



The Epiphany of Our Lord (*Observed*)

January 4-5, 2025

# As We Gather

**HOLY COMMUNION AT HOLY CROSS** is celebrated in accordance with the Lutheran confession that Christ's body and blood are truly given to us with the bread and wine to give forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Missouri-Synod Lutherans united with us in that confession are invited to receive the Sacrament with us. Others who desire to commune should first speak with a Pastor or an Elder.

- For those whose health or circumstance may require it, Holy Cross offers an alcohol-removed red wine (containing less than 0.5% alcohol) located in the center of each Communion tray.
- Gluten-free wafers are available upon request to a Pastor or Elder before the service.
- If you want communion in the pew, please let an usher or Elder know before the service.
- Please do **not** stack the plastic communion cups in the baskets. Stacked cups hinder the rinsing process. Thank you.

**ATTENDANCE PADS:** We invite members and guests alike to take a moment to sign the red fellowship pad located at the end of the pew by the center aisle. Please provide contact information if you are interested in membership or if you would like to be contacted by the church. After signing, please pass it to your neighbor and then return it to its spot by the aisle.

**LIVE-STREAMING of 8 AM SERVICE WEEKLY:** Holy Cross live streams the 8 AM service each Sunday on a link at our website ([hcross.com](http://hcross.com)). We provide this service for our members who cannot attend worship. The video perspective from the choir loft looks toward the altar and shows all aspects of the service from the sixth row of pews forward. This includes baptisms, children's talks, and communion.

## Prayers for Worship

### ***On entering a church***

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

### ***Before worship***

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

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Divine Service, Setting One LSB 151

Opening Hymn: "Hail, O Source of Every Blessing"

LSB 409/Please Stand



1 Hail, O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Fa - ther of our  
2 Once far off but now in - vit - ed, We ap - proach Your  
3 Hail, O all - in - vit - ing Sav - ior! Gen - tiles now their



hu - man race! Gen - tiles now, Your grace pos - sess - ing, In Your  
sa - cred throne, In Your cov - e - nant u - nit - ed, Rec - on -  
of - f'ings bring, In Your tem - ples seek Your fa - vor, Je - sus



courts ob - tain a place. Grate - ful now, we fall be - fore You,  
ciled, re - deemed, made one. Now re - vealed to east - ern sa - ges,  
Christ, our Lord and King. May we, bod - y, soul, and spir - it,



In Your Church re - jice to live, See Your glo - ry  
See the Star of Mer - cy shine, Mys - t'ry hid in  
Live de - vot - ed to Your praise, Glo - rious realms of



and a - dore You, Thank - ful for the grace You give.  
for - mer a - ges, Mys - t'ry great of love di - vine.  
bliss in - her - it, Grate - ful an - thems ev - er raise.

# Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 45:6–8a; antiphon: v. 17*

**P** I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;

**C** **therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.**

**P** Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;

**C** **you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.**

**P** Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

**C** **your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.**

**C** **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.**

**P** I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;

**C** **therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.**

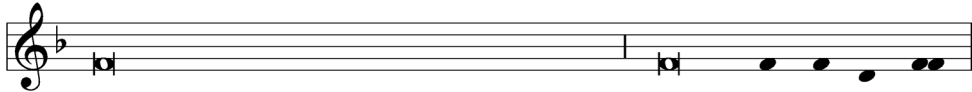
Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



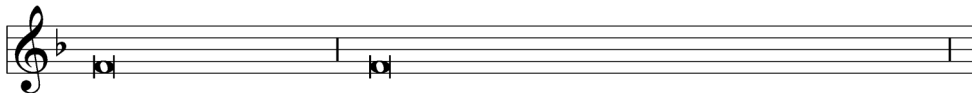
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



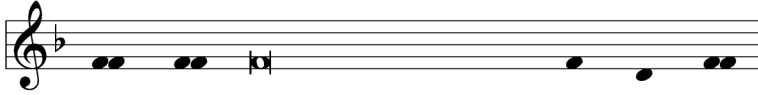
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



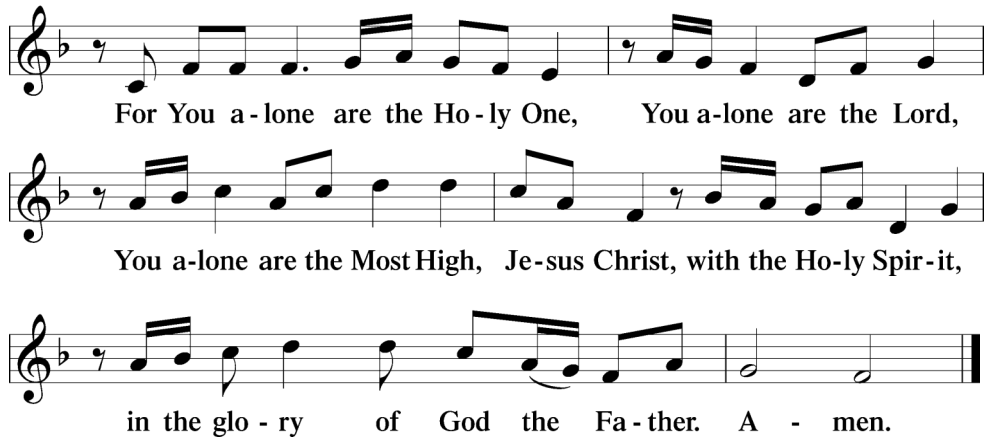
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,  
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**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

*Please sit*

**A** The Old Testament Reading for The Epiphany of Our Lord is from Isaiah, chapter 60.

**A** rise, 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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle: Ephesians 3:1-12

**A** The Epistle is from Ephesians, chapter 3.

*S* 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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Allgluia and Verse

*Please stand*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the





## Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

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.

## 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.**

Children's Message—Sunday

*Please be seated*

# Hymn of the Day: "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

LSB 395, sts. 1-3



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



own truth and light, A-glow with grace and mer-cy!  
 our hearts now shine; There light a flame un-dy-ing!  
 from God a-bove A ray of pur-est plea-sure.



Of Ja-cob's race, King Da-vid's son, Our Lord and mas-  
 In Your one bod-y let us be As liv-ing branch-  
 Your Word and Spir-it, flesh and blood Re-fresh our souls



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on-ly!  
 es of a tree, Your life our lives sup-ply-ing.  
 with heav'n-ly food. You are our dear-est trea-sure!



Low-ly, ho-ly! Great and glo-rious, All vic-to-rious,  
 Now, though dai-ly Earth's deep sad-ness May per-plex us  
 Let Your mer-cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!



Rich in bless-ing! Rule and might o'er all pos-sess-ing!  
 And dis-tress us, Yet with heav'n-ly joy You bless us.  
 For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.

Sermon

Installation of Officers

# Hymn: "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

LSB 395, sts. 4-6



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  
 6 What joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love



not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!  
 with mu - sic crowned, Our voic - es glad - ly blend - ing!  
 is first and last, The end and the be - gin - ning!



Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him  
 For Christ goes with us all the way— To - day, to - mor -  
 He will one day, oh, glo - rious grace, Trans - port us to



here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.  
 row, ev - 'ry day! His love is nev - er end - ing!  
 that hap - py place Be - yond all tears and sin - ning!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing  
 Sing out! Ring out! Ju - bi - la - tion! Ex - ul - ta - tion!  
 A - men! A - men! Come, Lord Je - sus! Crown of glad - ness!



Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!  
 Tell the sto - ry! Great is He, the King of Glo - ry!  
 We are yearn - ing For the day of Your re - turn - ing!

## Prayer of the Church

*Please stand*

*Additional petitions conclude:*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- G** **Amen.**

## Offering

*Please be seated*

*As offerings are gathered, please take a moment to sign the red fellowship pad located at the end of the pew by the center aisle. If you are interested in membership, please provide a phone number or email address so that we may contact you.*

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*LSB 160; Please stand*

- P** The Lord be with you.
- G** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- G** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- G** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy

*LSB 161*



**G** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## 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.**

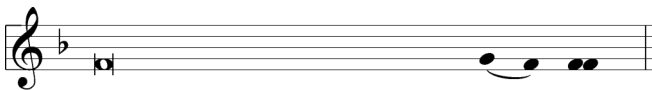
Words of Our Lord *Matt. 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The Peace of the Lord

LSB 163



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

Agnus Dei: “Lamb of God”

LSB 163



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Distribution

*Please be seated*

*Please see notice on page 2.*

## Distribution Hymns

LSB 396: "Arise and Shine in Splendor"

LSB 412: "The People That in Darkness Sat"

LSB 400: "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"

LSB 399: "The Star Proclaims the King Is Here"

## Dismissal

*Please stand*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{✠}$  in peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Benediction

LSB 166

**P** 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.**



# Closing Hymn: "As with Gladness Men of Old"

LSB 397



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



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 may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,  
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;



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.  
All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.  
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.

Silent Prayer & Chimes

Postlude



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	8AM	Terry Hardy
	10:45AM	David Weseman, Jennifer Reed
Greeters	3PM	Rick & Joy Wisa
	8AM	Dale & Karen Dusheke
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