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Hymns: **180**      **172**    **187**    **190**  
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**TODAY'S DIVINE SERVICE**

(Rite One, pages 41-59 in the *Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary*)

THE OPENING PRAYER (*Stand*)

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

A HYMN: 180 "Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds"

**1** Let children hear the mighty deeds  
Which God performed of old,  
Which in our younger years we saw,  
And which our fathers told.

**2** Make unto them His glories known,  
His works of pow'r and grace,  
And we'll convey His wonders down  
Through ev'ry rising race.

3 Our lips shall tell them to our sons  
And they again to theirs  
That generations yet unborn  
May teach them to their heirs.

4 O teach them with all diligence  
The truths of God's own Word,

To place in Him their confidence,  
To fear and trust their Lord.

5 To learn that in our God alone  
Their hope securely stands,  
That they may ne'er forget His works,  
But walk in His commands.

### THE CONFESSION OF SIN (*Stand*)

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us: have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us a true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### THE KYRIE ELEISON (LORD, HAVE MERCY)

**C: ♪ O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.**

### THE ABSOLUTION

P: Lift up your hearts unto God! Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.

### THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

**C: ♪ Glory be to God on high:**

**C: ♪ And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For You only are holy. You only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## THE SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: ♪ And with your spirit.**

## THE COLLECT (Prayer for the Day):

P: Almighty and everlasting God, You govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the prayers of Your people, and grant us Your peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

## THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 18:15-19 (*Sit*)

<sup>15</sup> “The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— <sup>16</sup> just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ <sup>17</sup> And the Lord said to me, “They are right in what they have spoken. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. <sup>19</sup> And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

## Psalm 66

P: <sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**C: <sup>2</sup> sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise!**

P: <sup>3</sup> Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!  
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

**C: <sup>4</sup> All the earth worships you  
and sings praises to you;  
they sing praises to your name.”**

P: <sup>5</sup> Come and see what God has done:  
he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

**C: <sup>6</sup> He turned the sea into dry land;  
they passed through the river on foot.  
There did we rejoice in him,**

P: <sup>7</sup> who rules by his might forever,  
whose eyes keep watch on the nations—  
let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

**THE EPISTLE: Romans 12:6-16**

<sup>6</sup> Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup> if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup> the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. <sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. <sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 2:1-11** (*Stand*)

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” <sup>6</sup> Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup> This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.”

This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**C: ♪ God be praised for His glad tidings.**

**THE 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**

From there He shall 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.

THE CHIEF HYMN: 172 “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise;  
Manifested by the star  
To the sages from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem,  
In Thy birth at Bethlehem:  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
Word in flesh made manifest.

2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,  
And at Cana, Wedding Guest,  
In Thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in pow'r divine,  
Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God on earth made manifest.

3 Manifest in making whole  
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight,  
Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will,  
Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God for us made manifest.

4 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,  
Mirrored in Thy holy Word;  
May we imitate Thee now  
And be pure, as pure art Thou;  
That we like to Thee may be  
At Thy great epiphany,  
And may praise Thee, ever blest,  
God for all made manifest.

THE SERMON “Jesus Reveals His Glory”

John 2:1-11

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Stand)

P: Everlasting and merciful God, we beseech You in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**C: To have mercy upon us and to hear our prayer.**

P: Look in mercy upon Your Church. Protect it and sanctify it by Your truth. May Your Word be taught in its purity and Your Sacraments be rightly administered. Grant unto Your Church faithful pastors who shall declare Your truth with power and shall live according to Your will. Send forth laborers into Your harvest and open the door of faith unto all unbelievers and unto the people of Israel. In mercy remember the enemies of Your Church and grant to them repentance unto life.

**C: O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear us in the truth of Your salvation.**

P: Let Your protecting hand be over our country and over all who travel. Prosper what is good among us and bring to naught every evil counsel and purpose. Protect and bless Your servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, our judges and

magistrates and all in authority. Fit them for their high calling by the gift of Your Spirit of wisdom and fear, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

**C: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy! Lord be our helper.**

P: According to Your promise, O God, be the defender of the widow and the father of the orphan. Relieve and comfort the sick and the sorrowful. Graciously help those who are assaulted by the devil and who are in peril of death. Be the strength of those who are suffering for the sake of Christ's holy name. Grant that we may live together in peace and prosperity. Bestow upon us good and seasonable weather; and bless us with upright Christian counsel in all that we undertake.

**C: O Lord, be with all in trouble. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your Name.**

P: We especially commend to Your care and keeping this Your congregation which You have bought with a great price. Keep from us all offenses and bind us together in the unity of Your holy love. Grant that the little ones who are baptized in Your name may be brought up in Your fear. At Your table give to those who there commune with You peace and life everlasting.

**C: Let all rejoice who trust in You; let them shout for joy because You defend them.**

P: In Your mercy look upon ..... In Christ's name we pray.

**C: Lord, in Your mercy hear our prayer.**

P: Be merciful, O God, to all, according to Your great love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. When our final hour shall come, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection to Your glory.

**C: Amen. Grant us Your peace, O Lord!**

**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**

#### THE APOSTOLIC BENEDECTION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit † be with you all.

#### THE OFFERING

A HYMN: 187 “Our Father, by Whose Name”

1 Our Father, by whose name  
All fatherhood is known,  
Who dost in love proclaim  
Each family Thine own.  
Bless Thou all parents, guarding well,  
With constant love as sentinel,  
The homes in which Thy people dwell.

2 O Christ, Thyself a Child  
Within an earthly home,  
With heart still undefiled,  
Thou didst to manhood come.

Our children bless, in ev'ry place  
That they may all behold Thy face  
And knowing Thee may grow in grace.

3 O Spirit, who dost bind  
Our hearts in unity,  
Who teachest us to find  
The love from self set free;  
In all our hearts such love increase  
That ev'ry home by this release  
May be the dwelling place of peace.

THE COLLECT (*Stand*)

P: Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your great mercy You have given us Your holy and blessed Word, by which You also among us gather Your Christian Church. We humbly entreat You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we receive Your Word with thankful hearts, and live according to it, and ever increase in Christian faith, and hope, and love, and at last obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and give † you peace.

**C: ♪ Amen, amen, amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: 190 “O Blest the House, Whate'er Befall”

1 O blest the house, whate'er befall,  
Where Jesus Christ is all in all!  
Yea, if He were not dwelling there,  
How dark and poor and void it were!

2 O blest that house where faith ye find  
And all within have set their mind  
To trust their God and serve Him still  
And do in all His holy will.

3 O blest the parents who give heed  
Unto their children's foremost need  
And weary not of care or cost.  
May none to them and heav'n be lost!

4 Blest such a house; it prospers well.  
In peace and joy the parents dwell,  
And in their children's lot is shown  
How richly God can bless His own.

5 Then here will I and mine to-day  
A solemn cov'nant make and say:

Though all the world forsake Thy Word,  
I and my house will serve the Lord.

### THE CLOSING PRAYER

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

### Epiphany: Meaning & Purpose

The word Epiphany means “to make known”. At Christmas we journeyed with the shepherds to see the Baby in the manger. Now, in Epiphany we journey with the wise men, and the full nature of the Christ Child is made known to us. Epiphany reminds us that the Son of Mary is also the Son of God, the Savior of all people. Each week of Epiphany reveals this to us with increasing clarity, from the Child worshipped by wise men, to the Boy Jesus in the temple “about His Father’s business,” to the Man Jesus who reveals His deity through His miracles. The Second Person of the Trinity has broken into our earthly world. God has appeared among us.