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The Magi followed a star to worship Jesus and present him gifts.
We too have been guided here by God's light, to worship Jesus and offer him our gifts
of love.
Welcome.



Welcome! We are so glad you are joining us for worship this morning. We call it a "service" because it is God Who serves us with His gifts through His Word. Our speaking, singing, and prayers are our grateful response to His goodness. We invite you to receive grace with us this morning and to join us in praising His goodness.

We invite guests, members and visitors to fill out an attendance sheet. These help us to get to know you and serve you better. Please feel free to share only the information you are comfortable sharing! You can place these in the drop box outside the sanctuary or give them to an usher.

We are blessed to have children worship with us. Your children's faith and childlike behavior are welcome here. Please feel free to bring your child up during communion for a blessing. If, for any reason, you wish to take your child outside of the sanctuary, our nursery and narthex are equipped with speakers or a monitor so that you don't miss any of the service.

If you're unfamiliar with the way we worship, there's no need to feel self-conscious. We're glad you're here. If you have questions about God, who we are, or what we do, every person wearing a name tag is fair game for your questions. If they can't answer your question, we'll find someone who will!

Blessings on your worship!



We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper at this gathering. In this meal, we receive forgiveness of sins in Jesus' body and blood in simple bread and wine. This meal is an expression of our communion with Christ and with one another. This is a celebration we receive joyfully but take very seriously.

While we celebrate the very real unity all Christians share in Christ (Ephesians 4:4-6), this meal is also an act of our common confession. If you have not yet been instructed in the Lord's Supper or hold to a different confession than this congregation or the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we ask that you speak to the pastor before the service begins. Those who will not be communing are still invited to come forward for a blessing.

Gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available, simply indicate your needs to the pastor or elder at the communion rail.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand

OPENING SONG

Cornerstone

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name**

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name**

**Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all**

**When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil**

**Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all
He is Lord Lord of all**

**Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all
Lord of all**

INVOCATION

Pastor:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

People:

Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

People:

But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all righteousness.

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

Pastor:

Have mercy on me, O God,

People:

According to Your unfailing love

Pastor:

According to Your abundant mercy,

People:

Blot out my transgressions.

Pastor:

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

People:

And cleanse me from my sins.

(Divine Service 3, page 192)

**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.**

Pastor:

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People:

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PSALM

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

**Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

**The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes**

**Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

**You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find
Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

**And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore**

**Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name**

**Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Yes, I will worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name**

**Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name**

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Please be seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 3:4-15

⁴The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.” ⁶Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. ⁷“Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?” ¹⁰The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹²I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. ¹³Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. ¹⁴And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.” ¹⁵Then Solomon awoke—and he realized it had been a dream. He returned to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord’s covenant and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then he gave a feast for all his court.

Reader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. ¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

Reader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Reader:

Please stand for the singing of the Alleluia.

ALLELUIA

**Alleluia, Allelu-, Alleluia, Allelu-
Alleluia, Allelu-, Alleluia, Allelu-
Alleluia**



GOSPEL READING

Pastor:

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

People:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 2:40-52

⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him. ⁴¹ Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." ⁴⁹ "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Pastor:

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

All Sing:



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Please be seated

SONG

In Christ Alone

**In Christ alone my hope is found
 He is my light my strength my song
 This Cornerstone this solid Ground
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
 What heights of love what depths of peace
 When fears are stilled when strivings cease
 My Comforter my All in All
 Here in the love of Christ I stand**

**There in the ground His body lay
 Light of the world by darkness slain
 Then bursting forth in glorious Day
 Up from the grave He rose again**

**And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ**

**No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand**

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SERMON

"MY FATHER'S HOUSE"

Please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

All:
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

OFFERING

Please stand

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father † Son and Holy Ghost
Amen**

THE LITANY

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Pastor:

O Lord,

People:

have mercy.

Pastor:

O Christ,

People:

have mercy.

Pastor:

O Lord,

People:

have mercy.

Pastor:

O Christ,

People:

Hear us.

Pastor:

God the Father in heaven,

People:

have mercy.

Pastor:

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

People:

have mercy.

Pastor:

God the Holy Spirit,

People:

have mercy.

Pastor:

Be gracious to us.

People:

Spare us, good Lord.

Pastor:

Be gracious to us.

People:

Help us, good Lord.

Pastor:

From all sin, from all error, from all evil;

From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;

From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;

From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death;

People:

Good Lord, deliver us.

Pastor:

By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;
By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion;
by Your precious death and burial;
By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.

People:

Help us, good Lord.

Pastor:

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

People:

Help us, good Lord.

Pastor:

We poor sinners implore You

People:

to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor:

To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;
To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;
To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

People:

We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor:

To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

People:

We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor:

To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;
To direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;
To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;
To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;
To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

People:

We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor:

To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

People:

We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

People:

we implore You to hear us.

Pastor:

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

People:

have mercy.

Pastor:

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

People:

have mercy.

Pastor:

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

People:

grant us Your peace.

Pastor:

O Christ,

People:

hear us.

Pastor:

O Lord,

People:

have mercy.

Pastor:

O Christ,

People:

have mercy.

Pastor:

O Lord,

People:

have mercy. Amen.

PREFACE

Pastor:

The Lord be with you.

People:

And also with you.

Pastor:

Lift up your hearts.

People:

We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People:

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor:

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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Holy, holy, holy!

Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy,

Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

All:
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.

Pastor:
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People:
And also with you.

Please be seated

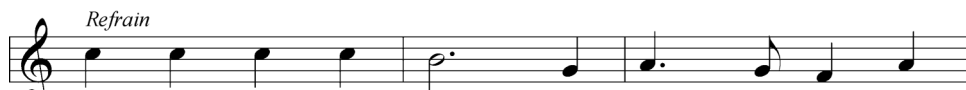
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1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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Please stand

DOXOLOGY

**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,
Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor:

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

People:

and his mercy endures forever.

Pastor:

Let us pray.

People:

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. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor:

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.

People:



A A-men, a-men, a - men.

SENDING SONG

Blessed Be Your Name

**Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name
And blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
When I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name**

**Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in
Lord still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name**

**Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name**

**Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in
Lord still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name**

**You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name**

**You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name**

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