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FOCUS Israel’s fate seemed dark in Isaiah’s day, but he provided a vision of the future: God would shed on them His glory and light, bright enough to attract other nations with their wealth and treasures. Likewise, until it dawned on Saul/Paul, God had sent the Messiah only to Israel. But Paul’s ministry was to bring to light for everyone the mystery of Christ, that the Gentiles be partakers in the Gospel. The Magi saw a physical light in a certain portion of the sky and realized they should find the King it announced. And now our light has come, the light of God’s love in Christ shining in our hearts. Today is a day to celebrate that God has left no one out of the Gospel message. We thank God and tell one another and all we meet, “Your light has come.”

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING of the BELLS

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Arise, Your Light Has Come”



1. A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; show
2. A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door; pro -
3. A - rise, your light has come! All you_ in sor - row born, bind
4. A - rise, your light has come! The moun-tains burst in song! Rise



forth the_ glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
claim the_ cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
up the_ bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

“Here I Am to Worship”

Hughes

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made This heart adore You Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus: So here I am to worship Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days Oh so highly exalted Glorious in heaven above

Humbly You came To the earth You created All for love's sake became poor (*Chorus*)

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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.

L In the mercy of almighty God, our heavenly Father sent His Son to take to His cross all our sins, and His Holy Spirit has graciously shined the light of faith in Christ into our hearts. I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN of PRAISE “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” LSB 395, v.1,4



1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when
own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!
not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!
Of Ja - cob's race, King Da-vid's son, Our Lord and mas -
Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him
ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!
here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.
Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo-rious, All vic - to - rious,
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing
Rich in bless-ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

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SALUTATION and PRAYER of the DAY

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

- 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.**

Service of the Word

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ² 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. ³ And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:1-12

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— ² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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. ⁸ 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, ⁹ and to bring to light

for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

7:30am—

“The Magi Who to Bethlehem Did Go”

arr. Rabbe

9:00am—

“We Three Kings”

Praise Team

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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, ² 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.” ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They 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.’” ⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ 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.” ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ 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. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE for the CHILDREN

HYMN of the DAY

“As With Gladness Men of Old”

LSB 397



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to Thy low - ly bed,
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare At Thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day Keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright Need they no cre - at - ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;
There to bend the knee be - fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
So may we with ho - ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al - loy,
And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led by Thee.
So may we with will - ing feet Ev - er seek Thy mer - cy seat.
All our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n - ly King.
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide.
There for - ev - er may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King.

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SERMON

“The Gift”

Rev. Timothy D. Smith

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in 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.

GATHERING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

MISSION STATEMENT: *To gather people who grow in faith and share Jesus with all.*

VISION STATEMENT: *To strive to be a mature and faithful congregation that is focused on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

OFFERTORY SONG

7:30am—

“What Child Is This”

LSB 370

(Choir sings Verse 2)



ALL: 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
Choir: 2 Why lies He in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are
ALL: 3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



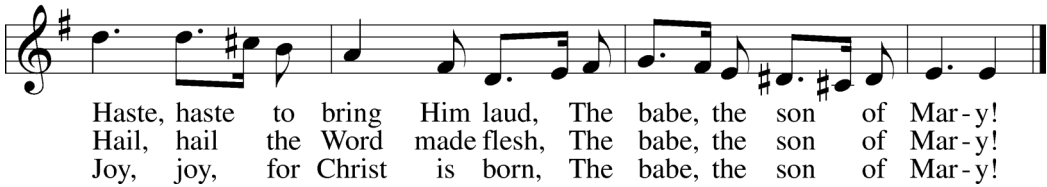
sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



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9:00am—

“What Child Is This”

Chatterton Dix/Millard/Bryson/Scheuchzer/Cochran/Kipley/Shaffer

What Child is this who laid to rest On Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping

Chorus: This, this is Christ the King Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring Him laud The Babe, the Son of Mary

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh Come peasant king to own Him
The King of kings, salvation brings Let loving hearts enthrone Him

Raise, raise the song on high The virgin sings her lullaby
Joy, joy for Christ is born The Babe the Son of Mary

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! *(Repeat)*

Nails, spear shall pierce Him thro' The cross be borne for me for you
Hail, hail the Word made flesh The Babe the Son of Mary *(Chorus)*

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PRAYER of the CHURCH

Ephesians 3:6-7, 10

L Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances.

For ourselves, that we thank God as a congregation and in our individual lives for revealing to us that we are all “partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,” let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Anklam, that they teach and minister to the needs of their students with strength and grace; for the 4th and 5th grade students, that they learn with open minds and grow to be strong Christian servants, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For all who minister “according to the gift of God’s grace” that has been given to them, people of faith who are in government, armed forces, local police departments, professional and volunteer caregivers, and workers in the health professions, that they serve those under their care in safety and with wisdom, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those near and dear to us, [*including . . .*], that they boldly bring their petitions to God in faith and that we open ourselves to be part of the answers that God so graciously provides, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who have gone before us in faith—the Magi, the writers of the Scriptures, patriarchs, prophets, saints, martyrs, and those who brought the Good News to us, let us give thanks to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

The LORD’S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

L 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.**

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace as You serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

LSB 395, v.6

6 What joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love
is first and last, The end and the be - gin - ning!
He will one day, oh, glo - rious grace, Trans - port us to
that hap - py place Be - yond all tears and sin - ning!
A - men! A - men! Come, Lord Je - sus! Crown of glad - ness!
We are yearn - ing For the day of Your re - turn - ing!

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POSTLUDE

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PRESIDING MINISTER: *Rev. Timothy D. Smith, Associate Pastor*

ORGANIST: *Mr. Matthew Hoehne, Director of Music*

MUSICIANS: 7:30am—*Sanctuary Choir; Barb Rademaker, soloist*
9:00am—*Praise Team—Brett Schwantes, lead*

ELDERS: 7:30am—*Terry Knoll; 9am—Michael Hase*

ACOLYTES: 7:30am— ; 9am—*Ava Heiser*

TECH: 7:30am— ; 9am—

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Your presence is very special to us. May your faith be strengthened and your life enriched as you join us in worship to God!

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

7:30am & 9am Sunday

BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

5pm Saturday

- **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**—Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the month in the Upper Sanctuary. We invite those who have been instructed in the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Others are asked to speak with a pastor before receiving the Sacrament. *Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*
- **LARGE PRINT**—large print copies of the bulletin are available on the table in the Narthex or you may ask the usher for one.
- **CHILDREN'S BULLETINS**—for ages 3-6 & 7-12 years, are available on the table in the Narthex.
- **NURSERY**—for children ages 3 & under. The upper level nursery is located near the Church Lounge on Sundays. *Please Note: The upper level nursery will be unstaffed unless volunteers are available.*
- **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**—Sunday School is available for children 4 years old through 6th Grade at 10:15am on Sunday mornings during the school year. Christian Education courses for adults and young adults are held at 10:15am on Sunday mornings & various times throughout the week during the school year. Trinity is committed to Christian Education through the 4K-8th grade School, our Childcare (infant through 13 years), and through our association with Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.
- **ELEVATOR**—is located next to the nursery on the upper level. On the lower level the elevator is located across from Classroom #101, which is past the offices. Use as needed.
- **RESTROOMS**—Narthex level across from the Library, lower level next to the elevator.
- **JOINING TRINITY**—We invite you to become part of this Christian community! If interested in membership, please speak with an elder or pastor, and we will contact you.

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