



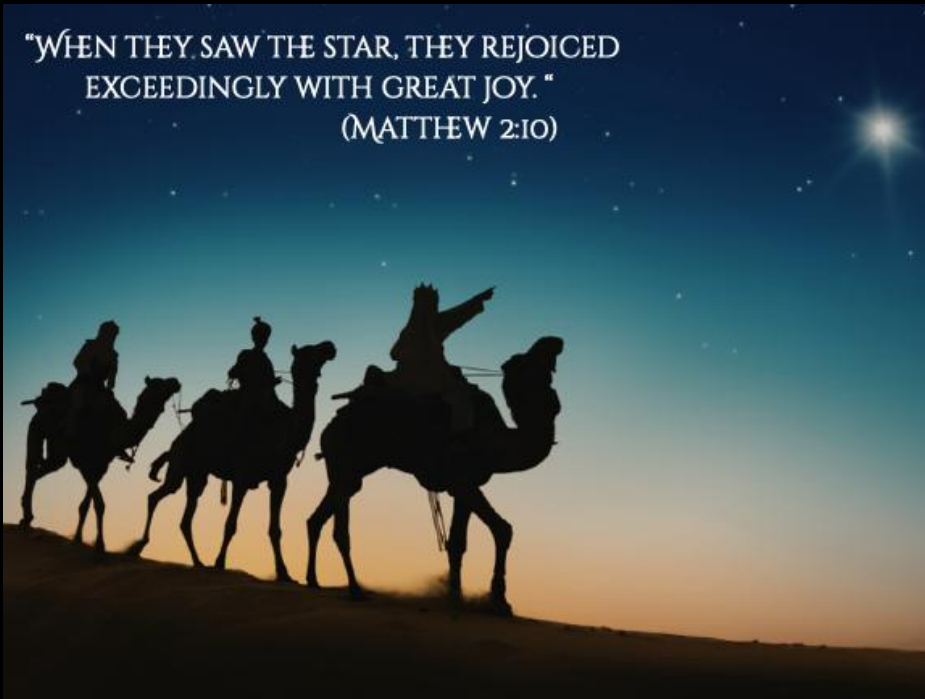
GATHERING IN COMMUNITY  
GROWING IN OUR SAVIOR  
GOING OUT TO SHARE HIS LOVE

JANUARY 4, 2026

10:00AM

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

"WHEN THEY SAW THE STAR, THEY REJOICED  
EXCEEDINGLY WITH GREAT JOY."  
(MATTHEW 2:10)



## Opening Song

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

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C Amen.**

## Kyrie *LSB 204*



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

## Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Prayer of the Day

**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.

## Sharing in the Peace

*(People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).)*

## Worship Songs

### Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

- <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.

### Epistle

Ephesians 3:1-12

<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.

**Holy Gospel**

Matthew 2:1-12

*<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.

## **Nicene Creed**

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

**A**nd 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.

**A**nd 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 T of the world to come. Amen.

**Sermon**

Pastor Patrick Singh

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (LSB 805)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**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.

In the beginning You created all things by Your Word; and in the fullness of time Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

Let Your Word made flesh dwell richly among us that, faithfully eating His body and drinking His blood, we may receive the fullness of Your grace and truth in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

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

### **Lord's Prayer**

#### **The Words of Our Lord**

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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### **Pax Domini**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C Amen.

#### **Distribution**

#### **Communion Hymns:**

#### **Post-Communion Collect**

P Let us pray.

C We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

C Amen.

## Closing Hymn

900 Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love *sts. 1-4*



1 Je - sus! Name of won-drous love, Name all oth - er names a - bove,

2 Je - sus! Name de - creed of old, To the maid-en moth - er told,

3 Je - sus! Name of price - less worth To the fall - en of the earth

4 Je - sus! Name of mer - cy mild, Giv - en to the ho - ly Child



Un - to which must ev - 'ry knee Bow in deep hu - mil - i - ty.

Kneel-ing in her low - ly cell, By the an - gel Ga - bri - el.

For the prom - ise that it gave, "Je - sus shall His peo - ple save."

When the cup of hu - man woe First He tast - ed here be - low.

Text: William W. How, 1823-97, alt.

Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, 1704, Halle, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen, alt.

Text and tune: Public domain

## Dismissal

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.



## Announcements

Preparing for Holy Communion: The Bible teaches us that we need to examine ourselves before coming to the Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11: (I Cor11:23-31). Please examine yourself with these four questions. 1. Are you sorry for your sins? (I John 1:8) 2. Do you believe that Jesus is your Savior who forgives all your sins? (I Timothy 1:15) 3. Are you determined to live a holy life? (Ephesians 2:10) 4. Do you believe that Christ's Body and Blood are present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper, thus you receive all four elements? (Matthew 26:26-28)

**Midweek Service:** Our monthly Midweek Worship Service with Communion will be held this coming Wednesday, January 7th, beginning at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. The service will be followed by a luncheon in the Fellowship Room. All are invited for this time of worship and fellowship.

**A Prayer Gathering** led by our Elders will be held this Wednesday, January 7th, from 7-8 p.m. in the Prayer Chapel. If you are unable to come in person, you may participate via Zoom. Contact Vicar Mark for the Zoom link.

**Night To Shine**, a prom for people with disabilities, will be held at Our Savior's on February 13th. The first of three training sessions for volunteers will be held this Saturday, January 10th, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria. All volunteers who will be at Night To Shine are expected to attend a training session. We still need NTS volunteers, especially buddies to accompany our NTS guests. Sign up on line through our church website ([oslalbany.org](http://oslalbany.org)). You may also provide financial support for Night to Shine by sponsoring one or more of our guests at \$60/guest. Donate through our church website or by using a special offering envelope and marking it "Night To Shine." One generous donor has offered to match any sponsorship gifts up to \$1000.

**Grief Share:** If you need help dealing with grief, consider participating in Grief Share, a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through these thirteen sessions, you will discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. The Grief Share group will meet on Sunday afternoons, 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the church office conference room. Contact Cathy Kilpatrick

**Resolutions:** In January and February gyms are filled with people who have resolved to get in shape, but their numbers decline significantly as the year progresses. Here are a few suggested resolutions designed to help us get in spiritual shape. With God's help, may we keep these resolutions throughout this new year.

**1)Grow in the Word:** Read God's Word daily and participate in a group Bible study: Sunday morning Bible Class meets in the Fellowship Room at 9 a.m. This class is beginning a five session study of the book of Numbers, an account of God's guidance and provision for His people on route to the Promised Land. A Women's Bible Class led by Cheryl Pangburn meets in the parsonage on Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m. and a Men's Bible Fellowship meets in the Fellowship Room on Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m. Both of these Bible study groups are currently discussing the spiritual disciplines that are foundational to discipleship. Consider participating in these opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship

**2)Grow in Prayer:** In addition to times of prayer throughout the day, join others in Prayer Gatherings led by our Elders and held in the Prayer Chapel, 7-8 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month. If you are unable to come in person, you may participate via Zoom on a link provided by Vicar Mark

**3)Grow in Service:** Use your God-given gifts to serve others: sing in the choir, assist with ushering, help with the coffee hour and fellowship meals, teach or assist with Sunday School and Bible Class, volunteer to help with Night To Shine. Call Linda in the church office for the names of people to contact in these areas of service.

**Hey Parents and Guardians!** Are you looking for something fun for your children to do during February break? How about signing them up for *an Epic Australian Adventure Vacation Bible Camp at Bethlehem Lutheran Church?* February 17-20, 2026 (Tuesday thru Friday) Open to Children in Preschool (age 4) thru 5th Grade.

Choose from the Enrichment Program from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, the Epic Australian Vacation Bible Camp from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, or have them stay all day from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. They need to bring a lunch for the all-day program. Then enjoy a celebration for families on Friday from 4:15 pm to 5:00 pm.

How much does this cost? \$20 per child for either half day program. \$35 per child for four full days of fun! How do I sign up? Registration will be available online starting January 1, 2026 at [blcdelmar.com/sonshine](http://blcdelmar.com/sonshine)

**Vicar Mark Chaffee's** office hours are 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. You may also reach him by cell phone: 518/763-1085 or via email: [mark.chaffee@oursaviors.com](mailto:mark.chaffee@oursaviors.com)

**Pastor Patrick Singh** is serving as part time vacancy pastor at Our Savior's, providing pastoral care and leadership in cooperation with Vicar Mark. You may contact Pastor Singh by email: [patrick204642003@yahoo.com](mailto:patrick204642003@yahoo.com) or by cell phone (917/254-2597) if you wish to talk or schedule a time to meet with him.

## **PRAYER NEEDS**

**Healing:** Christine Baird, Barbara Brusco, Fred Dignon, Kathy Hawley, Phyllis Lubiniecki, Barbara MacGowan, Patty Marshall, Jennifer Noble, George Swint, Eric Unright, Dave Wolcott, Al & Helen Walck, Joan & Walter Weis, Lori & Peter Whitehouse, Tim Zuelsdorf,

**-Homebound:** Inge Glidden

**-in Assisted Living:** Christine Baird, Lynn Currier, Marga Hildenbrandt, Lois O'Brien

**Prayer for Reilly Tebbano**, fifth grade teacher at Our Savior's Christian School. May God richly bless Reilly as she guides her students along the path of righteousness by using the light of God's Word to show them the way.

**Servers:**

**Organist:** Pam Reynolds

**Reader:** Mark Stuart

**Communion Servers:** Ike Wallace, Tom Roemke

**Pray-ers:** Marlow & Ellyne Olson

**Ushers:** Mark Stuart, Ned Johnson, Paul Gansle, Bud Hoffman

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