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The Epiphany of Our Lord and The Baptism of Our Lord

11 a.m. Sunday, January 10, 2021

Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Three

Please stand when the ministers approaches the center aisle.

Acclamation at Our Lord's Epiphany and Baptism

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Two wonders mark this holy day – two wonders concerning our Lord Jesus:

P This day a star leads the magi to the manger.

C Alleluia!

P This day Jesus is revealed as the Beloved Son in the waters of baptism.

C Alleluia! Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

The Epiphany Gospel

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12, RSV

Before the Gospel:

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Second Chapter:

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, ²“Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, 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:

“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 govern my people Israel.”

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star 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.” ⁹When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till 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.

- ☐ The Gospel of the Lord.
- ☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Entrance Rite

HYMN LBW 82

As with Gladness Men of Old
(verses 1-4)

DIX

APOSTOLIC GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

KYRIE

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the Highest

PRAYERS OF THE DAY

- ☐ 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, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

- ☐ Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be your children and inheritors with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word of God

FIRST LESSON (for the Epiphany of Our Lord).....Isaiah 60:1-6, RSV
Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her, because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come,
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 round about, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far,
and your daughters shall be carried in the arms.

⁵Then you shall see and be radiant,
your heart shall thrill and rejoice;
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 Mid'ian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM 87, LBW (*To be responsively, beginning with the Pastor.*)

¹On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded;
the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

²**Glorious things are spoken of you,
O city of our God.**

³I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me;
behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia: in Zion were they born.

**⁴Of Zion it shall be said, "Everyone was born in her,
and the Most High himself shall sustain her."**

⁵The LORD will record as he enrolls the peoples,
"These also were born there."

**⁶The singers and the dancers will say,
"All my fresh springs are in you."**

SECOND LESSON (for the Epiphany of Our Lord).....Ephesians 3:1-12, NRSV
What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of St. Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

☐ The word of the Lord.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

☑ Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE, by Cantor

Alleluia.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL (for the Baptism of Our Lord)..... Matthew 3:13-17, RSV

Before the Gospel:

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Third Chapter:

☉ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented.

¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; ¹⁷and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☉ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON. *This morning's sermon includes an Epiphany poem by theologian Robert W. Jenson:*

The magi never made their due report.
So Herod had no choice. Not knowing which boy
Was the threat, he simply killed them all.

A second Herod, met the boy grown up,
And all unwitting reversed his father's deed:
Letting the one die, he saved the many.

Or so the story goes. Living just now.
We find it easy to believe scene one.
God grant we own the strange truth of scene two.
(Robert W. Jenson, Epiphany 2012)

Silence for reflection after the sermon, then stand for the Creed, Intercessions and Exchange of Peace.

HYMN LBW 40

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

NICENE CREED (*In olden days, it was customary for people to bow at the confession of the Holy Incarnation: "...incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man."* This seems especially suitable for the great Christmas and Epiphany liturgies. If you would like to do so, the place is marked in the text:)

☩ 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

INTERCESSIONS

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

THE PEACE

☩ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☩ And also with you.

Let us offer a sign of peace to our neighbors: "Peace be with you."

THE OFFERING

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☩ Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*spoken*)

☩ The Lord be with you.

☩ And also with you.

☩ Lift up your hearts.

☩ We lift them to the Lord.

☩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Preface for Epiphany

☩ It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

☩ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer II

☩ You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness; you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence. We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us. We thank you for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all. We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen, the people of your promise: the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the memory of the fathers, the homecoming from exile, and the prophets' words that will not be in vain. In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son, who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

☩ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

☩ Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son: his human birth and the covenant he made with us. We remember the sacrifice of his life: his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death. But chiefly we remember his rising from the tomb, his ascension to the seat of power, and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit. We cry out for the resurrection of our lives, when Christ will come again in beauty and power to share with us the great and promised feast.

☩ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

☩ Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

☩ Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

☩ Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

☩ Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

☩ 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.

The Fraction (The Bread is broken)

Agnus Dei

- ☩ **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

- ✝ If you are home during this pandemic, worshiping online with us, here is a possible “Prayer for Spiritual Communion” lifted up in a recent *Forum Letter* (May 2020). *Forum Letter* is a respected Lutheran newsletter published by the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion Anthem

Noel Nouvelet

Traditional French carol

Motomi Tanaka, soprano soloist

Noël nouvelet, Noël chantons ici,
Dévotes gens, rendons à Dieu merci,
Chantons Noël pour le Roi nouvelet,
Noël nouvelet, Noël chantons ici.

A new Christmas, we sing of Christmas here.
Faithful people, shout out our thanks to God,
sing Noel for the new-born king.
A new Christmas, we sing of Christmas here.

Quand je m'éveillai et eus assez dormi,
ouvris les yeux, vis un arbre fleuri
dont il sortait un bouton vermeillet.
Noël nouvelet, Noël chantons ici.

When I awoke, having slept long enough
I opened my eyes and saw a flowering tree
where I saw a marvelous flower bud.
A new Christmas, we sing of Christmas here.

D'un oiselet bientôt le chant ouïs,
qui aux pasteurs disait: “Partez d'ici,
en Bethléem trouverez l'agnelet.”
Noël nouvelet, Noël chantons ici.

Soon we heard a song from a little bird,
who said to the shepherds: “Go from here,
in Bethlehem you will find the little Lamb.”
A new Christmas, we sing of Christmas here.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN LBW 76

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!
(verses 1-4)

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

DISMISSAL

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

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- ✦ NEW TO PRAYER LIST: Julia Rudat, The Romano Family (John, Jeanne, Emma and Lucy), Marion Molno, Emma Kaefer, Bruce Harbour (Robin's father), Peter Davie (godfather of Thomas Wicks), Robert Mallery (son-in-law of David Kiehl's sister), Wolfgang Hahn, Yoleidy Perez (Tamares's brother), Obdulia Mundo (friend of Maggie Schreiber), Charlie Beckwith (friend of Thomas Wicks), Olga Beloded (John Imhof's wife), Mary Ann Grant (Deirdre's mother)

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We extend to you a cordial welcome and hope that you will return. If you are a visitor, please fill out one of the cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor Carol Fryer. If you are interested in membership here at Immanuel, please contact the church office for an appointment with Pastor Carol. Or you can email her at ceafryer@gmail.com.

- ✦ HOLY COMMUNION is offered to all baptized Christians who have been instructed in the Church's faith, who confess it with us (as in the Creeds), and who may in good conscience receive the Sacrament in keeping with the understanding with which it is celebrated here: namely, that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the consecrated bread and wine and are distributed to and received by all who commune.
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