

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 60:1-6 **Holy Bible p. 766 (OT)**
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Be Thou My Vision* (vs. 1) # 793
GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12 **Holy Bible p. 2 (NT)**
SERMON "Star Search"
Bright and Glorious is the Sky

HYMN *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* # 815

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Lord in your mercy...*Hear our prayer.*

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MEAL

OFFERING *When Love Was Born* (8:00 a.m.)

We Three Kings (9:00 a.m.) **Insert**

Ride On King Jesus (10:30 a.m.)

***OFFERTORY** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* #182

Let the Vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with

the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with

the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence,

and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG *Brightest and Best of the Stars* # 303
O, How Beautiful the Sky **Manz**

SENDING

BLESSING p. 114

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG *We Three Kings* (8:00 a.m.) **Insert**
As With Gladness Men of Old (9:00 & 10:30 a.m.) #302

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POSTLUDE *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light* **Culli**

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Bethany welcomes all baptized Christians who have celebrated their first communion to join in receiving the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion.

An usher will direct you when to come forward for the distribution.

You will receive the wafer in your hand which you may then dip in the wine.

Communion stations with alcohol free wine and gluten free wafers are available at every communion service at the center aisle.

We are glad that you joined us for worship today!

Please let us know how we may serve you. Fill out a Welcome Card found in the pew rack.

If you would like information about the ministries of Bethany,

visit the Hospitality Center located in the narthex

or our website at www.bethany-denver.org.

We invite you to stay after worship for refreshments

served in the Fellowship Hall.

- ❖ The page number **p.** refers to the Order of Service in the front of the ELW.
- ❖ The # symbol refers to hymns and service music found after the Psalms.
- ❖ The * indicates liturgy that is omitted at the 8:00 a.m. service.
- ❖ Large print version available at the Hospitality Center.

Bethany's Mission, Vision & Goals Worship Meaningfully; Grow Spiritually;
Serve Purposefully; Share Fellowship; Witness Intentionally

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHER	Pastor Ron Glusenkamp
PRESIDER	Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry Jessica Daum, Pastoral Intern Sheree Weverstad
ORGANIST	Sylvia Boedeker (8:00 a.m.)
LECTORS	Amy Sommer (9:00 a.m.) Elton Winters (10:30 a.m.)
MUSICIANS	Stephanie Burgess, Soloist Brenda Greenwald, Accompanist (8:00 a.m.) Three Kings: Larry Glenn, Scott Stauffer, Ron Gusé Judy Glenn (10:30 a.m.) Darla Reeves (8:00 a.m.) Ted & Betty Ziemann (9:00 a.m.) Kevin & Katie Dragseth(10:30 a.m.) Stephanie Burgess (8:00 a.m.) Ron Gusé (9:00 a.m.) Judy Glenn (10:30 a.m.) Brenda Greenwald
WREATH LIGHTERS	Amy Meissner, Sylvia Boedeker (8:00 a.m.) Peggy Furgason, Amy Sommer, Dick Rankin (9:00 a.m.) Sherman Lambert, Brenda Greenwald (10:30 a.m.) Clay Hanson, Lillian Markusch (8:00 a.m.) Elsa Jerde, Ryan Carr (9:00 a.m.) Cole Schubert, Laura Vogel (10:30 a.m.)
CANTORS	Arlis Adolf, Jeff Finnin, Mark Mertz, Donald Vogel (8:00 a.m.) Aubry Annas, Carole Cameron, Clark Colton, Noel Hasselgren Dwight Janzen, David Malucky, Terry Pickett, Norma Renner (9:00 a.m.) Keith Brammer, David Clausen, Kenneth Hansen Gail Luttinen, Andrew Rogge, Steve Rogge(10:30 a.m.) Ben Halvorson
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Peggy Kirchner, Mona Palmquist, Gwen Smith Cindy Tingle, Gail Hipke
ACOLYTES	Laura Weber-Meyers, Michelle Stone Kraus Penny Lambert, Dave Malucky
USHERS	Kathy Shearer, Lori Braden, Hilda Mohseni
SOUND TECHNICIAN	
JANUARY ALTAR GUILD	
JANUARY SACRISTANS	
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	

Bethany Lutheran Church Epiphany of Our Lord January 2, 2011



GATHERING

PRELUDE *There's a Star in the East* Karl Osterland

LIGHTING OF THE WREATH

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh,
the Lord and giver of life. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

God of glory, God of peace,

we confess that we have shunned the light that reveals the truth about us.

We cling to worldly things rather than sharing the gifts of this earth.

We trust ourselves above all. Save your people, O God;

**sustain the rivers and trees that sing your praise; and free us to live boldly
in the light and truth of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.**

The grace of God shines upon us, bringing salvation to the whole world.

We are saved, our sins are washed away, not because of anything we have done,
but according to God's mercy in + Jesus Christ. Renewed by the Holy Spirit, let us
live in hope and joy. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG <i>The First Noel</i> (8:00 & 9:00 a.m.)	# 300
<i>We Three Kings</i> (10:30 a.m.)	Insert

GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

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