

HYMN “The Star Proclaims the King Is Here” (LSB 399)

- 1 The star proclaims the King is here; But, Herod, why this senseless fear?
For He who offers heav’nly birth Seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.
- 2 The eastern sages saw from far And followed on His guiding star;
And, led by light, to light they trod And by their gifts confessed their God.
- 3 Within the Jordan’s sacred flood The heav’nly Lamb in meekness stood
That He, of whom no sin was known, Might cleanse His people from their own.
- 4 And oh, what miracle divine, When water reddened into wine!
He spoke the word, and forth it flowed In streams that nature ne’er bestowed.
- △ 5 For this Thy glad epiphany All glory, Jesus, be to Thee,
Whom with the Father we adore, And Holy Spirit evermore.

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INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 1 John 1:5-7

- P God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.
- C **But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**
- P Let us therefore confess our sins to God our Father.
- C **Merciful God, we confess that we live surrounded by the darkness of sin. Our lives are spent in the darkness of the fallen world by our own sin in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done as well as the good we have failed to do. Deliver us from this darkness and grant us Your forgiveness by the light of Your Son’s saving death on the cross and the power of His resurrection. Amen.**
- P Jesus Christ, the light of the world, opens heaven before us and brings us life again. 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.**

INTROIT Psalm 36:5-9

- P Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
C **your faithfulness to the clouds.**
- P Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
C **your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O Lord.**
- P How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
C **The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**
- P They feast on the abundance of your house,
C **and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**
- P For with you is the fountain of life;

C in your light do we see light.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2nd chapter

C Glory to You, O Lord.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY "The Only Son from Heaven" (LSB 402)

- 1 The only Son from heaven, Foretold by ancient seers,
By God the Father given, In human form appears.
No sphere His light confining, No star so brightly shining
As He, our Morning Star.
- 2 O time of God appointed, O bright and holy morn!
He comes, the king anointed, The Christ, the virgin-born,
Grim death to vanquish for us, To open heav'n before us
And bring us life again.
- 3 O Lord, our hearts awaken To know and love You more,
In faith to stand unshaken, In spirit to adore,
That we, through this world moving, Each glimpse of heaven proving,
May reap its fullness there.

△ 4 O Father, here before You With God the Holy Ghost
And Jesus, we adore You, O pride of angel host:
Before You mortals lowly Cry, “Holy, holy, holy,
O blessed Trinity!”

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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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord God, merciful Father, we praise and thank You for Your gift of life, especially the new life You give us in the water of Holy Baptism and for teaching us to be Your new creation by Your Holy Word. Having given us this new life by Your Holy Spirit, cause us to live in Your love actively, faithfully caring for and serving our neighbor. Give us confidence in Your never-failing love and help. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P As Your Son brought blessing and joy to the wedding at Cana, so You have made us to be His Bride, Your Holy Church. Help us to be faithful to You as You are to us, that we may demonstrate the beauty of Your love, which You bestow on the whole world. Bless all pastors and leaders in the Church to proclaim faithfully Your glorious salvation to all and bind us in one mission of love and service to one another and to the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, bless our nation and all who serve in the offices of government. Preserve and protect all who serve in the armed forces and the first responders of our country. Grant that justice and honor prevail in society that we may dwell in peace all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We here remember before You all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity, [especially . . .]. By Your Spirit, calm their fears, grant healing and especially steadfastness and confidence of faith in Your never-ending kindness and power to help. Be with all to whom death draws near. Grant Your compassion and skill to all who care for those who suffer. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P With reverence and affection we remember before You, O Lord, all our friends and relatives who have departed in faith. Keep us in the true faith that we may ever hold the sure hope of eternal life in the marriage feast that has no end. 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.**LORD'S PRAYER****BLESSING**

P The blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be and remain with you always.

C Amen.**HYMN** "May God Bestow on Us His Grace" (LSB 824)

- 1 May God bestow on us His grace, With blessings rich provide us;
And may the brightness of His face To life eternal guide us,
That we His saving health may know, His gracious will and pleasure,
And also to the nations show Christ's riches without measure
And unto God convert them.

- 2 Thine over all shall be the praise And thanks of ev'ry nation;
And all the world with joy shall raise The voice of exultation.
For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord, Nor suffer sin to flourish;
Thy people's pasture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and nourish,
In righteous paths to keep them.

- △ 3 O let the people praise Thy worth, In all good works increasing;
The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth, Thy Word is rich in blessing.
May God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit bless us!
Let all the world praise Him alone, Let solemn awe possess us.
Now let our hearts say, "Amen!"

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