

## **Epiphany of Our Lord**

January 3/4, 2026  
5:00 PM, 8:00/10:30 AM

### **Welcome to Our Guests**

Thank you for joining us in worshiping the Savior at Zion this day. We pray that your time here serves to build your faith and equip you for the week ahead. Please come again.

If you desire to find out more about becoming part of the Zion family, please contact Vickie Adams, [vadams@zionharvester.org](mailto:vadams@zionharvester.org), in the church office. Our family loves to grow and we'd love to have you join us!

### **Welcome Center**

The Welcome Center is a place for the Zion family and its guests to gather for fellowship with each other and where information about Zion is readily accessible. Every weekend opportunities to connect are highlighted and publications and ministry brochures are made available. Please visit the Welcome Center before or after worship to greet one another and to stay connected to God's mission through Zion.

### **Children's Messages**

Since children become members of the Christian Church through baptism, we desire to nurture their faith by engaging them in God's story of faith and in our corporate worship of Jesus. Resources to "build a worship bag" can be found just outside the Sanctuary doors. Please find items that will help engage your child in worship and return these after the service.

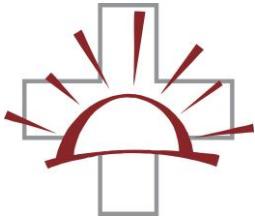
Children's Messages are designed for children between the ages of two through elementary school; however, all children are welcome. A team of members and staff who are gifted for this ministry invite you to accompany and assist your young child and join the children in the chancel.

### **Nursery and Cry Room**

During all Worship Services, a Cry Room is available in the back of church for you to calm your child or change a diaper. During the Education Hour on Sundays, childcare for infants and toddlers is offered in the Nursery located on the lower level opposite the Fellowship Hall.

### **Worship Decorum**

Please silence your cell phones during Worship Services.



# DIVINE SERVICE

*Setting One, LSB p. 151*

## Prelude

*Partita on "As with Gladness Men of Old" – arr. Mark Bloedow*

## Ringing of the Bell

*Stand*

## Sharing of the Peace

## Opening Hymn: 397 - As With Gladness Men of Old



1 As with gladness 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.

*Text: William C. Dix, 1837–98, alt.*

*Tune: Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872*

# Preparation

## Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

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

## Exhortation

*Isaiah 60:1-2, Ephesians 3:12*

**P** Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
**C** **and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**  
**P** For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
**C** **but the Lord will arise upon you.**  
**P** In Christ we have boldness  
**C** **and access with confidence through our faith in Him.**

## Confession of Sins

**P** Let us ask God to light our hearts with the light of the Epiphany star. May its brightness dispel the darkness of our sins.

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

**P** Lord Jesus, radiant morning star, who rises in the hearts of those who seek You,  
**C** **have mercy on us.**  
**P** Lord Jesus, dazzling light of the Father's glory, who shines brightly in the midst of Your Church,  
**C** **have mercy on us.**  
**P** Lord Jesus, Light of the world, who came to take away the sin of the world,  
**C** **have mercy on us.**

## Absolution

**P** Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Our Lord is present and His forgiving face shines on us. By the command of Christ and the power of the cross, I 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

## This Is the Feast

*Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9*

*Refrain*

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

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 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Greeting and Prayer of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

**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.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1–6

### The Future Glory of Israel

<sup>1</sup>Arise, 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.

## Psalm of the Day: Every Nation on Earth

*Psalm 72, paraphrase*

### *Refrain*

Ev - 'ry na - tion on earth will a - dore you, Lord;  
ev - 'ry na - tion on earth will a - dore you, Lord.

**A** Refrain

**C** Refrain

**A** O God, with your judgment endow the king; with your justice endow the king's son.  
With justice he will govern your people, your afflicted one with right judgment.

**C** Refrain

**A** Justice shall flower in his days, lasting peace 'til the moon be no more. May he rule from  
seas to sea, from the river to the ends of the earth.

**C** Refrain

**A** From Tarshish and coastlands, kings offer gifts; those from Sheba and Seba bring  
tribute. All kings shall pay him their homage, all nations shall serve him.

**C** Refrain

**A** He rescues the poor when they cry out, the afflicted with no one to help. The lowly and  
poor he shall pity, the lives of the poor he will save.

**C** Refrain

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### The Mystery of the Gospel Revealed

<sup>1</sup>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.

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

*John 6:68*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

## The Visit of the Wise Men

<sup>1</sup>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.

## Hymn of the Day: 395 - O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

sts. 1-2



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

own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
our hearts now shine; There light a flame un - dy - ing!

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 -

ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!  
es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing.

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

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.

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*Text and tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608*

## Children's Message

*Children may come forward as soon as the leader appears in the chancel. If you have a young child that needs assistance, please accompany your child and join the children in the chancel.*

## Hymn of the Day: 395 - O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

sts. 3, 6

3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls  
6 What joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love  
from God a - bove A ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
is first and last, The end and the be - gin - ning!  
Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls  
He will one day, oh, glo-rious grace, Trans-port us to  
with heav'n-ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!  
that hap - py place Be - yond all tears and sin - ning!  
Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!  
A - men! A - men! Come, Lord Je - sus! Crown of glad-ness!  
For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.  
We are yearn-ing For the day of Your re - turn - ing!

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## Sermon

## Nicene Creed

**C** 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  $\ddagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*After each petition the following bid is spoken.*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

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

*Sit*

## Offering

*As With Gladness Men of Old – arr. Jacob B. Weber*

*To prepare for communion, please see LSB p. 329, "Christian Questions with Their Answers." Additional communion notes are in the back of this bulletin.*

## Service of the Sacrament

*Stand*

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

**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 Him thanks and praise.**

## Proper Preface

**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

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



C 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.

### Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.

## The Words of Institution

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

### Peace

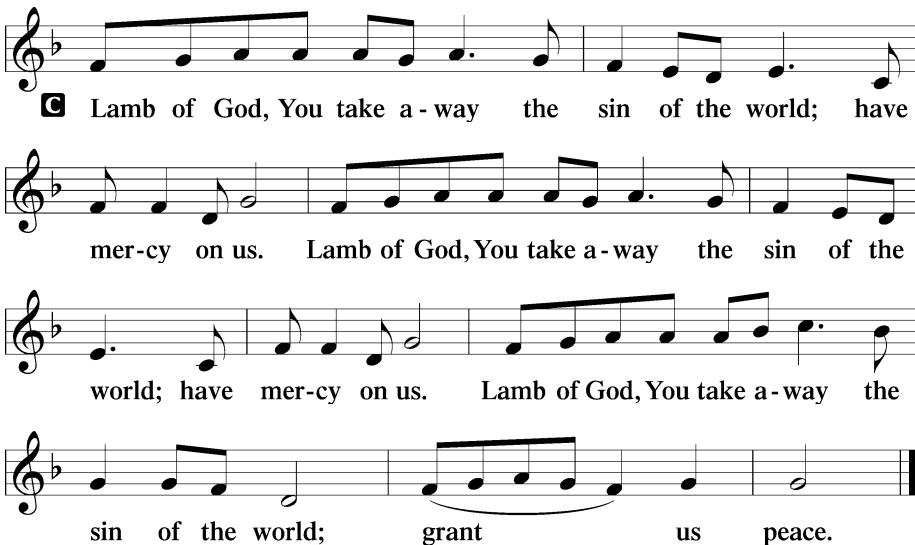
*John 20:19*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei: Lamb of God

*John 1:29*



**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.

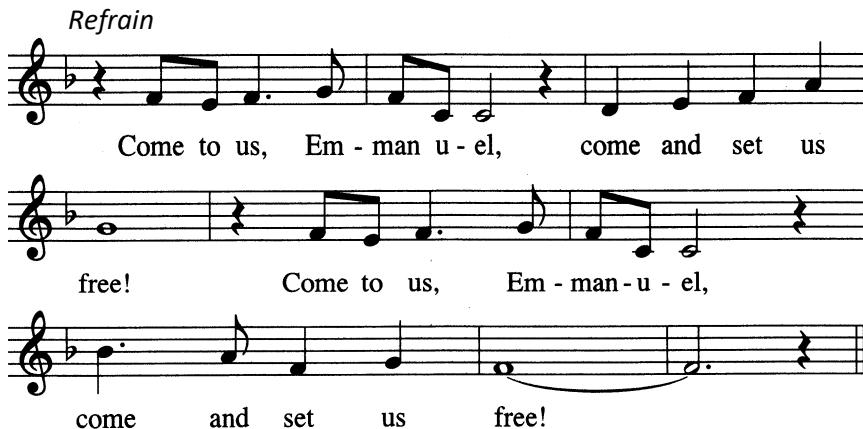
*Sit*

### Distribution Notes

Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the individual tray for those who have medical reasons for not receiving wine. Gluten-free wafers are available at the Baptismal font.

## Hymn: Come to Us, Emmanuel

*Refrain*



Come to us, Em - man u - el, come and set us  
free! Come to us, Em - man - u - el,  
come and set us free!

**C Refrain**

**A** You are Son of God, You are God-with-Us!  
You are Living Word, You are Living God.  
You are bread for our hunger, You are wine for our thirst.  
Come and set us free!

**C Refrain**

**A** You are God from God, You are Light from Light.  
You are Rising Sun, You are Radiant Dawn.  
You are Lord of our longing, You are Spirit of Fire.  
Come and set us free!

**C Refrain**

**A** You are Lord of Lords, You are Prince of Peace.  
You are Spotless Lamb, You are Saving Love.  
You are Source of redemption, You are Fountain of Grace.  
Come and set us free!

**C Refrain**

**A** You are Lord of Heaven and Lord of Earth.  
You are Lord of Life, You are Lord of Love.  
You are Alpha, Omega, our beginning and end.  
Come and set us free!

**C Refrain**

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## Hymn: 400 - Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

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 Shall we not yield 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 thine aid;  
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;  
Fra - grance of E - dom and of - f'rings di - vine,  
Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure.  
Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine 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 and gold from the mine?  
Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.

Tune: James P. Harding, 1850–1911, adapt.

*Stand*

## The Dismissal

**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.

## Thanksgiving for the Epiphany of Our Lord

**P** For the star that led the Wise Men, and for the light of faith You revive in our hearts,

**C** **we thank You, Lord!**

**P** For the joy that filled the Wise Men upon finding the Child with Mary, His mother, and for the joy that you have given us in meeting You here,

**C** **we thank You, Lord!**

**P** For the inheritance You have prepared for us in Your kingdom by grace,

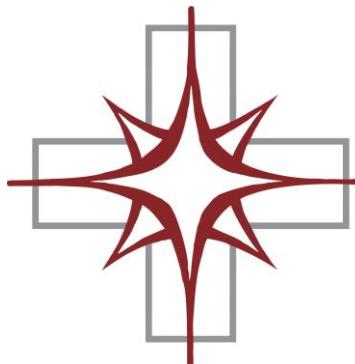
**C** **we thank You, Lord! Amen.**

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**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.



## Hymn: 394 - Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

sts. 1, 4-5

1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
4 Sun and moon shall dark-enèd be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—

Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,  
Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo-rious sign;  
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;

Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;  
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny

An - them - s be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
Thou by all wilt be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

*Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-85, alt.*

*Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816-93*

## Postlude

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* – arr. Robert A. Hobby

## Communion Notes

The Lord's supper is celebrated at 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 (Matt. 26:26, 28; 1 Cor. 11:23-24). 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 the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod are unable to receive the Sacrament and are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns. Those who have questions or concerns are invited to speak with one of the pastors.

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## Participants

Preacher:		Rev. Ron Millard
Liturgist:	5:00	Rev. Mark Rouland
	8:00/10:30	Rev. Mike Fieberkorn
Children's Message:		Angie Gielow
Organist:		Mark Thoelke
Soloists:	5:00	Olivia Ranner
	8:00	Daniel Thoelke
	10:30	Teresa Thoelke
Lay Readers:	5:00	Steve Grimes
	8:00	Mike Wadley
	10:30	Mike Koenig
Acolytes:	5:00	Ryan Shrable, Lily Johnston
	8:00	Anna Grote, Nora Streuter
	10:30	Austin Thelan, Jack Dunbar
Elder:	5:00	Rob Halterman
	8:00	Greg Lorenz
	10:30	Dan Kuntz
Ushers:	5:00	Ray Barker Team
	8:00	Jim Koeneman Team
	10:30	Tim Edinger Team