

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
60th Anniversary: "Praise – Love – Share"
BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEMPE

January 3, 2021

10:00 a.m.



The Mystery of Christ

AS WE GATHER

We consider the mysteries highlighted by the Readings for the Feast of the Epiphany. The Wise Men, or Magi, mysteriously show up in Jerusalem, and these strangers are looking for the King of the Jews. The King of the Jews is mysteriously an infant, born to a humble family in Bethlehem, not in Jerusalem. And this King of the Jews mysteriously invites all people from all nations into His kingdom. These mysteries, hidden for the ages, is revealed in Jesus, the Light of the world.

PRELUDE “All Poor Men and Humble” (Trio on a Welsh Carol)

-Arr. Richard Warner

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: It's always been about the light with you, Jesus. Magi, braving distance and desert to find you, and bewildered shepherds, compelled by an angel's invitation, allowed light to be their guide. And it is still the light that calls us to you; the light of beauty that whispers its truth in surprising ways and places; the light of compassion that kneels, and washes road-soiled, life-battered feet; the light of joy that glows even in the darkness of grief and suffering; the light that seeks to shine within us, and through us into the dark corners of our world. It's always been about the light with you, Jesus; and it's always about the light for us. Please lead us, now and always, out of darkness and into your marvelous light. In Your Holy name we pray. Amen

OPENING HYMN

“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning” *LSB #400*

- 1 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**
- 2 Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining;
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.**

- 3 Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion,
Fragrance of Edom and off'rings divine,
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?**
- 4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would His favor secure.
Richer by far is the heart's adoration;
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.**
- 5 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

*(Stand) 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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor,

sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ 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

INTROIT (*Read Responsively*)

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.

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.

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

therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

GLORIA PATRI (*Sing*)

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C **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.**

KYRIE (*Sing*)

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C **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *(Sing)*

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C **Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father:**
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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.** *(Sit)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 60:1–6

¹Arise, 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 3:1–12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for 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 eternal

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SPECIAL MUSIC

"Gospel Light Medley"

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (*Stand & sing*)

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C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1–12

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, "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." ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They 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."

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And 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." ⁹After 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. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And 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. ¹²And 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 be to Thee, 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.

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. *(Sit)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” LSB #395, St. 1, 3 & 5

- 1 O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God’s own truth and light, Aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob’s race, King David’s son, Our Lord and master, You have won Our hearts to serve You only! Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, All victorious, Rich in blessing! Rule and might o’er all possessing!**

- 3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls from God above A ray of purest pleasure. Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood Refresh our souls with heav’nly food. You are our dearest treasure! Let Your mercy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us! For You teach us God’s own love through You has reached us.**

- 5 O let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all with music crowned, Our voices gladly blending! For Christ goes with us all the way—Today, tomorrow, ev’ry day! His love is never ending! Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story! Great is He, the King of Glory!**

SERMON “A Star Like None Have Ever Seen” *Matthew 2:1–12*

OFFERING VOLUNTARY

“O Light Whose Splendor Thrills and Gladdens”

OFFERTORY *(Stand & Sing)*

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- C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Stand) (Congregation response to*

petitions: Hear our prayer.)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, 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 singing:

SANCTUS *(Sing)*

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C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken)*

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 OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI *(Sing)*

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C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen. *(Sit)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *(Piano solo)*

“In Christ Alone” -Townend / Getty / Arr. Tornquist

“The Infant Priest Was Holy Born” –LSB #624, St. 1, 6 & 7

- 1** The infant Priest was holy born For us unholy and forlorn;
From fleshly temple forth came He, Anointed from eternity.
- 6** The body of God’s Lamb we eat, A priestly food and priestly
meat; On sin-parched lips the chalice pours His quenching
blood that life restores.
- 7** With cherubim and seraphim Our voices join the endless
hymn, And “Holy, holy, holy” sing To Christ, God’s Lamb,
our Priest and King.

“O God of God, O Light of Light” –LSB #810, St. 1 & 4

- 1** O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and King of
kings: To you in heaven’s glory bright The song of praise
forever rings. To Him who sits upon the throne, The Lamb
once slain but raised again, Be all the glory He has won,
All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.

4 Then raise to Christ a mighty song, And shout His name, His mercies tell! Sing, heav'nly host, your praise prolong, And all on earth, your anthem swell! All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain! Forever let the song ascend! Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign, All glory, pow'r! Amen, amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS (*Stand & sing*)

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C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

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.

THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

P 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.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

C Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Rise, Shine You People" –LSB #825, St. 1 & 2

**1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in Him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
With grace unbounded.**

**2 See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
Now are forgiven.**

POSTLUDE "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" -Setting by Paul Manz

Announcement

The memorial service for Christina is set for Saturday, January 16 at 10:30 a.m. at Hosanna with a lunch to follow.

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

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| Officiant: | Rev. Peter Spallek |
| Organist/ Director: | Ellen Brown |
| Special Music: | Glenn Brown, Pianist |
| Assisting Elder/Lector: | Skip McFadden |
| Greeters: | Marsha Beetham |

Acolyte:
Altar Care:

Joe Carlin
Pat Carlin

Visitors, please sign (with a complete address) our Guest Book on the podium in the entryway before you leave and/or complete a grey “Worship Information” card found in the pew in front of you. Members are also encouraged to complete a “Worship Information” card (you can update address and phone number, request a pastoral visit).

Pastor Spallek is available to you for pastoral and spiritual needs (prayer support, hospital calls, counseling, private communion, etc). By appointment any time during the week, if needed, he will meet with anyone at the church. You may reach him through the office.

WE CAN ASSIST THOSE UNABLE TO HEAR WELL...We have 3 cordless headsets available to use in the pews. Just let an usher know and they will be happy to bring you one.

Attendance for 12-27-20: Bible Study—NA; Worship Service—26; Christmas Eve—31; Christmas Day—25.

Income report for 12-27-20: Loose Plate \$40; Weekly Envelopes \$1155; Designated Gifts \$; Other \$. Total \$1195. 12/24/20 Total \$740; 12/25/20 Total \$1186

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

January 3, Sunday

Adult Bible Study, will resume on Jan. 17th

10 AM The Epiphany of Our Lord Worship w/Holy Communion

11:30 AM Board of Christian Education Meeting

11:30 AM Stewardship Committee Meeting

January 7, Thursday

9AM-1PM Pastor Spallek in office

January 8, Friday

Church & building cleaned 8 AM-11 PM

January 10, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study, in Fuerbringer Hall

10 AM The The Baptism of Our Lord Worship - Casual Worship

Prayer List: Gerri Koski, Amina Kruck, Blue Sky (Tom Kruck), Glenn Brown, Larry Wroblewski, Maebell Beard, Susan Witcombe, Dominic-Debbie O'Neill's great nephew, in Phoenix Children's Hospital, John – Carlin's nephew, Wendy Sievers' daughter & son-in-law w/Covid 19 (at home); for the family of Andrew Glasky's who died on Christmas Day.

Lutheran Hour Broadcast - KFAX RADIO (1100) @ 10 AM:

January 10 "The Backstory Behind a Bible 'Contradiction'" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. When you open yourself up to hearing the backstory behind the apparent contradiction, you may encounter what the Bible is all about. (Mark 2:13-28)

**FOR AT HOME WORSHIPERS WHO STILL VIEW SERVICES ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS ARE BELOW:
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE YOU CAN GO ONLINE & VIEW AT**

- 1) Open a webpage browser (internet explorer, chrome, firefox, etc.)**
- 2) Type or paste the following link into your address bar:
www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranChurchTempe/**
- 3) Option 1 - Scroll until you find a post that shows a “Live” feed titled for the Sunday service, or**
- 4) Option 2 - Click on the “Videos” button on the left hand sidebar (ignore anything asking you to sign up or sign in to Facebook)**
- 5) Look for the video titled for the date of the Sunday service. Video stream will be live starting at or around 10am. If it does not show up, try refreshing the page. The video of the service will remain on the page if you would like to view it at a later time, or to replay it again at your discretion.**



HOLY COMMUNION. . .OUR UNDERSTANDING

It is the special joy of the baptized and instructed Christian to celebrate Christ in our very midst with the Sacrament of the Altar (Holy Communion). The Scripture clearly and carefully teaches that, in Holy Communion, the very Body and the very Blood of our Lord Jesus are really present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine. It also teaches that "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord (acknowledging the Real Presence of Jesus with the elements) eats and drinks judgment on himself." (I Corinthians 11:28-29).

Communicants, then, are rightfully prepared and "worthy" when they:

- *are truly penitent of their sins;*
- *even now embrace Jesus as their Savior and recognize His Real Presence in the bread and the wine; and*
- *seek to amend their sinful lives, with the assistance of this Meal and the power of the Holy Spirit.*

If you have any further questions, please speak with the Pastor before the service.

Other notes on the distribution of Holy Communion:

- *1) Wine is the Biblical standard for all communicants. However, grape juice is in some glasses and available in the center of each tray for those who have an intolerance to alcohol.*
- *2) The Blood of Christ, in, with and under the wine, is served in individual glasses and common cup. Please choose you preference..*
- *3) Children and adults not instructed or confirmed are still encouraged to approach The Table to receive a blessing.*