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Prelude

*“Wie Schön Leuchtet der Morgenstern”*

by D. Buxtehude and J.C. Bach

Processional Hymn

ELW #302 *“As with Gladness Men of Old”*

*(Verses sung during the procession to the four corners of the sanctuary)*



- 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 - a - ted 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.

## Blessing of the Church

P: May peace be to this house (of God) and to all who enter here. By wisdom a house is built and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.

*Proverbs 24:3-4*

## Proclamation

P: As we prepare to ask God's blessing on our church, let us listen to the words of scripture.

A: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

*John 1:1-4, 14, 16*

## Inscription

**20 + CMB + 22**

**20** two thousand

**22** and twenty-two years ago.

The magi of old, known as

**C** Caspar,

**M** Melchior, and

**B** Balthasar

followed the star of God's Son who came to dwell among us

**+ Christe mansionem benedica**

+ Christ, bless this house, +

and remain with us throughout the new year.

## Prayer of the Day

P: O 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.

**C: Amen**

## First Reading

**Isaiah 60:1–6**

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

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 proclaim the praise of the LORD.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

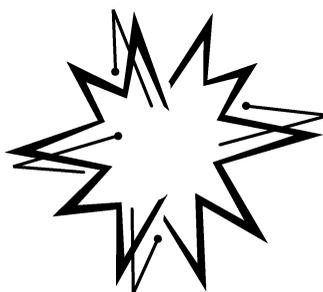
### Second Reading

### Ephesians 3:1–12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In 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: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of 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. Although 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, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so 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. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



# Gospel Acclamation



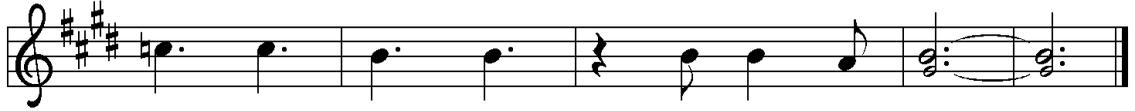
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Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia!



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## Gospel

## Matthew 2:1–12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

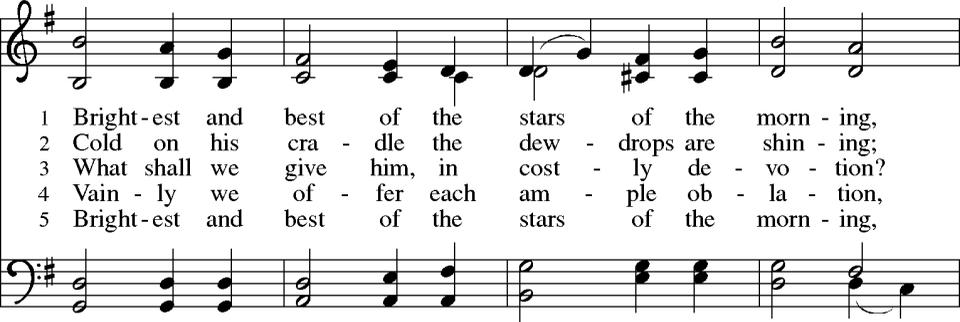
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

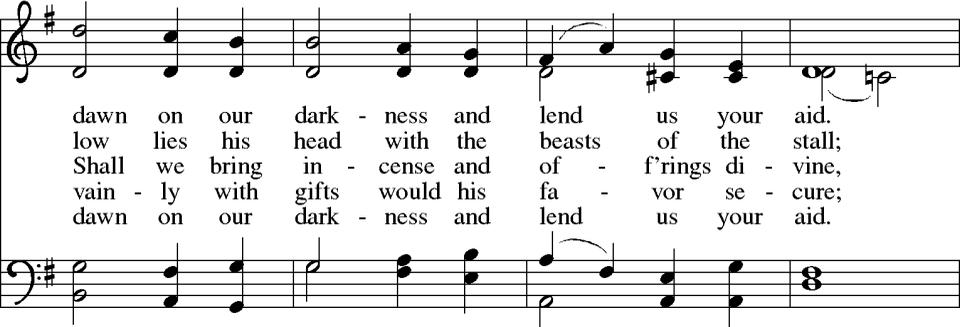
**Gospel Acclamation (repeat acclamation)**

**Sermon**

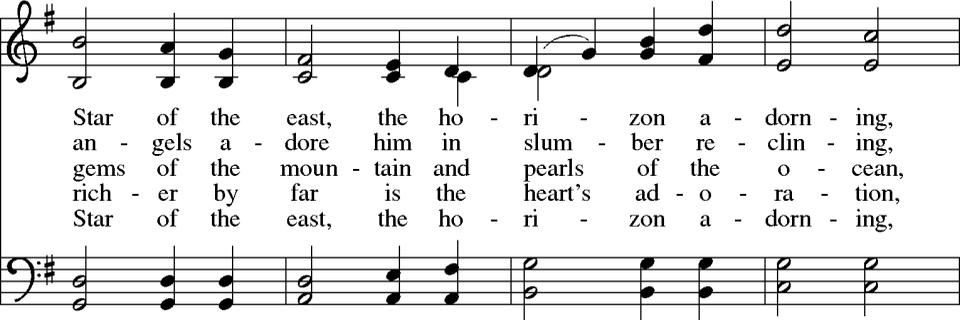
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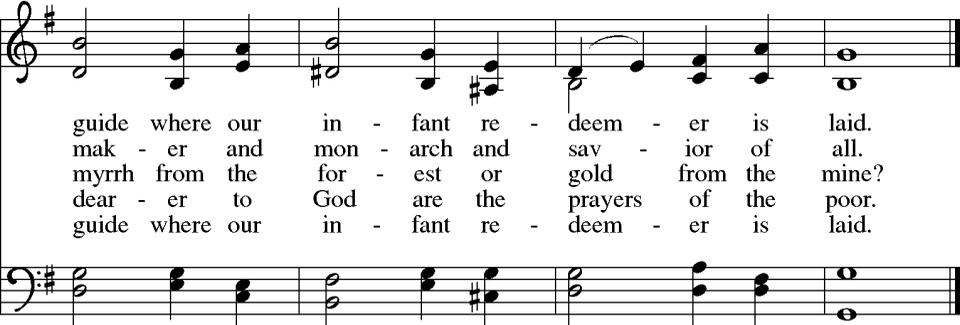
1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;  
 3 What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?  
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,  
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid,  
 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
 Shall we bring in - cense and of - f'rings di - vine,  
 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;  
 dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.



Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
 gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
 rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,  
 Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.  
 mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.  
 myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?  
 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
 guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

## Apostle's Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers

A: Remembering the Church, the world, and all those in need, let us offer our prayers to God. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Blessed be God, who gave us the light of the world and who desires that all people should come to know Christ's love and grace. Fill our hearts with your radiance and truth that we might walk as children of light. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Praise to you, almighty God and Father, you proclaimed Christ your Son at his baptism in the waters of the Jordan. Make your church holy that we who have been born again by the power of the Holy Spirit may live as witnesses to your grace and love for all people. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Lord God, through the ministry of your Son we have received grace upon grace. Bring light to those who dwell in darkness, joy to those in sorrow, hope to those in fear and despair. We pray especially for: Carol, Pastor Steve Swanson, Perry, Gerry, Bob & Sue, Lola, Craig, Dan, Sandie, Dennis, all those diagnosed with COVID-19, and for those who name before you...Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Thanks be to God who calls us to witness to Christ's love in our community. We give you thanks for the ministries of our congregation, and the blessings of Concordia Church and Concordia Place. Use our gifts for those you have called us to serve. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: God of light and truth, whose love knows no bounds in your Son, Jesus. Bring us to a deeper understanding of the Gospel, help us to accept the challenge of Christian living, and lead us to the joy of faith in the family of your church. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O Lord our God, through Jesus Christ, for your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

**C: Amen.**

We encourage you to use this time for reflection & gratitude  
as we prepare for communion.

Offertory

*“Lamb of God”*



*Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;*  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



*ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.*  
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



*Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;*  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



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*Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;*  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



*da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.*  
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

# Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

## The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

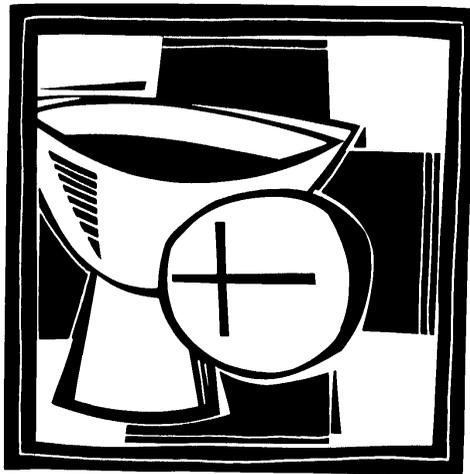
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



P: We give you thanks, Father,  
through Jesus Christ,  
your beloved Son,  
whom you sent  
in this end of the ages  
to save and redeem us  
and to proclaim to us your will.  
He is your Word,  
inseparable from you.  
Through him  
you created all things,  
and in him you take delight.  
He is your Word,  
sent from heaven  
to a virgin's womb.  
He there took on our nature  
and our lot and  
was shown forth as your Son,  
born of the Holy Spirit  
and of the virgin Mary.  
It is he, our Lord Jesus,  
who fulfilled all your will  
and won for you a holy people;  
he stretched out his hands  
in suffering  
in order to free from suffering  
those who trust you.  
It is he who,  
handed over to a death  
he freely accepted,  
in order to destroy death,  
to break the bonds  
of the evil one,  
to crush hell underfoot,  
to give light to the righteous,  
to establish his covenant  
and to show forth  
the resurrection,

taking bread and  
giving thanks to you, said:  
Take and eat;  
this is my body, broken for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
In the same way he took the cup,  
gave thanks, and  
gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This is my blood  
poured out for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Remembering, then,  
his death and resurrection,  
we lift this bread and cup  
before you,  
giving you thanks that  
you have made us worthy  
to stand before you  
and to serve you  
as your priestly people.  
And we ask you:  
Send your spirit  
upon these gifts of your church;  
gather into one  
all who share  
this bread and wine;  
fill us with your holy spirit  
to establish our faith in truth,  
that we may praise  
and glorify you  
through your Son, Jesus Christ.  
Through him  
all glory and honor are yours,  
Almighty Father,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church  
both now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**C: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **Communion Invitation**

*We invite all who are baptized in Christ to come forward for communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Parents of young children are asked to let the pastor know if they want their child to receive communion or a blessing.*

*Communion is served by continuous table around the altar, and you are asked to take a place as openings appear.*

### **Communion**

#### **Anthem**

***“Christmas Joy”* by Mark Schweizer**

#### **Post-Communion Blessing**

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

#### **Post-Communion Prayer**

**A:** God of glory, in this sacrament you unite us in the body of your Son. May we who have been guests at this table grow in love for one another, that through us your light may shine in all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn

ELW #815 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,  
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Closing Hymn con't ELW #815 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## Announcements

### Benediction

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+), and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

### Dismissal

**A:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

### Postlude

### Medley on Epiphany Carols

*The Postlude continues the feeling of our time together as we leave worship and go share God's love with our family, friends, and the community.*

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**#302 "As With Gladness Men of Old"**

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.  
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

### Gospel Acclamation

**Setting 7**

### Hymn of the Day

**#303 "Brightest and Best of the Stars"**

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Jens Christian Aaberg, 1877–1970, alt.  
Music: MORNING STAR, James P. Harding, 1850–1911, adapt.

### Lamb of God

**Setting 7**

### Anthem

**"Christmas Joy" by Mark Schweizer**

### Closing Hymn

**#815 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"**

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934  
Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson  
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