

[We rise] **The Prayers of the Church**
 The Te Deum Laudamus Handout
The Kyrie, The Our Father, The Collects
 “God Bless Our Native Land” #965

The Service of the Sacrament p. 194
[Please review our Communion Policy on
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Hymn [We are seated]
 “The People That in Darkness Sat” #412
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Final Hymn [We rise for the Final Hymn]
 “Brightest and Best” #400

A Guide to The Divine Service

7:00 P.M.

5 January 2012



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Ecce advenit dominator Dominus
“Behold, the Lord, the Ruler Hath Come!”

The Eve of the Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord
[Thursday, 5 January 2012, 7:00 P.M.]

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THE CONSERVATIVE REFORMATION AND ITS THEOLOGY, p. 159
Rev. Dr. Charles P. Krauth, 1871

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NOTE ON PARTICIPATING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout history, "closed communion" is observed here, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those who:

- (a) are baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
- (b) have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scriptures as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, have been confirmed in this Lutheran faith and practice, and now embrace this same Lutheran faith in the same way that it is believed, taught, confessed, and practiced in this congregation;
- (c) believe that in this Sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) repent of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services who are able to affirm these facts should speak to our pastor or the elder on duty before receiving the Sacrament. To other guests with us today, we express to you our sincere interest, friendship, and concern, and we assure you that it is for the spiritual welfare of all that we practice "closed communion," even as we continue to work toward the day in which all divisions over doctrine and practice within Christ's Church will be resolved. Those desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with one of our pastors.

[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

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Entr. Hymn **"From God the Father, Virgin-Born"** #401

The Service of the Word begins with the Introit



Antiphon Behold, the Lord, the / Ruler, hath / come: * and the kingdom and the power and the / glory are / in His / hand. || Give the King Thy / judgments, O / God: * and Thy righteousness, un- / to the / King's_ / Son.

He shall judge Thy people with / righteous- / ness: * He shall / rule Thy / poor with / judgment. || The kings of Tarshish and of the isles / shall bring / presents: * the kings of Sheba and / Seba shall / offer/ gifts.

Yea, all kings shall fall / down be- / fore Him: * All / nations / shall serve/ Him. || For He shall deliver the needy / when he / crieth: * the poor also, and / him that / hath no / helper.

Behold, the Lord, the / Ruler, hath / come: * and the kingdom and the power and the / glory are / in His/ hand. || Give the king Thy / judgments, O / God: * and Thy righteousness, un- / to the / King's_ / Son.

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Collect for the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord: O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we, who know Thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of Thy glorious Godhead; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen!**

Collect for the Season of Epiphany: Almighty and Most Merciful God, who didst in the beginning create the light, and in the fullness of the time didst give Thine only-begotten Son to be, unto the end of the world, the true Light of men, we beseech Thee, so to illumine our hearts with the beams of Thy grace that we may walk in Thy light as children of light and be made partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: through Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with The and the Holy Ghost, in glory and majesty, world without end. Amen!

[We are seated]

Old Testament of the Day Isaiah 60.1-6
[The Gentiles shall come to Thy light]
This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Epistle of the Day Ephesians 3.1-12
[The salvation of the Gentiles revealed]
This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

The Holy Gospel of the Day

The Gradual and Nine-fold Alleluia

The multitudes of camels shall / cover the / land: *
All they from / Sheba / shall_ / come. ||
They shall bring / gold and / incense: *
And they shall show forth the / praises / of the / Lord.
Arise, shine! For thy light has come: Alleluia! / Alle- / luia! *
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee: / Alle- / lu_ - / ia!
And the Gentiles shall come to Thy light Alleluia! / Alle - / luia!
And kings to the brightness of The rising: / Alle - / lu_ / ia!

The Triple Alleluia p. 190

The Holy Gospel

Announcement of the Holy Gospel

Holy Gospel of the Day Matthew 2.1-12
[The Magi are directed by the star]
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[We are seated]

Chief Hymn:
"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" #395

Sermon

[We rise]
The Offertory **"As With Gladness" #397**

[We are seated]

The offering is received

God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!