

# Epiphany of Our Lord

Saturday, January 6th 5:00 PM

Sunday, January 7th 9:00 AM



## OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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We are glad you are joining us for worship at  
**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**You are Welcome here!**

Please fill out the **Pew Pads** for registering your attendance and communion participation. If you would like a pastoral call or want to join OSLC, please check those boxes and include contact information.

During the **Offering**, the ushers will pass the offering plates. In addition to placing gifts in the plates, this QR code can be used if you would like to give electronically through **Tithe.ly**



We have an open table for **Holy Communion** with two options to receive communion:

- 1) Come forward, at the direction of the ushers, to receive communion by **Intinction**. You will receive a wafer (gluten free available) and then dip it either in the wine (red) or grape juice (white).

Children and others not wishing to receive communion may come forward with their hands folded to receive a blessing. Otherwise, come forward with your palms open to receive a wafer.

- 2) Stay in your pew and use the **self-contained communion cups** (wafer on the top and grape juice on the bottom). These are located in the rear of the sanctuary as you walk in.

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude**

LuAnn Stensberg (Sat.) Jim Miller (Sun.)

**Welcome & Announcements**

Cheryl Timm, Worship Assistant

**Installation of Church Council Members**

Scott Hoelzel

Lori Lohry

Dwight Krampien

John Okray

**Call To Worship**

Bell Toll

## GATHERING

**Gathering Song:** “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

ELW #275



- 1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
- 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
- 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem-pla-tions, bright-er vi - sions beam a - far;
- 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais-ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon-der shines the in - fant light.  
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.  
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

*Refrain*



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.

## Confession and Forgiveness

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.

**C Amen.**

L Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

L God of life,

**C You promise good news of great joy for all people,  
and call us to be messengers of your peace.**

**We confess that too often we hoard our joy,  
our resources, and our security.**

**We nurture conflict and build barriers.**

**We neglect the needs of our neighbors  
and ignore the groaning of creation.**

**Have mercy on us.**

**Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.**

**Where we are reluctant, give us courage.**

**Where we are cynical, restore our trust.**

**Renew us with your grace  
and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.**

**Amen.**

**L** Hear the good news:

We are children of God and heirs of God's promises  
through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

In Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed.

Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth  
shall know the salvation of God.

**C** Amen.

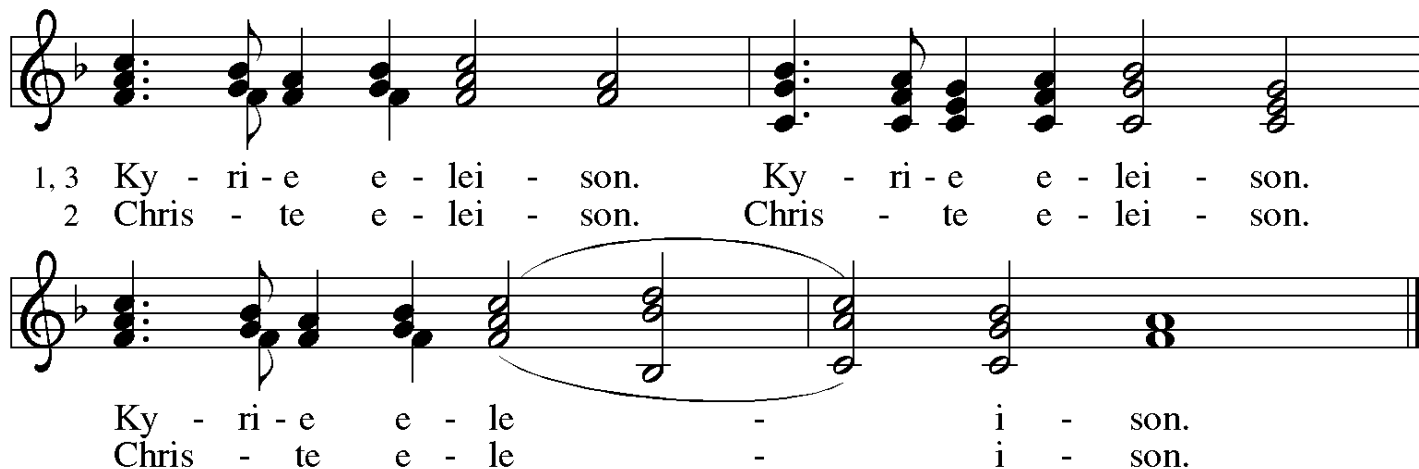
## Greeting

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

**C** And also with you.

## Kyrie

ELW #155



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le i - son.  
Chris - te e - le i - son.

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

# Canticle of Praise: “Glory to God”

*sing twice*

ACS #911

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est. Peace be to you, peace be to me, peace be to all, peace to all the earth.'

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,  
glo - ry to God in the high - est.  
Peace be to you, peace be to me,  
peace be to all, peace to all the earth.

Text: Marcus Veenstra; tr. composite  
Music: GLORIA A DIOS, Marcus Veenstra; arr. Greg Scheer, b. 1966  
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## Prayer of the Day

**C Almighty and ever-living God,  
you revealed the incarnation of your Son  
by the brilliant shining of a star.  
Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts  
and over all lands,  
and accept our lives as the treasure we offer  
in your praise and for your service,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

**Special Music:** “We Three Kings”                      Annika Strasman, flute (Sun.)  
By John Henry Hopkins — Arranged by Daniel Kelley

## **WORD**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6**

<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 on 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.

**R** Word of God, word of life.

**C**        **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

<sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the king's son;

<sup>2</sup>**that he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;**

<sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup>**Let him defend the needy among the people,  
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.

<sup>6</sup>**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.**

<sup>7</sup>In his time may the righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

<sup>10</sup>**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute,  
and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**

<sup>11</sup>May all kings bow down before him,  
and all the nations do him service.

<sup>12</sup>**For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress,  
the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**

<sup>13</sup>He has compassion on the lowly and poor,  
and preserves the lives of the needy.

<sup>14</sup>**From oppression and violence he redeems their lives,  
and precious is their blood in his sight.**



## Gospel Acclamation

ELW Setting 8

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 2nd Chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men 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 at its rising, 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 wise men 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 at its rising, 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.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

**Children’s Sermon**

**Sermon**

Rev. Jon Strasman

## Hymn of the Day: “As with Gladness Men of Old”

ELW #302



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;  
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,  
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,  
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;  
5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;  
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;  
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last  
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.  
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.  
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.

Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

## **Apostles' Creed**

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

**L Hear us, O God**

**C Your mercy is great.**

**L Abide with us, O God of mercy,  
and receive our prayers according to your abundant grace.**

**C Amen.**

# MEAL



## The Offering

**Offering Song:** “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

ELW #310

*Verses 1 & 4*



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.

Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

## **Offering Prayer**

**C** God of abundance,  
receive and bless these gifts we have offered.  
Join our hearts with the song of the angels,  
and gather us at your table of celebration.  
Strengthen us to share with all the world  
the abundance of your grace upon grace,  
poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.  
Amen.

## **Words of Institution**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

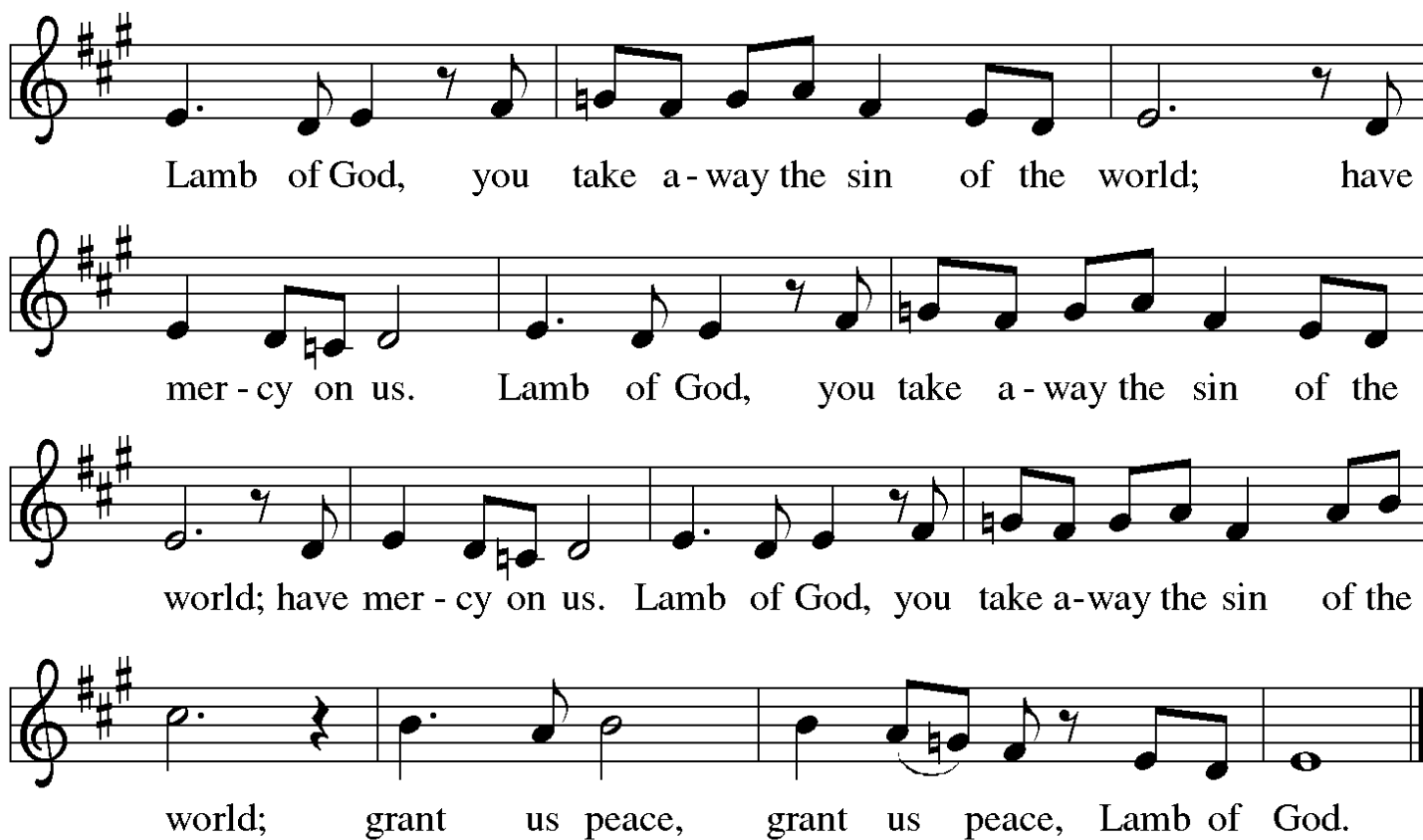
**C** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.

## Communion

P Come taste and see that God is good!

### Communion Song: "Lamb of God"

ELW Setting 8



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

# Communion Song: "The First Noel"

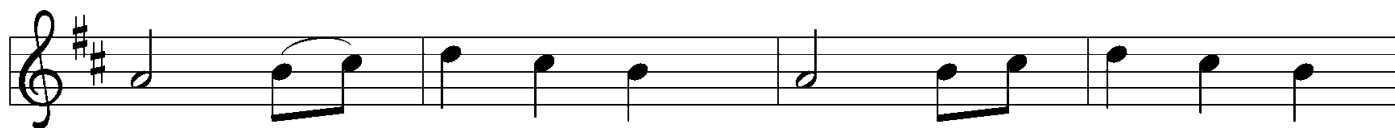
ELW #300



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to  
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing  
 3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . .  
 4 This star drew near to the . . . north - west, o'er . .  
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where  
 in . . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the  
 wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a  
 Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it  
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's  
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . so it con -  
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the  
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . o - ver the  
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . and

## Refrain



night that was so deep.  
 tin-ued both day and night.  
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -  
 place where Je - sus lay.  
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.



## **Table Blessing**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you always in God's grace.

**C** Amen

## **Prayer after Communion**

**C** God our redeemer,  
you have fed us at this table  
with gifts of grace, truth, and life.  
As you have gathered us in joy,  
send us forth as messengers of your peace.  
Make us shine with the good news of your glory,  
born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

## **SENDING**

### **Blessing**

**P** God bless you and keep you,  
Jesus grant you grace and truth,  
and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts,  
now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Sending Song: "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!"

ELW #308



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's  
2 Come, heav'n - ly Bride - groom, light di - vine, and deep with - in  
3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls  
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us, when



own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!  
from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



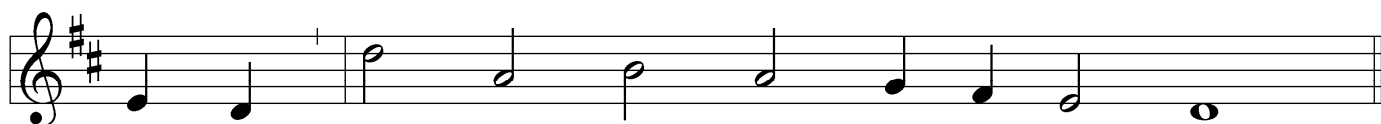
Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's Son, our Lord and mas -  
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch -  
Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls  
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him



ter, you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly!  
es of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing.  
with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!  
here and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion.



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich in  
Now, though dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and dis -  
Let your mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! for you  
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life for -



bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.  
teach us God's own love through you has reached us.  
ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

5 What joy to know, when life is past,  
the Lord we love is first and last,  
the end and the beginning!  
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
transport us to that happy place  
beyond all tears and sinning!  
Amen! Amen!  
Come, Lord Jesus!  
Crown of gladness!  
We are yearning  
for the day of your returning.

6 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!  
Our joy be all with music crowned,  
our voices gaily blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way—  
today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
His love is never ending!  
Sing out! Ring out!  
Jubilation!  
Exultation!  
Tell the story!  
Great is he, the King of glory!

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## Dismissal

**P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

