

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.

THE ALLELUIA

Matthew 2:2b

Alleluia. 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. Alleluia.

THE 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, 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.

The Epiphany of our Lord (*observed*)

January 5, 2020



The Magi Visit to Worship the Newborn King

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ST. MATTHEW 2:1-12

St. Paul Lutheran Church – Preble

4510 W 750 N., Decatur, Ind. 46733

The Epiphany of our Lord (observed)

8 and 10:15am **The Divine Service, P. 184.**

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10:15am. CHOIR sings, "Arise, Shine" during the Offering.

THE INTROIT *Ps. 45:6-8a; antiphon Ps. 45:17*

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

you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

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

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

**[Sung] Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;**

As it was in the beginning, is now,

and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

THE COLLECT

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. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 60:1 – 6*

Arise, 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 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.

⁵Then 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.

⁶A 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.

THE EPISTLE *Ephesians 3:1-12*

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you
Gentiles – ²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of
God's grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was
made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When
you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ,
⁵which 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. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of
the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through
the gospel.

⁷Of 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. ⁸To 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, ⁹and to bring
to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages
in God, who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the
manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers
and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the