



***LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT***

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*Sunday, Jan. 4, 2026*

*9:30 a.m.*

*Welcome to Worship at Atonement*

- *We are delighted to have you worship at Atonement today. Wherever you are on your journey of faith and life, we extend to you a warm welcome. May the Holy Spirit richly bless your worship.*
- We invite you to fill out the attendance form in the bulletin and hand it to the ushers when coming forward for Holy Communion. If you are a guest with us this morning, please leave some contact information so we can get in touch with you about how to connect with what's going on in this faith community.
- Sound enhancement receivers for the hearing-impaired and those with hearing aids are available. Large print worship folders are also available. Please ask an usher prior to the service.
- We welcome to the Lord's Table all Baptized Christians who wish to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. Those who desire to be baptized, have questions about the meaning of Holy Communion, or wish a private confession and absolution should contact the Pastor.
- Both individual cups and the chalice (common cup) are now offered to communicants. The chalice is available only for intinction (dipping the host into the wine). The darker wine in the center of the tray is non-alcoholic. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the pastor. Those desiring a blessing may fold their arms across their chests.
- The congregation responds with those portions in **bold** print.
- Please turn off all cell phones and pagers and refrain from flash photography.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Will not meet today.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSONS:**

**Isaiah 42:1-9; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17**

***ELW, Setting 4 (Epiphany of Our Lord)***

**January 4, 2026**

*During Epiphany we praise Jesus as the Light of the World. Our Epiphany liturgy reflects this by using hymns from the global church.*

**PRELUDE: *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* - Dietrich Buxtehude**

*The feast of Epiphany ("manifestation") concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.*

**+++ GATHERING +++**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*The assembly stands.*

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P In the name of ☩ One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C Amen.**

P Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,

And called to live the baptized life,

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P Holy God, We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,

Water that makes a people your own,

That restores us to wholeness,

And empowers us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C make us one as you are one.**

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
Waters that strengthen believers  
And give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
Waters that extend your boundless love  
And cross barriers of your own making.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**C make us one as you are one.**

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
Waters that open the hearts of believers  
And give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
Waters that set your people on a new path,  
Rejoicing in the Spirit's power.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**C make us one as you are one.**

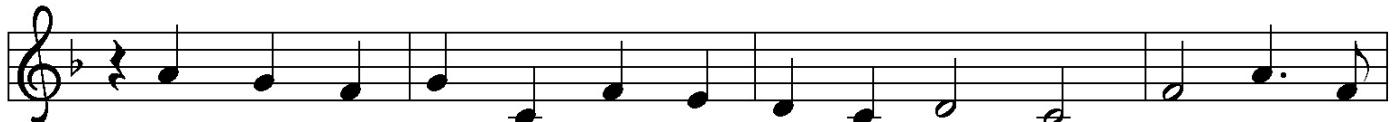
P Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,  
that our every day is shaped by these waters  
that give us our very lives in you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.  
**C Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN ELW 665 “*Rise, Shien, You People:* (see next page)**

# Rise, Shine, You People!



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the  
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

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Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003

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## GREETING

P 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.

**HYMN OF PRAISE    ELW164 “*Glory to God*” (Peru)**

# Glory to God, Glory in the Highest

Leader



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

All



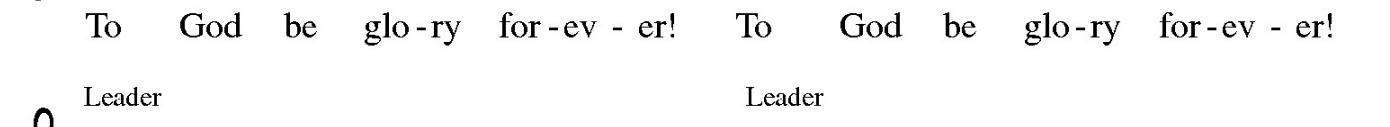
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Leader



To God be glo - ry for - ev - er!

All



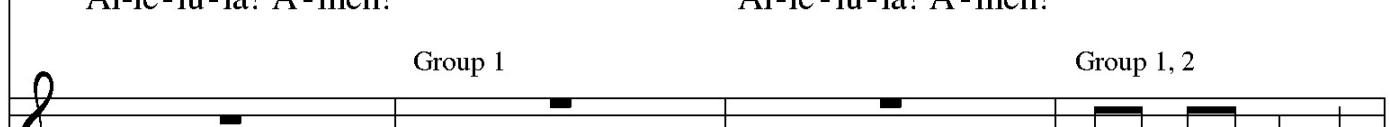
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Leader



Al-le - lu - ia! A - men!

Leader



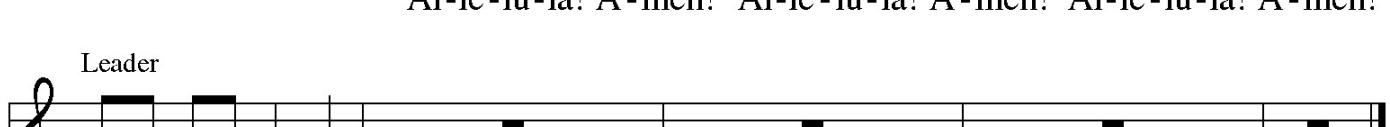
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Group 1



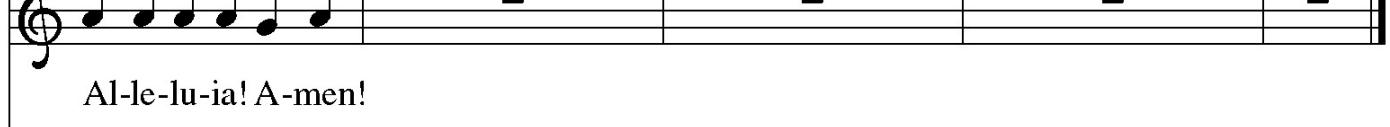
Al-le - lu - ia! A - men! Al-le - lu - ia! A - men! Al-le - lu - ia! A - men!

Group 1, 2



Al-le - lu - ia! A - men! Al-le - lu - ia! A - men! Al-le - lu - ia! A - men!

Leader



Al-le - lu - ia! A - men!

Group 1, 2, 3



Al-le - lu - ia! A - men! Al-le - lu - ia! A - men! Al-le - lu - ia! A - men! Al-le - lu - ia! A - men!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

P 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

*The assembly is seated.*

+++ WORD +++

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from Isaiah.

<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.

R The word of the Lord.      C Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14** *The psalm is spoken responsively.*

<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.**

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

A reading from Ephesians.

<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.

**R** The word of the Lord.   **C Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**   ELW 174 “*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*” (Caribbean)

# Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

The musical score consists of two staves of music in G major (indicated by a treble clef and a sharp sign) and common time (indicated by a 'C'). The top staff features a vocal line with lyrics: 'Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.' The bottom staff provides harmonic support with a steady bass line. The music is divided into four sections, each ending with a repeat sign and a '8' to indicate a repeat of the section. The lyrics 'Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -' and 'Hal - le - lu - jah.' are repeated in each section. The score concludes with a final section of chords.

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

Hal - le - lu - jah.

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954  
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## **GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12**

**P** The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**C** 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.

**P** The gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to you, O Christ.

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

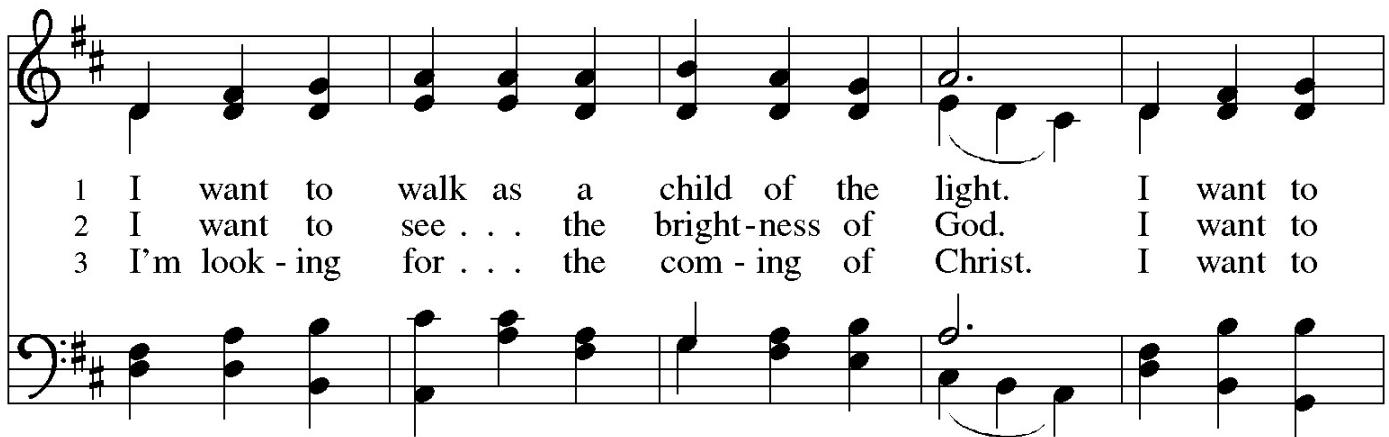
**Pastor Larry Lemke**

***Meditation: Time to reflect on the message.***

*After meditation, the assembly stands for the Hymn of the Day.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY    ELW 815 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”**

# I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God.  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in common time with a key signature of two sharps. The melody is primarily composed of quarter notes and eighth notes, with a few sixteenth-note patterns. Measure lines are present between the measures, and a fermata is placed over the eighth note in the first measure of the bass staff.



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in common time with a key signature of two sharps. The melody continues with quarter notes and eighth notes, featuring a more complex harmonic structure with multiple chords per measure. Measure lines are present, and a fermata is placed over the eighth note in the first measure of the bass staff.

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934

Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson

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## The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Each petition concludes: Hear us O God,*

**C: Your mercy is great.**

## THE PEACE

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*The people may greet each other with a sign of peace and may say “Peace be with you” or similar words. Then the assembly is seated.*

## MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING: *Comfort, Comfort, Now My People* – Brenda Austin

+++ MEAL +++

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*The gifts of our tithes and offerings are presented and the altar is prepared for the Lord's Supper. The assembly stands as the gifts are brought forward.*

### OFFERTORY: ACS 962 “*In this Feast of Love*” (Finland)

#### In This Feast of Love

Music notation for three staves in G major, 2/4 time. The top staff begins with lyrics in English and Finnish: "Täs - sā pöy - däs - sā, täs - sā". The lyrics continue: "1 In this feast of love, in this; 2 In this bread and wine, in this; 3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us". The middle staff continues the lyrics: "pöy - däs - sā syn - ti - sil - le". The lyrics continue: "feast of love, Lord, you share your; bread and wine, you have prom - ised, peace, O Lord; fill us with the". The bottom staff concludes the lyrics: "it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa! blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God. Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine. joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word."

Text: Jarkko Maukonen; tr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954

Music: TÄSSÄ PÖYDÄSSÄ, Jarkko Maukonen; arr. Mark Sedio

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## OFFERING PRAYER

A God of abundance,  
**C We bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.**

## 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.**

## PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh  
you have opened the eyes of faith  
to a new and radiant vision of your glory,  
that, beholding the God made visible,  
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY    ELW 525 “*You are Holy*” (Sweden)**

# You Are Holy

*Du är helig*

1\*

Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck - et mer  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

än vi nä - ra än - då.  
than we al - ways at hand.

Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2

Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är nä - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na, vår Gud.  
Sing ho - san - na to our God!

\* May be sung in canon.

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

Music: DU ÄR HELIG, Per Harling

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## EUCARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,  
that by this Holy Communion we may know  
the unity we share with all your people  
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

P Please join me in the prayer Jesus taught us to pray.

**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**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION: LAMB OF GOD    ELW pg. 154**

P The gifts of God for the people of God.

*The assembly is seated.*

*The ushers invite the assembly forward, where they receive bread and either wine or grape juice. If you need to receive communion in your pew, please let the usher(s) know.*

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.

## HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

ELW 460 “*Now the Silence*” (*see next page*)

# Now the Silence

Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed

Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come

Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing

Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - - e - bra - tion

Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - - en leap - ing

Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny

Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

Music: NOW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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## The First Noel

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.

The musical score consists of five staves of music. The top staff is soprano, the second is alto, the third is tenor, the fourth is bass, and the fifth is piano. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding staves. The music is in common time, with a key signature of two sharps. The piano part provides harmonic support with simple chords.

WOV 645 “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

We Three Kings of Orient Are



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,  
 2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain;  
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;  
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;  
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;



field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
 king for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.  
 prayer and prais - ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.  
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
 heav'n sings al - le - lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



*Refrain*



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!



Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891, alt.  
 Music: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT, John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891

*The assembly stands.*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

P May this body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

☩ Amen

**Nunc Dimittis: ELW 313 "O Lord, Now Let Your Servant" verse 1 (Finland)**

### O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

1 O Lord, now let your servant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,  
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,

for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:  
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;

a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,  
till rap - tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin - ing shore,

the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
where Christ, the bless - ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

Text: Ernest E. Ryden, 1886–1981, alt.  
Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune; arr. hymnal version  
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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C Amen

+++ **SENDING** +++

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world.*

## RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING

P May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you  $\dagger$  peace.

Amen.

**SENDING SONG: ELW 677 "This Little Light of Mine"**

# This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935  
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## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE: *Song for a New Year* - Gilbert M. Martin

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**Hospitalized or Ill:** Ann Behrens, Betty Cook, Jill Floyd, Linda Gibilterra, Ginny Groves, Shirl Henke, Jim Hickerson, Delores Johanningmeier, Don Kuethe, Sharon Love, Jane Mark, Rachel Moore, Carolyn Nimmons, Marge Purgahn, Steve Rosenfeld, June Schmidt, Glenda Warren, Barb Wishon

**Our Loved Ones/Friends:** Jason Behrens, Becky Cole (Dave Cole's sister), Ian Hawkins (Faith Brooks's son), Jeannette Higginbotham (Jaimy Suydam's friends), Marilee Viehman (Greg Viehman's mother), Dennis Whittington (Mary Beth Sandcork's father), Richard Wishon, Mike Zorich

**Our chronically-ill and homebound loved ones and friends:** Jacki Bickel, Teri Branhof, Thelma Carlson, Nancy Marxkors, John Meyer, Vivian Meyer, Jim Temps, Joan Torbeck, Wayne & Joyce Winter

*Names will be removed from the prayer list after two weeks unless the church office is notified on Monday of the preceding week.*

*\*\*Copies of Taking Faith Home are available at the usher stand or on the table in the narthex.*

## OUR CONGREGATION

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## OUR AFFILIATIONS

We are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and support local ministries including Lutheran Family and Children’s Services, Humanitri, Lutheran High Schools, LuMin Campus Ministry, PAKT, and The Emergency Assistance Ministry (TEAM).

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## OUR CALENDAR

*This Weekend – Epiphany of Our Lord*

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion Worship

Monday, Jan. 5

No School, Christmas Break

9:00 a.m. Parish Nurse Office Hours, until 11

Tuesday, Jan. 6

School Resumes

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, Jan. 7

Thursday, Jan. 8

9:30 a.m. Bible and Breakfast

Friday, Jan. 9

Saturday, Jan. 10

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