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Worship –9:30 am.

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Sunday School & Bible Class: 10:45am

EPIPHANY/THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 12, 2025

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Isaiah 60:1, 5–6; Matthew 2:2, 10–11*

L: Arise, shine, for your light has come.
C: **We saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.**

L: You shall see and be radiant.
C: **They rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.**

L: They shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.
C: **And they fell down and worshiped Him.**



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 124:8; 130:3, adapt.; Ephesians 3:11–12*

L: Our help is in the name of the LORD,
C: **who made heaven and earth.**

L: 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.**

L: Although God has graciously showered the light of His love on us, we have not responded in lives of total devotion. But because He has graciously promised to forgive, let us go to Him in the name of “Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in Him.”
C: **Gracious heavenly Father, we confess that we have let the distractions of this world turn our eyes from seeing the true Light. We have not loved You with our whole hearts. Forgive us and renew in us, hearts to see, follow, and worship You alone.**

DECLARATION OF GRACE

SHARING THE PEACE

HYMN No. 596 “All Christians Who Have Been Baptized” Vs 1, 4, 5 & 6

All Christians who have been baptized,
Who know the God of heaven,
And in whose daily life is prized
The name of Christ once given:
Consider now what God has done,
The gifts He gives to ev'ryone
Baptized into Christ Jesus!

In Baptism we now put on Christ
Our shame is fully covered
With all that He once sacrificed
And freely for us suffered.
For here the flood of His own blood
Now makes us holy, right, and good
Before our heav'nly Father.

O Christian, firmly hold this gift
And give God thanks forever!
It gives the power to uplift
In all that you endeavor.
When nothing else revives your soul,
Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
And then in death completes you.

So use it well! You are made new
In Christ a new creation!
As faithful Christians, live and do
Within your own vocation,
Until that day when you possess
His glorious robe of righteousness
Bestowed on you forever!

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

Cole David Vohlken – Son of Matthew & Paige Vohlken
Sponsors: Alexis Faircloth & Ashley Vosholler

APOSTLES CREED

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L: Let us pray.
O God, You led the Magi to see in the star the news of Christ's birth. We give thanks that You have enabled us to see Him as our Savior.
- C: **Grant us strength of faith to follow where He leads and to worship Him with all that we are and have;**

L: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

EPISTLE *Romans 6:1-11*

(Paul rejoices in his calling to preach to the Gentiles.)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Matthew 2:2b*

P: Alleluia. Where is He who has been born king of the Jews?

C: **For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 2:1–12*

(The Magi are examples for our lives of faith.)

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

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read)

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN No. 397 “As with Gladness Men of Old” (vss.1,3,4)

**As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led by thee.**

**As they offered gifts most rare
At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin’s alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heav’nly King.**

**Holy Jesus, ev’ry day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds thy glory hide.**

SERMON “Construction Ahead: Consider Alternate Route” Matthew 2:12

Pastor Bill Geis

OFFERING

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

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.**

If you are not a member of a congregation of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, you are asked to read the paragraph in the bulletin before deciding if you wish to commune or not.

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS (Spoken)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

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.**

PAX DOMINI

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



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Video

#618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

386 "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise," LSB P. 164

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
Tell everyone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

BLESSING OF THE LORD *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 ✕ give you peace.
C: Amen

HYMN No. 400 "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning" (vss. 1,3,5)

**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.**

**Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion,
Fragrance of Edom and offerings divine,
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?**

**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.**

SENDING

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!