

Augustana Lutheran Church

2100 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 6, 2008

Ten-thirty a.m.

We welcome all friends and visitors this morning to Augustana Lutheran Church, a congregation "Reconciled in Christ" that has been racially diverse since 1954. Please sign the guest register in the narthex and fill out the Attendance Registration booklet located in the pews. We invite you to join us for hospitality following the Celebration.

A nursery is available for children up to five years old; see an usher for information. After receiving Communion, children meet their Sunday School teachers at the Truman Door.

THE PREPARATION AND ENTRANCE RITE

Voluntary

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

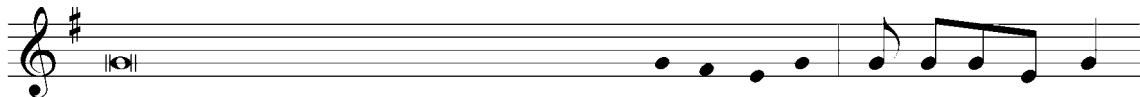
Dietrich Buxtehude

The Congregation stands as the bells are rung and turn to face the Baptismal Font.

Entrance Hymn, No. 300

The First Noel

Apostolic Greeting



*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And al - so with you.***

Kyrie

Sung by the Choir.

Gloria in excelsis



Glo - ry be to God on high, peace on earth, good will to all.
O Lord God, O Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther:
Thou a - lone art Ho - ly Lord, Je - sus Christ, the Most High,



Bless - ing, thanks and praise to Thee, Heav'n - ly King, al - might - y God.
Thou who tak - est sins a - way, Par - don us, re ceive our prayer.
With the Spir - it glo - ri - fy God the Fa ther. A - men.



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Salutation and Prayer of the Day



The Lord be with you. And al-so with you. Let us pray... A - men

Lord God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Anthem

The Legend of King Herod

arr. Martin Shaw

There was a star in David's land, so bright it did appear
Into King Herod's chamber, and brightly it shined there.

The wise men soon espied it, and told the king on high,
A princely babe was born that night no king could e'er destroy.

"If this be true," King Herod said, "as thou hast told to me,
This roasted cock that lies in the dish shall crow full fences three." [three times]

The cock soon thrusted and feathered well, by the work of God's own hand.
And he did crow full fences three, in the dish where he did stand.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72

Sung by the choir.

Second Lesson

Ephesians 3:1-12

The Congregation stands.

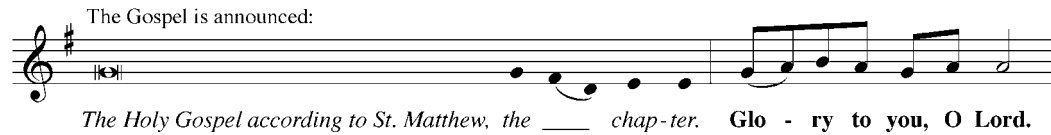
Gradual

*The Alleluias are sung twice: first by the Cantor and then by the Congregation.
The Choir sings the Verse, and the Alleluias are repeated by the Congregation.*



Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12



Sermon

The Congregation stands.

Hymn of the Day, No. 302

As with Gladness Men of Old

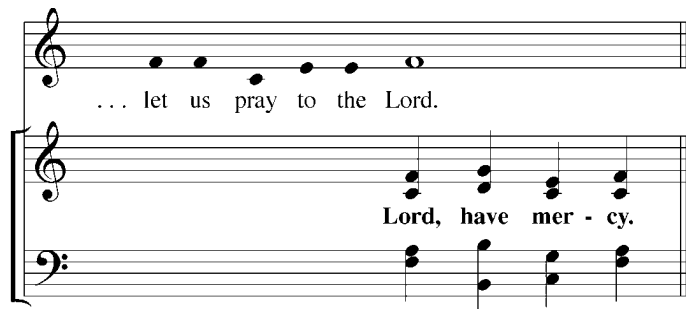
Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

Prayers -- Each petition concludes with the following:



The image shows two staves of musical notation. The top staff is a single treble clef line with a melody of notes: a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on C5, and a half note on D5. Below the staff is the text "... let us pray to the Lord." The bottom staff is a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with a harmonic accompaniment. The treble clef part has four chords: G4-A4, G4-A4-B4, G4-A4-B4, and G4-A4-B4. The bass clef part has four chords: G3, G3-A3, G3-A3-B3, and G3-A3-B3. Below the staff is the text "Lord, have mer - cy."

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Sharing of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.

Anthem

Ríu, Ríu, Chíu

16th c. Spanish Villancico

Refrain: Shepherd by the river: God protected our Ewe [Mary] from the wolf [Satan].

1. The furious wolf tried to bite her, but almighty God protected her well;
God kept her safe in this world of sin. *Refrain*
2. This new-born Child is a mighty monarch, the patriarchal Christ clothed in flesh;
He redeemed us by making himself tiny: he who was infinite became finite. *Refrain*
3. He comes to give life to the dead and to atone for man's fall:
This very Babe is the Light of Day, the Lamb of whom St. John spoke. *Refrain*
4. God made her [Mary] a mere mother: he who was her father was born of her today;
And he who created her calls himself her son. *Refrain*

The Congregation stands.

Offertory Hymn, No. 308

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Stanza 1.

Offertory Verse and Prayer

God is light, and in God there is no darkness at all. It we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.

God of glory, **with great joy we worship you and lay before you these gifts. Let our lives serve you only, and lead us always to our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, the bright and morning star. Amen**

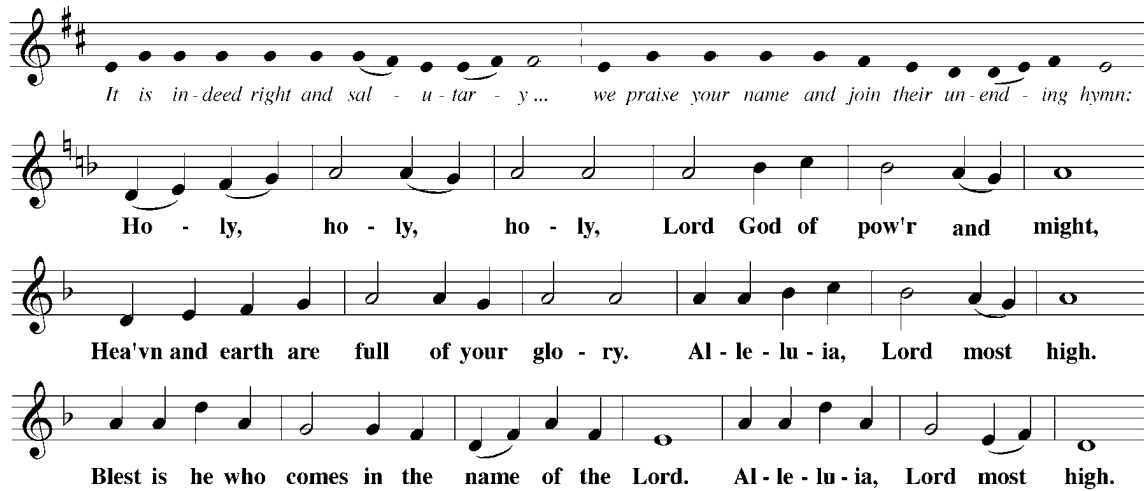
The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Preface and Sanctus



It is in-deed right and sal - u - tar - y... we praise your name and join their un-end - ing hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of pow'r and might,

Hea'vn and earth are full of your glo - ry. Al - le - lu - ia, Lord most high.

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, Lord most high.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy One, the Beginning and the End, the giver of life:

Blessed are You for the birth of creation.

Blessed are You in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are You for your promise to your people.

Blessed are You in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are You for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are You for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying,

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.



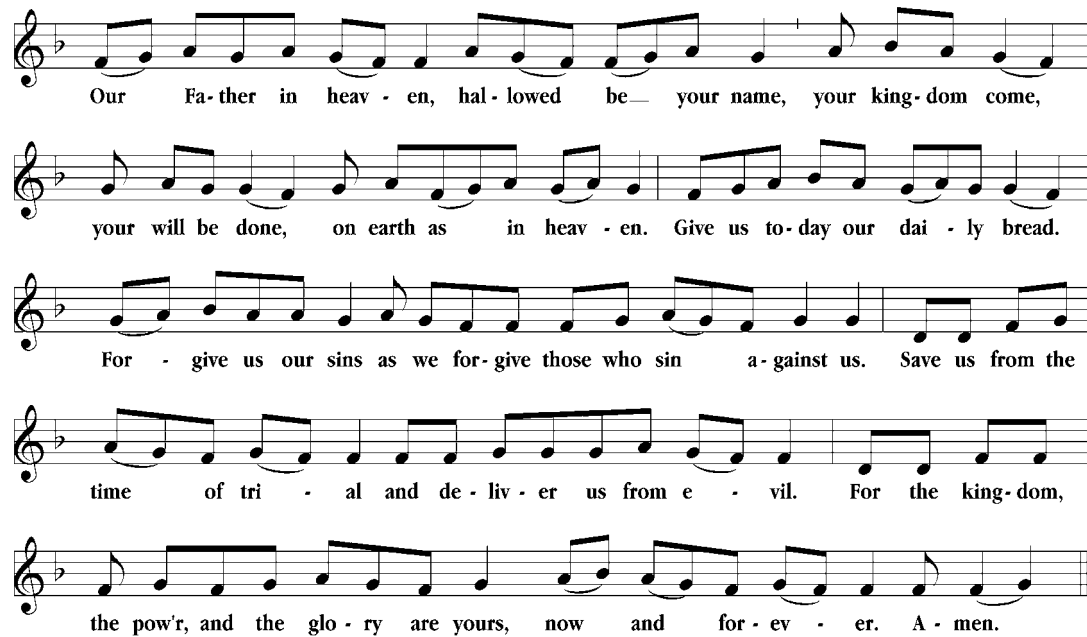
Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.



All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.



The Lord's Prayer



Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be— your name, your king-dom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heav - en. Give us to-day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the
time of tri - al and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king-dom,
the pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Agnus Dei

Sung in canon: the Choir, the Pulpit side, the Lectern side.



Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem.
Do - na no - bis pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - - - cem.
Do - na no - bis — pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - - - cem.

The Distribution of the Blessed Sacrament

All baptized and communing Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.

Non-communicants are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

Anthem

We Three Kings

Traditional

Hymn, No. 40

What Child Is This

THE POST-COMMUNION

Eucharistic Blessing

Nunc dimittis

Lord, bid your servant go in peace, your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, this child so long foretold.
This is the Savior of the world, the Gentiles' promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst, the joy of Israel.

Post Communion Prayer

We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Be the light for our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. **Amen**

Benediction

Hymn, No. 310

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

The congregation turns to face the entrance of the church as the Procession passes.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Your light has come.
Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

Max Reger

Servants at God's Altar

Celebrant and Preacher	Norman Theiss
Deacon I	Ben Cutler
Deacon II	Douglas Anderson
Lector	Sharon Kaya
Organist and Choirmaster	J. Thomas Mitts
The Parish Choir	
Crucifer	Scott Dillon
Thurifer	Kelly Bowers
Bookbearer	Monique Agbro
Torchbearers	Caroline Borders, Chantelle Agbro
Ushers	Eddie VanAken, Lola Wade
Altar Guild	Judy Floy, Alice Anderson
Tellers	Peter Berube, Brian Danaher, David Wassum
Hospitality Hosts	David Juilfs, Eileen Crawford

Parish Concerns

In our prayers, let us include the following:

+ **Members:** Aaron Bonds, Pearl Cox, Celia Davenport, Herman Davis, Sr, Dorothy Gladney, Renee Ivery, Bennett Nordin Soundararajan, Bill Reid, Don Werner.

+ **Friends and Family:** Bill Barrows (Richter); Jeffrey Berry (Bob & Alice Anderson); Connie Boorer (Hunter); Edith Bowers (Bowers); Melissa & Kevin Brown (Larisch); Judy Cashner (Cashner); The Cocozzella Family (Wassum) Teresa Cross (Knauff); Mindy Davis (Isbell); Robert Kyle Evans (Schipp); Lyle Forness (Forness); Patricia Franks (Knauff); Pat Frohman (Hunter); Betty Grady (Werner); Leona Harper (Knauff); Mary Elizabeth Jacobs (Berube); Denise Kellam (Bucci); Sara Kepple (Richter); John Larson (Kahler-Larson); Ann Lockwood (Werner); Frank & Celeste Lotz (Knauff); Ken Merritt (Hunter); Bruno Muzzi (Markle-Elder); Chris Nelson (Burch-Nelson); Fernando Otero (Pizza); Marion Papacosta (Roth-Renne); Susan Papp (Lenhart/Ray); Rachelle Portner (Hart); Veronica Richardson (Knauff); Dave & Chris Sharp (Hart); Deborah Tang (Burton); Caleb Richter-Tate (Richter); Nancy Telford (Richter); Marion Wagley (Capps); Joan Wassum (Wassum); Maria Weber (Fox-Fischer); Nellikan Wernicke (Baerwald); Cay and John Wiant (Larisch); Pamela Wilson (Markle-Elder); Joleita Yurchak (Roth-Renne).

+ **In Christian Joy** with our members Korey Berg and Esther Rege who were married at Augustana on December 31st. Congratulations and best wishes to the newly married couple.

+ **The Augustana Call Committee:** Ruth Sorenson, Chair, Josephine Allen, Brian Danaher, Robert (Chip) Fenton, LeeAnn Hart, Tommie Robinson, Jr., and Rebecca Roth, *ex officio*.

Names remain on the prayer list for four weeks and may be renewed by notifying the office.

Gifts to the Glory of God: Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God Kevin Canfield and Robert Bennett.

The chart for 2008 Gifts to the Glory of God has now been posted on the bulletin outside the office. Please sign up.

2008 Offering Envelopes are available for all members and friends this morning in the Narthex. Please take a minute to pick up your envelopes. All envelopes not picked up after January 6th, will have to be mailed to our members. The cost of each mailing is over \$5.00. Your help and cooperation in getting these envelopes distributed will be appreciated.

Join the Mortgage Madness Rush! Epiphany is here, and with the beginning of a new year, renewal of our Mortgage Madness Campaign. Thanks to the generosity of members

and friends – including over \$6,000 donated in recent weeks in memory of Ardelle Burton – we surpassed our goal of covering our monthly mortgage payments this past year and will be able to begin paying down the principal on our mortgage (more on that later). Now we need to match our generous giving of the past year by reaching and again surpassing our goal of raising \$120,000 to cover a year’s mortgage payments. Already two generous donors have agreed each to cover one month’s payment of \$10,000, so we’re on our way. Any amount – small or large – can be contributed, clearly designated for Accessibility. Some possible benchmarks: \$333 = one day; \$2,500 = one week; \$5,000 = two weeks; and \$7,500 = three weeks. Contributed last week: \$4,622.00



-- Today, January 6, 2008 – The Epiphany of Our Lord --

Adult Forum: 9:15 a.m. – Library – “Living the Good News: Epiphany Joy”

Sunday School will not meet – See announcement about Day of Three Kings below.

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

ELCA World Hunger monthly offering – See bulletin insert and envelope

Fair Trade First Sunday: Sales of coffee, tea, chocolate and mugs will resume on a monthly basis.

Day of Three Kings – Tres Reyes: Children of Iglesia Santa Maria and Augustana are invited to attend hospitality time for special fun.

Call Committee Meeting – Noon – Room 301

Christian Education Committee Meeting – Noon – Room 118

Evangelism Committee Meeting – Noon – Room 302

Property Committee Meeting – Noon – Room 303a

Stewardship Committee Meeting – Noon – Room 303b

Worship & Music Committee Meeting – Noon – Choir Room

Social Ministries Committee and Finance Committee will not meet.

Listening: Practicing Simple Presence meeting – Library – 1:00 pm

-- This Week --

Thursday, January 10th: Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 p.m. – Choir Room

Friday, January 11th: Please join Lutherans Concerned Metro Washington DC chapter on at 7pm at the home of Philip Moeller, 315 A Street, SE, Washington, DC for a potluck holiday party. Bring an appetizer or dessert. Come for fellowship and interesting discussion about the challenges and opportunities facing all Lutherans who seek full inclusion of LGBT persons within the life of the Church.

-- Next Sunday, January 13, 2008 – The Baptism of Our Lord --

Adult Forum: 9:15 a.m. – Library – “Living the Good News: God’s Own Dear Child

Sunday School: After receiving Communion, the children exit via the Truman Door for their Classrooms – Rooms 303a and 303b.

Nursery Program: 10:30 – Noon

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Lessons: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Hospitality Hosts: Sonvy Waidler, John McKirgan, Jim Hafner

Social Ministries Committee Meeting – Noon – Room 118

Listening: Practicing Simple Presence meeting – Library – 1:00 pm

-- Upcoming Events and Misc. Announcements --

Gifts for the Christ Child: Our annual recognition of the needy will kick off next week and last throughout the Epiphany season. Please think about what baby supplies, equipment, and other amenities you can donate to a new family starting out in difficult circumstances. We plan to donate to families at Transitional Housing Corporation (THC), a faith-based, District-based, non-profit that provides housing and comprehensive support services to homeless and at-risk families so that they can make transformational changes in their lives. (See Lavender Insert)

Monday, January 14th – Wednesday, January 16th – Synod Prayer Resources Group’s Winter Retreat (See Yellow Insert)

Sunday, January 27th: Augustana Annual Meeting following services. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

February 8th and 9th -- Mark your calendar for Augustana’s 2008 retreat! -- Augustana's next congregational retreat is scheduled for February 8th and 9th (the first weekend in Lent) at the Singmaster Center on the campus of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. We will be exploring the theme of wilderness as a symbol of the Lenten journey. (See Lavender Insert)

*Nations shall come to your
light, and kings to the
brightness of your dawn.*

Isaiah 60:3, NRSV



January 6, 2008

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

INTRODUCTION

Epiphany means "manifestation." On this day we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles--that is, to all nations. Some Christian traditions celebrate three great epiphanies on this day: the magi's adoration of the Christ child, Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River, and his first miracle in which he changes water into wine. The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God's grace and mercy. We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her, because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought 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 proclaim the praise of the LORD.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1–12

What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.

⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1–12

God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the

prophet:

⁶And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

