

# The People Walking in Darkness Have Seen a Great Light

Isaiah 9:2 (NIV)



**9:00 AM      ROSEVILLE**  
**sunday      LUTHERAN**  
**January 5, 2025 CHURCH**

# EPIPHANY SUNDAY

9:00 AM • SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Words in **BOLD** are for congregational participation, either said or sung.*

*Words to hymns are printed in this bulletin, but you are encouraged to open up and use the red ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship) hymnal found below or in front of your seat. Hymn numbers are provided.*

PRELUDE

Elizabeth Cutter, Suzie Merideth, Kendra Brodin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

*Bright and Glorious Is the Sky (Vs. 1, 2, 5, 6)*

ELW 301

**Bright and glorious is the sky, radiant are the heavens high  
Where the golden stars were shining and their rays to earth inclining  
Beckon us to heav'n above, beckon us to heav'n above.**

**On that holy Christmas night through the darkness beamed a light;  
All the stars above were paling, all their luster slowly failing  
As the wondrous star drew nigh, as the wondrous star drew nigh.**

**Guided by the star, they found him whose praise the ages sound,  
We too have a star to guide us which forever will provide us  
With the light to find our Lord, with the light to find our Lord.**

**As a star, as bright as day, that will never lead astray  
With its message so appealing, is the word of God revealing  
Christ, the way, the truth, the life, Christ, the way, the truth, the life.**

STORYTIME

*Storytime is for the entire congregation as we begin our exploration of our text for the day.*

*Children are invited forward for Storytime as the congregation sings:*

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*As Storytime ends, children who are registered for RLC Kids are invited to leave the Worship Center for activities and education.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us worship the Lord  
and consider what wondrous things God has done:  
**The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!**

O come, let us worship the Lord  
and consider what wondrous things God has done:  
**The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!**

O come, let us worship the Lord  
and consider what wondrous things God has done:  
**The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,  
making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!**

O come, let us worship the Lord,  
**for God has done wondrous things!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

*Arise, Your Light Has Come*

ELW 314

**Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;  
Show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;  
Proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,  
Bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

**Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending;  
Touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty, we revere you; word made flesh, we long to hear you.**

## READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

*Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.*

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
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.  
Nations shall come to your light  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

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.  
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.  
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.

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

*God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.*

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In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, 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." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘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.’ ”

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 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." 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. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Tori Kraus

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*

ELW 303

**Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.  
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant redeemer is laid.**

**Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining;  
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and monarch and savior of all.**

**What shall we give him, in costly devotion?  
Shall we bring incense and off'rings divine,  
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?**

*continues ->*

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
Vainly with gifts would his favor secure;  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.  
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant redeemer is laid.

OFFERING

*We gather as a people of God, in the presence of God, to offer up our thanks and praise.*

*Offering is one way in which we support and sustain our shared ministry.*

*You may text your gift: Text <amount> to 651-383-1504,  
or scan the QR code in this bulletin.*



*Children are invited to bring their offering up to the front of the Worship Center.*

OFFERING MUSIC

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PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

**We confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Forgive us and free us from our sin. Send your Holy Spirit to empower us to live for you alone, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

Rejoice in this good news! In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High,  
adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## COMMUNION PRAYER

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW p.153

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE 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**

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Non-communing children are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. Gluten/peanut free bread is available - please indicate this preference to the server. White grape juice is available and can be found in the cups toward the center of the tray. If you are unable to come forward, we will bring the sacrament to you in your seat. Please indicate this preference as the communion minister walks down your aisle.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*Lamb of God*

ELW p. 154

**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.**

## BLESSING

**May God strengthen you and bless you with peace;  
May Christ Jesus bring forth justice for you and among you;  
And may the Holy Spirit alight on you  
and affirm you as God's beloved ones.  
Go in peace and serve the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!**

O Morning Star, how fair and bright!  
You shine with God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy!  
Of Jacob's line, King David's son,  
Our Lord and Savior, 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!

Come, precious diamond, light divine,  
And deep within our hearts now shine; there light a flame undying!  
In your one body let us be  
As living branches of a tree, your life our lives supplying.  
Now, though daily earth's deep sadness may perplex us and distress us,  
Yet with heav'nly joy you bless us.

Lord, when you look on us in love,  
At once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure.  
Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood  
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food. You are our dearest treasure!  
Let your mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For you teach us  
God's own love through has reached us.

POSTLUDE

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