

Epiphany of Our Lord

January 6, 2026
6:00pm

Welcome to Our Savior’s!

This service follows the music from ELW Setting Three, p. 138ff in the hymnal.

Confession and Absolution

Gathering Hymn
O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright #308, vv. 1–3

Apostolic Greeting, Kyrie, p. 138, **Gloria**, p. 139, **Prayer of the Day**

Readings
Isaiah 60:1–6; Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14; Ephesians 3:1–12

Gospel Acclamation, p. 142

Holy Gospel — Matthew 2:1–12

Children’s Sermon

Sermon — Pastor Ted Carnahan

Hymn of the Day
As with Gladness Men of Old #302

Nicene Creed, Prayers of Intercession, Peace, Offering #188, **Offering Prayer**

Holy Communion, p. 144ff
Bright and Glorious is the Sky #301
We Three Kings WOV #646

Post-Communion Blessing, Prayer

Benedicamus, Benediction

Sending Hymn
O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright #308, vv. 4–6

Dismissal

2026-01-06

Response Card

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please fill this out front and back and return in the offering.

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

☐ Cell

☐ Home

☐ Work

Spouse:

Children at home / ages:

I am a:
(check one)

☐ First Time Visitor

☐ Returning Guest

☐ Regular Participant / Member

About Today's Service

Epiphany is a feast day that celebrates the coming of the Wise Men (or Magi) to visit the young Jesus. Their visit shows Jesus to be a king, a priest, and a sacrifice for our sins. They also demonstrate that Jesus Christ is a light not just to the Jewish people, but to the whole world (i.e. the *Gentiles*).

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. All who are

baptized into Christ and believe that he is really present in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of their sins are welcome to join us at the altar.

To those with young children: We are very happy you are here today. Relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't be embarrassed by it!

Encourage your kids to sing and pray with us, and be sure to sing and pray your parts as an example to them.

A children's sermon will be given for any kids who want to come forward.

There are also activity bags for kids on the wooden tree just outside the Centrum doors.

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Announcements

Poinsettias can be taken home. If you haven't paid for yours, the cost was \$22.50 and you may put it in the offering plate, bring it to the office or mail it in. Thank you for supporting this beautiful Christmas tradition.

Operation Christmas Child: In January bring personal care items, e.g. toothbrush, comb, brush, washcloth, nail clippers, fun bandages, and solid lip balm. No toothpaste, soap, lotions, aerosols, or liquids. Items can be placed on the OCC table in the Concourse.

In Our Prayers

Special: Greg Heckard; Steven Hansen; Rachel Grunst; Richard Seim; Lowell "Bud" Nasby; Timothy Fuller; Jeff Wachal; Dennis Henrichs; Matthew Jensen; Karen Ringkob; Heather Wachal; Barrett Berkner; Craig Jorgensen; the family and friends of Joyce Beseke; the family and friends of Paul Steffensen, esp. his sister LaDonna Evans; the family and friends of Barb Drahota; and the family and friends of Linda Anderson, esp. Richard.

Missionaries: Rev. Enrique Estrada

Members & Friends: Rhonda Kunz; Taylor Shaunce; Jordann Stukerjorgen; Karen Bezdicek; Beau McClain; Emily Anderson; Matthew & Kate Roberts; Wyatt Livingston; Alex Fullerton; Ray & Sherri Robinson and Mistie Wilson

Epiphany Blessing

Epiphany is the Christian feast day commemorating the visit of the magi (or the wise men) to the young Jesus bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Traditionally these men are named Caspar, Melchoir, and Balthazar, although their names are not given in the Bible. Often times we compress the Christmas story into a single unit: Jesus is born, shepherd's visit, then wise men show up. But in reality, it's likely that the wise men visited Jesus quite a bit later, explaining why Herod had all of the baby boys two-years-old and younger killed.

The word "Epiphany" comes from the Biblical Greek word ἐπιφάνεια (*Epiphaneia*) meaning "manifestation" or "appearance." The feast day celebrates that God is revealed to human beings, so that we see who he is and what he means for us.

When the magi visit, they bring gifts that reveal who he will be for us: gold for a king, frankincense for a priest, and myrrh for a corpse. Christ will be our king, our great high priest, and our atoning sacrifice on the cross. These magi are not Jews, but rather Gentiles, showing us that Christ has come not just for the Jewish people, but for all people who seek his light.

An Epiphany tradition I would like to commend to our congregation is that of marking door posts. Tonight you will be sent home with a piece of chalk and a guide on how to mark a blessing on your door post. The blessing will be "20 + C + M + B + 26." The letters CMB come from the first letters of the traditional names of the wise men, but are also taken to mean *Christus mansionem benedicat*, which is Latin for "May Christ bless this house." Thus, our blessing will be for our homes in 2026.

Worship Servants

Epiphany: Greeters Arnold & Marion Benson; Usher TBD; Lector Nancy Edlin; Sacristans Eric & Barb Tvinnereim; Acolyte TBD; Council member Eric Tvinnereim; Projectionist TBD.



Please detach the response card, return it during the offering, and take the top portion home for info. and prayer this week.

Prayer Requests

How can we pray for you this week?

Respond to the Message

Does your family have any other traditions around Epiphany (e.g. king cake)?

☐ Public (For Prayer List)

☐ Private (Just for Pastor)

☐ Please Call