

**Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church**

Peachtree City, Georgia

January 4, 2026 9:45 a.m.

**EPIPHANY SUNDAY**

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Wes Smith, Assoc. Pastor

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Youth, Lectors

**P** = Pastor **C** = All **L** = Leader

**PRELUDE: NOEL**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

**OPENING SONG: GLORY**

*(LET THERE BE PEACE)*

**↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

- L** O 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.

**C** Amen.

*~Please be seated for the Lessons~*

**READINGS: Isaiah 60:1-6;**

**Ephesians 3:1-12**see insert

**↑ GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12**see insert

**SERMON** Pastor Wes

**↑ SONG OF THE DAY: GOD REST YE MERRY  
GENTLEMEN/WE THREE KINGS**

**↑ OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH:  
THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

When the petition concludes "Hear us, O God" please respond, "Your mercy is great."

When the prayers conclude, please respond, "Amen."

**OFFERING**

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**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

- 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 our thanks and praise.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

- P** 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.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

- C** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

**SHARING COMMUNION AT CHURCH**

or at home with your household

**COMMUNION SONG: I HEARD**

*THE BELLS*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING &**

- P** The triune God, **BENEDICTION**  
glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One,  
abiding Comforter, + bless you  
with endless grace, peace, and joy.

**C** Amen.

**SENDING SONG: GO TELL IT**

*ON THE MOUNTAIN*

**DISMISSAL**

- L** Go in peace. Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

# THE LESSONS

Sunday, January 4

## FIRST READING: *Isaiah 60:1-6*

☐ The first reading is from Isaiah the 60<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>1</sup> Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

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

<sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup> Lift 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 in their nurses' arms.

<sup>5</sup> Then 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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 proclaim the praise of the LORD.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God**

## SECOND READING: *Ephesians 3:1-12*

☐ The second reading is from Ephesians the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

<sup>1</sup> This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you gentiles, <sup>2</sup> for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you <sup>3</sup> and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup> a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup> In 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: <sup>6</sup> that is, the gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup> Of 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. <sup>8</sup> Although 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 <sup>9</sup> and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, <sup>10</sup> so 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. <sup>11</sup> This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have access in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL:** *Matthew 2:1-12*

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

☒ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> ‘And 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.’ ”

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then 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.”

<sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On 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. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☒ **Praise to you, O Christ.**