

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Epiphany Sunday

Divine Service Setting Three

January 7, 2024—8am

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today! Please prepare yourselves using these questions as a guide:

- Have I been baptized in the Name of the Triune God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit?
- Do I believe that I am a sinful being without hope for eternal life except in mercy of Jesus Christ?
- Do I believe in Jesus as My Savior?
- Do I believe that Jesus Christ is personally present in communion with His body and blood to forgive my sins, as the Bible teaches?
- Do I desire and strive by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a God-pleasing life?

As you come to the Lord's Supper you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Lord and Savior, and that the Lutheran Church's confession of Jesus Christ and His Supper is your confession as well.

White grape juice is now available in the center of the communion tray for those who cannot partake of alcohol

Prelude

AS WE GATHER

This morning we are using the readings for January 6th, which is the day of Epiphany. The season of Epiphany brings us the Biblical message that Jesus becomes known to the world. The Gospel reading for this Sunday is Matthew 2, where the magi, or commonly known as Wise men, or Kings, come and find Jesus. We begin this celebrating that Jesus has come into this world for all people to meet with us.

Welcome: Pastor Dave / Pastor Miguel

Please note that in the hymnal whenever we see a small triangle next to a hymn verse, that triangle means the Trinity is proclaimed in that verse and we are to stand for that verse.

Hymn: "We Three Kings"

We three kings of Orient are: Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain Following yonder star.
Star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain: Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never Over us all to reign.
Star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.

Frankincense to offer have I: Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, all men rising, Worship Him, God on high.
Star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.

Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume Breathes a life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, Sealed in the stone cold tomb.
Star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.

Glorious now behold Him arise: King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia! Earth to heav'n replies.
Star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.

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Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: As we start this New Year

People: Help us to pray, for each other, and for all people.

Pastor: We hear today how Mary, Joseph and the new born Jesus, had to flee there in order to evade the evil of Herod.

People: We pray for peace in the world, and the well being of all people.

Pastor: Help us to live by faith in You Lord, for You never fail. You are the Lord of Years and potentate of time.

People: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8)

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: As we look to our Lord this week and at the beginning of a New year we are reminded that we do sin.

People: If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

Pastor: The Lord, invites us to come to Him for life and salvation. (Silence for Reflection)
O Gracious Lord,

People: We confess to You that we are sinful. We have been impatient and looked to serve ourselves. We have made things and people into idols and trusted in them. We make ourselves too busy and do not leave time for you in worship and prayer. Forgive us Lord as You have promised in Your Son Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Your sins are forgiven! Through Him, you have been forgiven and re-created to be like God in righteousness and holiness. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ you have the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

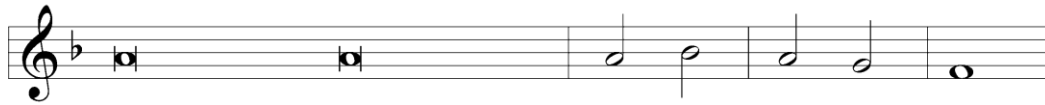
Gloria in Excelsis



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



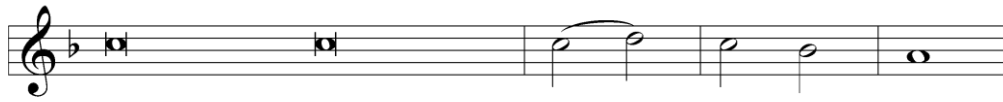
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



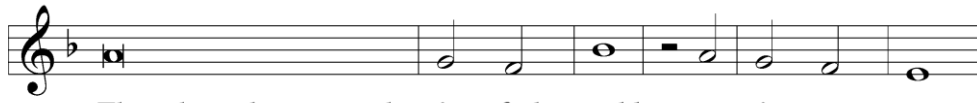
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



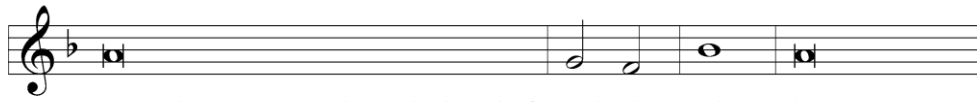
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



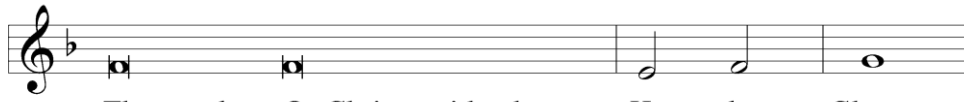
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



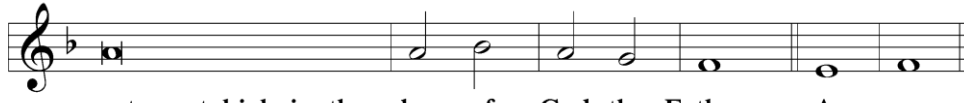
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Salutation

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

The Collect for The Day

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: 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.

People: Amen. *(Please be seated)*

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 60:1-6

(Praise of God comes from far away nations)

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

² 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.

³ And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading – Ephesians 3:1-12 *(Paul the Apostle to the Gentiles)*

¹ For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— ² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly.

⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ 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.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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.

⁸ 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, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message: Pastor Dave

Alleluia and Verse *(Please rise)*



The Gospel

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the 2nd chapter of St. Matthew beginning at the 1st verse.

(Jesus is found by the Wise Men)

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

⁴When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.

⁵"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared.

⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Hymn "When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known"

When Christ's appearing was made known
King Herod trembled for his throne;
But he who offers heav'nly birth
Seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.

The eastern sages saw from far
And followed on his guiding star;
By light their way to light they trod,
And by their gifts confessed their God.

Within the Jordan's sacred flood
The heav'nly Lamb in meekness stood
That he, of whom no sin was known,
Might cleanse his people from their own.

And oh, what miracle divine,
When water reddened into wine!
He spoke the word, and forth it flowed
In streams that nature ne'er bestowed.

For this his glad epiphany
All glory unto Jesus be,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Ghost forevermore.

Sermon: *"Pastor Dave*

The Apostles Creed

All: 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 life everlasting. Amen.

Offerings are gathered

The Prayers

Healing for Carol Hill, mother of Angie Rodriguez

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Prayer *(Please stand)*

All: 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.

(Please help us keep our attendance numbers accurate by filling out the attendance cards and giving to Ushers at communion.)

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. . . .

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Institution

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

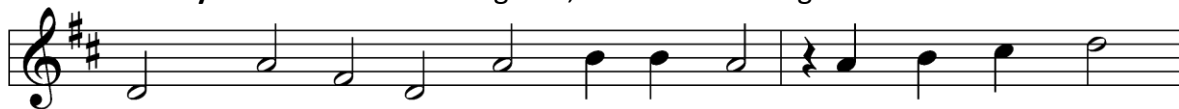
Sharing the Peace – Greet One Another with the Peace of the Lord

Agnus Dei

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: #395 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"



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-s
 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,
 Now, though dai-ly Earth's deep sad-ness May per-plex us
 Let Your mer-cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!
 Al-le-lu-ia! Christ the liv-ing, To us giv-ing



Rich in bless-ing! Rule and might o'er all pos-sess-ing!
 And dis-tress us, Yet with heav'n-ly joy You bless us.
 For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.
 Life for-ev-er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev-er!

5 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!

6 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!

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Nunc Dimittis *(Please stand)*

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Post-Communion Collect

Pastor: Let us pray

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen, amen, amen.

Closing Hymn: #370 "What Child is This"



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

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Our Vision

Pastor: As a reminder of the reason why we exist as a church let us speak our vision statement together.

All: **Through Word and Sacrament ministry, we share the love, joy, and peace of Jesus Christ among ourselves and with those around us.**

Pastor: Our worship has ended, our service now begins.
Let us go in peace.

All: **And serve the Lord.**

Altar flowers are placed to the glory of God.

Services will be live-streamed and a recording of service will be posted by the end of the day. You may watch these on Facebook, YouTube or go to website under Worship or scroll down on home page and find the latest services.

Please keep the church office updated on prayers that have been asked to be kept on indefinitely, military and ones for continued healing or cancer treatments.

Continued Prayers

Praise and thanks that God led Pastor Phil to accept our call as Sr. Pastor, and that He has provided him & family with the home they need! Bless them with good health over the holidays.

We pray to God our Lord for Pastor Miguel and our Hispanic Ministry in Immanuel

Healing or Good Test Results

Grandmother of the Cripple family, friends of Bryan Becknel

Fred Weimer, friend of Larry Habeck

Don Swisher, friend of Larry Habeck

Pam Murphy

Adam, nephew of the Kelp's

Battling with Cancer or Serious Illness

Alan Conidin, friend of Cindy Szczesny

Andrew Hynick, father of Aaron Hynick

Gloria McNail, aunt of Susan Tumlin

Heather Boatwright, friend of Cindy Szczesny

Tammy Granger, friend of Danielle Farnsworth

David, son-in-law of Nancy Christianson

Cassandra, niece of Pat Cook

Walt Nea

DeeAnn Cook, sister-in-law of Steve & Pat Cook

Christine Van Etten

Barbara LaVere

Cathy Nichols with terminal cancer, mother of Cathy Wilson

Tom Meyferth

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Safety for... and strength for families:

Kincaide Green, stationed at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho

Robert Lowry

Joshua Littrel, stationed at Ft. Campbell, KY with the 101st Airborne/Air Assault Division, 3rd Brigade "Rakkasans

Luke Buchholz, Navy, grandson of Ann Donahue, stationed at Norfolk, VA

Matthew Reikowski as he is deployed on the Carl S. Vinson

Logan Crouse, US Army, great-nephew of Joan Crouse, stationed at Ft. Campbell in NC

Samuel Drake, Captain stationed at Holloman AFB in Alamogordo, NM, son of Kerry Drake

Cpl. Xander Ritter, USMC, stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA

Gavin Mattson, para-rescue man, stationed in the Panhandle of FL, grandson of Edith Mattson

ALSO, FOR ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILIES

Sunday: Richard & Judy Steinbrueck

Monday: Kurtis Stevens

Tuesday: Bill & Kim Stromberg

Wed: Bob & Cindy Szczesny, Corrine

Thurs: Nancy Thorne

Friday: Clyde & Nancy Trathowen

Saturday: Brian & Christal Trlak, Jessica

PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Sunday Cullen Powell

Monday: NyJah Powell

Tuesday: Mason Queen

Wed: Chloe Quintana

Thurs: Sami Rahman

Friday: Nyelly Ramos-Fontanez

Saturday: Alice Reid

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isaiah 40:31

Lord God, Heavenly Father, Your promises are sure. We waited for Your perfect timing, although discouraged and impatient at times. Yet You blessed us in guiding Pastor Phil to accept the call as our Senior Pastor. Our strength is being renewed, our energy restored as we now run and move forward with joy and excitement in planning for his Installation and the reception to celebrate Your goodness and mercy. We pray for Pastor Phil and Christine as they make the necessary preparations to move to Florida. We lift Thomas and Jacob as they will step into a new school and make new friends. Help us to be aware of all of the needs of the family, and to welcome them with love. Grant them a smooth transition.

It is in the strong and precious name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

PRAYER FOR EPIPHANY

*O God, by a star you led the Wise Men of old to
worship the Christ child.*

*So lead us that we too may worship Him in all our lives. Holy
Spirit within us, guide our works and shape our deeds and actions
into fit expressions of worship, praise and love.*

*This we ask in the name of Jesus,
the Light of the world.*

Amen.