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The Epiphany of Our Lord
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WELCOME - OUR INVITATION- To all who need comfort; to all who want friendship; to those who desire acceptance; to all who want sheltering love; to those who sin and need a Savior, whoever will come, this church opens wide its doors, and in the name of our Lord, says WELCOME!

VISITORS - We welcome you to Mt. Calvary! We hope that hearing God's Word this morning will strengthen and enrich your faith. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Carrier and sign the guest register, located in the narthex at the rear of the church.

Our Mission: To be living letters written by the Holy Spirit, read by all (2 Cor. 3:3).

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Divine Service, Setting One

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Processional Hymn

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

Hymn 397

Confession and Absolution *(Page 151)*

Introit

Cantor: I will cause your name to be remembered in all gener-/
ations;
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 up-/ rightness;*

All: **Glory be to the Father and / to the Son*
and to the Holy / Spirit.
As it was in the be-/ ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.**

Cantor: I will cause your name to be remembered in all gener-/
ations;
therefore nations will praise you forever and / ever.

Kyrie *(Pages 152-153)*

Gloria in Excelsis *(Page 154)*

Salutation and Collect of the Day *(Page 156)*

P: O God, by the leading of a star You made know 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.**

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ² 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. ³ And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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.**

Hymn

“The Star Proclaims the King Is Here”

Hymn 399
Stanzas 1, 2

The Epistle Reading Ephesians 3:1-12

¹ For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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.

⁷ 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. ⁸ 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, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² 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.**

Hymn

“The First Noel”

1. *(All)* **The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

Refrain: **Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.**

2. *(Choir)*

3. *(All)* **And by the light of that same star
Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went. *(Refrain)***

- 4, 5. *(Choir)*

6. *(All)* **Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our Heav'nly Lord,
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought. *(Refrain)***

The Holy Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (*Sung*)

¹ 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, ² 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.” ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They 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.””

⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ 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.” ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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. (*Sung*)

Children’s Message

Pastor Carrier

Hymn of the Day

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

Hymn 395

Sermon

Nicene Creed *(Page 158 or back cover of Service Book)*

Prayer of the Church

*(Each petition concludes;P: Lord in your mercy . . .
C: Hear our prayer.)*

Offering and Offertory *(Pages 159-160)*

Service of the Sacrament *(Pages 160-164)*

(Our Communion Practice is printed on the next page.)

Hymn during the Distribution

“The Infant Priest Was Holy Born”

Hymn 624

Post Communion Liturgy *(Pages 164-166)*

Recessional Hymn

“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”

Hymn 400

+ To God Alone be Glory +

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus, those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us.

Because Holy Communion is a confession of our faith, if you are not yet instructed, in doubt, or hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, you should first speak to pastor.

If you are unable to receive Holy Communion today and wish to come to the altar rail for a blessing, we ask that you cross your arms at the rail. During the distribution of Communion, you are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns, and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased. Those who have any concerns or questions are invited to speak with the pastor prior to or following the service.

WE WELCOME back Mr. Jeff Kumpula, the trumpeter for today's worship service. Thank you Jeff, for adding to our worship experience today!

MEMORIALS – We thank Mark and Karen Linzing and Inge Hillebrand for their gifts to Mt. Calvary in memory of Arnold Karcher.

TAKING DOWN CHURCH DECORATIONS – You are encouraged to help take down the Christmas decorations immediately following the conclusion of our worship service today. Coffee and donuts will still be available in the Altar Guild Room. Afterward, you are invited to join Jerry and Lorraine Roy at their home (28140 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores) for lunch and fellowship.

**Serving Christ and
His People Today**

Worship Leader: Rev. John Carrier
Organist/Cantor: Daryl Witte
Elders: Adam Kurtz, Matthew Lundgren, Jerry Roy
Worship Reader: Jerry Roy
Altar Guild: Susan Riske, Carol Vietzke

**Serving Among Us
Sunday, January 13**

Elders: Adam Kurtz, Matthew Lundgren, Jerry Roy
Worship Reader: Sylvia Wallace
Altar Guild: Susan Riske, Carol Vietzke

**Calendar for the Week of
January 6 through January 13**

Today:	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time and the taking down of Christmas decorations, followed by lunch at the Roy's home (28140 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores)
Monday:		Head Start Students return to school
Wednesday:	11:15 - 12:45	Food Bank
	10:00 - 1:30	Mt. Calvary Head Start Reading program
Thursday:	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service with Installation of Officers
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study

WE INCLUDE IN OUR PRAYERS the following people dealing with health concerns:

From our fellowship:

Bill and Judy Buchanan, Dina Gilmore, De'Borah and Jessie Jackson, Jeff Kurtz, Karen Roemer, Karolyn Swad, Carol Vietzke, and Philonese Walker

Among our friends and families:

Ronda Burns Aitchison, Kimiko Astalos, Gabrielle Awada, Julie Buckbee (daughter of Kimiko Astalos), David Coates, Barbara Drisko (friend of Sylvia Wallace), Elizabeth Higginbotham, Jill Hupp, Luella Lanier (mother of Philonese Walker), Harrison McNally and family, Patricia McNally, Rev. Pat O'Brien, Sue Richardson, Izzy Sherman (niece of John Duff of Redeemer, Birmingham)

We also pray for:

The United States military, first responders, police officers (especially Police Officer Brandon Jordan), firefighters of the 9th precinct, and the City of Detroit.

Lutheran Hour Ministries - Listen to "The Lutheran Hour" every Sunday with host Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler on the following radio dials: Detroit WDFN (1130) @ 6:30 a.m.; WRDT (560) @ 6:30 p.m. and Sirius XM Satellite Family Radio 170 @ 1:00 P.M. Next Sunday, January 13, the Lutheran Hour theme will be:

"Reason to Believe" – Do you have a reason to believe that everyone should believe what you believe? John did. Come and see. (John 1:19-51)