

# Traditional Worship



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WE HAVE COME  
TO WORSHIP HIM.



Matthew 2:2

**Serving in worship today:** Preacher: Pr Jacob Heine  
Children's Message: ? Organist: Kay Logan  
Techs: David McGuigan, Colleen Lippe (8), Linda Meyer (11)  
Lay Readers: Kristen O'Shea (8), Jessica Domme (11)  
Acolytes: Alyssa Maxwell (8), Tyler Rolenhagen (11)  
Next week's lessons: Psalm 40:1-11. Isaiah 49:1-7. 1 Corinthians 1:1-9. John 1:29-42a

Leader: Vicar Jeff Lane  
Choir Director: Linda Meyer  
SL Leader: Doug Helmke (8), Deb Hale (11)  
Head Ushers: Ron Kufahl (8), Gary Dick (11)



# The Epiphany of our Lord

8:00 & 11:00am | January 8, 2023

PRELUDE *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

arr Roger C. Wilson

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Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(We kneel for a time of silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

>LSB 397

As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed,  
There to bend the knee before Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet Ever seek Thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day Keep us in the narrow way;  
And when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

In the heav'nly country bright Need they no created light;  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;  
There forever may we sing Alleluias to our King.

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## KYRIE

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*In peace let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.*

*For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.*

*For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.*

*For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise  
let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.*

*Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen*

## HYMN OF PRAISE

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*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.*

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

**We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Let us pray... O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON: *Isaiah 60:1-6, 22 (ESV)*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. <sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned 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 bring good news, the praises of the Lord. The least one shall become a clan, and the smallest one a mighty nation; I am the Lord; in its time I will hasten it.

*This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## RESPONSIVE PSALMODY: *Psalm 72:1-11 (ESV)*

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

**May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!**

Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!

**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!**

May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!**

In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

**May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!**

May desert tribes bow down before him and his enemies lick the dust!

**May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!**

May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!

## SECOND LESSON: *Ephesians 3:1-12 (ESV)*

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— <sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>To me, though I am

the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,<sup>9</sup> and to bring to light for everyone 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 manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.<sup>11</sup> This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,<sup>12</sup> in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

*This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## ALLELUIA & VERSE

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## THE GOSPEL: *Matthew 2:1-12 (ESV)*

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the second chapter. Glory to You, O Lord.*

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,<sup>2</sup> saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."<sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." <sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to You, O Christ.*

## APOSTLES' CREED

**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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will 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.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

>LSB 395 (vs 1, 5)

O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light,  
Aglow with grace and mercy!  
Of Jacob's race, King David's son, Our Lord and master, You have won  
Our hearts to serve You only!  
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, All victorious, Rich in blessing!  
Rule and might o'er all possessing!

O let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all with music crowned,  
Our voices gladly 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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## SERMON

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### OFFERING *The Cherry Tree Carol*

*English Traditional*

- **Recording attendance:** Please take a moment to fill out the red Book of Fellowship with your name and if you are taking communion today. If you are a visitor, please add any contact information you are willing to share. This booklet is found on the pew near the center aisle and can be passed down to others in the pew.
- **Offering:** Donations may be placed in the plate as it is passed to you; online giving options are also available at [FaithLutheranTopeka.com](http://FaithLutheranTopeka.com), tap 'donate now' or scan code. This an opportunity to invest tangibly in what God is doing here.



## PREFACE & PROPER PREFACE

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*The Lord be with you. And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.  
It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . Evermore praising You and singing:*

## SANCTUS

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

### PAX DOMINI & AGNUS DEI

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*The peace of the Lord be with you always. Amen.*

**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.**

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Prior to communing, we should all examine our hearts as directed in 1 Cor. 11:28, "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup." Do you acknowledge your kinship with your brothers and sisters in Christ at this communion rail and do you set aside any refusal to forgive? Do you desire to live a God pleasing life? Are you aware of your sin and your need of God's forgiveness? If so, and you believe that Jesus is really present in the bread and wine through his body and blood, you are welcome to commune in this fellowship of believers in Christ. If sensitive to wine, clear grape juice is available in the center of the tray. Welcome to this foretaste of the feast to come.*

### 8:00 - ADULT CHOIR: *Sing We Now of Christmas*

*arr. Joyce Eilers*

#### *Arise and Shine in Splendor*

>LSB 396

Arise and shine in splendor; Let night to day surrender.  
Your light is drawing near.  
Above, the day is beaming, In matchless beauty gleaming;  
The glory of the Lord is here.

See earth in darkness lying, The heathen nations dying  
In hopeless gloom and night.  
To you the Lord of heaven—Your life, your hope—has given  
Great glory, honor, and delight.

The world's remotest races, Upon whose weary faces  
The sun looks from the sky,  
Shall run with zeal untiring, With joy Your light desiring  
That breaks upon them from on high.

Lift up your eyes in wonder—See, nations gather yonder  
From sin to be set free.  
The world has heard Your story; Her sons come to Your glory;  
Her daughters haste Your light to see.

Your heart will leap for gladness When from the realms of sadness  
They come from near and far.  
Your eyes will wake from slumber As people without number  
Rejoice to see the Morning Star.

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## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

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**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us, so that we continue to be Your holy people who share Your love with all people as we await Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## BENEDICTION

*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.*

## *The People That in Darkness Sat*

>LSB 412 (st 1, 3, 4)

The people that in darkness sat A glorious light have seen;  
The light has shined on them who long In shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.

To us a Child of hope is born, To us a Son is giv'n,  
And on His shoulder ever rests All pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Everlasting Lord,  
The Wonderful, the Counselor, The God by all adored, The God by all adored.

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**DISMISSAL** Grow in Faith. Share Christ's love. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *As with Gladness Men of Old*

*arr. Anna Laura Page*