*LSB 201–202*  
*LSB 202*  
“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” *LSB 395:5,6*

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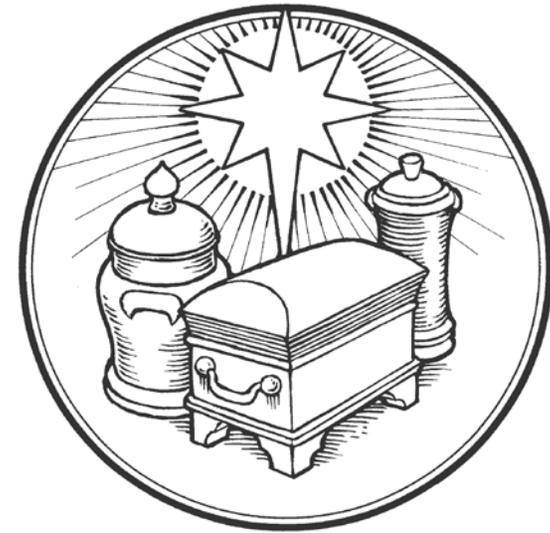
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# Divine Service

on

The Epiphany of Our Lord



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# Divine Service, Setting Three

## Confession and Absolution

LSB 184

## Service of the Word

**Hymn** "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" *LSB 395:1,2*

**Kyrie** *LSB 186*

**Gloria in Excelsis** *LSB 187*

**Salutation and Collect** *LSB 189*

**Epistle** *Ephesians 3:1–12*

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. So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

**Alleluia** *LSB 190*

**Holy Gospel** *Matthew 2:1–12*

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.

**Hymn of the Day** "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" *LSB 395:3,4*

## Homily

## Prayer of the Church

## Service of the Sacrament

**Preface** *LSB 194*

**Sanctus** *LSB 195*

**Lord's Prayer** *LSB 196*

**Words of Our Lord** *LSB 197*

**Pax Domini** *LSB 197*

**Agnus Dei** *LSB 198*

## Distribution

*The Holy Eucharist is celebrated today in the joyful and glad confidence that our Lord, as He promises, delivers into our mouths His very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. The host congregation is Trinity Lutheran Church in Millstadt, Illinois.*

*We welcome to the altar today those baptized Christians who have publicly confessed the faith of the Lutheran Church and are members in good standing of an LCMS or partner Church congregation. All others are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. If you are not receiving the Eucharist, simply cross your arms across your chest to form an X.*