

# St. John Lutheran Church, ELCA

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9 AM

Epiphany of Our Lord

Welcome to worship at St. John! Hymns are found in the second half of the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnal and are listed with a number sign, for example #504. Please join in the assembly portions of the spoken word, indicated by **bold** print in this worship order. An asterisk (\*) indicates when to stand as you are able.



## Gathering

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### Gathering Music

“Immanuel” (Michael Card, arr. Melody Bober)

### Welcome and Announcements

### \*Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who shines in glory, clothes us in compassion, and bears gifts of mercy for all. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins with confidence in God’s promise of forgiveness.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, wonderful counselor,  
**we confess that we have turned from your gifts and chosen our own way. We have not made room for you in our hearts or in our world. We have lived in fear; we have not welcomed the stranger; we desire gifts that will not endure. Forgive us our sins, known and unknown, and open us to receive the peace of Jesus dwelling in and among us. Amen.**

God's lovingkindness has appeared to us in Christ our Savior. We are saved, not by anything we have done, but by God's mercy poured out on us richly. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Through the Spirit living in you, God give you faith to trust Jesus, who is Love born for you, now and always. **Amen.**

## **\*Gathering Song**

#303: Brightest and Best of the Stars

## **\*Greeting**

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

## **\*Kyrie**

S138

## **\*Canticle of Praise**

S140

## **\*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

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## First Lesson

*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.

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

## Psalm 72

Psalm 72 (Refrain 1)

Mark Mummert

May all kings bow down be -  
fore him, and all the na - tions do him ser - vice.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the refrain, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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## Second Reading

*Ephesians 3:1-12*

<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 to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

## \*Gospel Acclamation

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

## \*Gospel

*Matthew 2:1-12*

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

**Glorify 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.

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

## **Children’s Sermon**

### **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day**

#294: In the Bleak Midwinter

## **\*Nicene Creed**

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## **\*Prayers of Intercession**

The Assembly responds, "Hear our prayer."

## **\*Sharing of the Peace**

# Meal

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## **Offering**

"Breath of Heaven" (Amy Grant and Chris Eaton, arr. Melody Bober)

## **\*Offertory Response**

#884: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

## **\*Offertory Prayer**

**Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## **\*The Great Thanksgiving and Preface**

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 our thanks and praise.**

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;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
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**

S144b

## **\*Words of Institution**

## **\*Lord's Prayer**

## **Communion**

All baptized Christians who have been instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament and who believe in the Real Presence of Christ are invited to the table. The ushers will direct you forward for distribution. Children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. If you are unable to kneel, please remain standing. White grape juice is provided at the center of the tray. Gluten-free bread is available in the left line upon request.

## **Lamb of God**

S146

## **Music during Communion**

#302: As with Gladness Men of Old

#301: Bright and Glorious Is the Sky

#515: Break Now the Bread of Life

## Prayer after Communion

God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever. Amen.

# Sending

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## \*Blessing

## \*Sending Song

#665: Rise, Shine, You People!

## \*Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*Sending Music

“Go Tell It on the Mountain” (Traditional, arr. Melody Bober)

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