

FAITH
LUTHERAN CHURCH
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

JANUARY 7, 2023 • 9AM

Epiphany Sunday • Installation of 2024 Council • Now the Feast & Celebration Liturgy

INTRODUCTION

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.

PRELUDE

Three Trios on "Forest Green" David Lasky

CALL TO WORSHIP & CONFESSION FOR THE EPIPHANY SEASON

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Congregation: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Thus says our God: "The old things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

OUR VISION

To be an inspired body of Christ.



OUR MISSION

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN hymnal, #303, *stand*

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning



1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
3 Shall we not yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,



dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
fra - grance of E - dom and of - f'rings di - vine,
vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;



Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,



guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.
mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.
myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?
dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.

GREETING

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

Congregation: And also with you.

KYRIE

Kathy Thompson, Assisting Minister

Assistant:

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:

Lord, have mer - cy.

3rd time to Coda ⊕

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -

Assistant:

For the Reign of God, and for peace through - out the
For your peo - ple here, who have come to give you

cy.

world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the

⊕ Coda

Help, save, and de - fend us, O

cy.

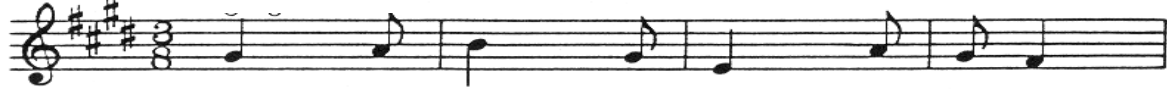
* *Ending for Kyrie*

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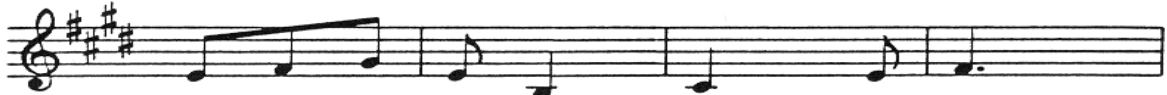
A - - - - - men.

NOW THE FEAST

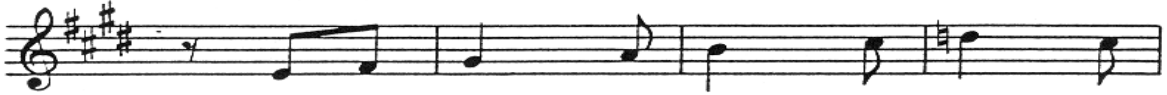
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Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,



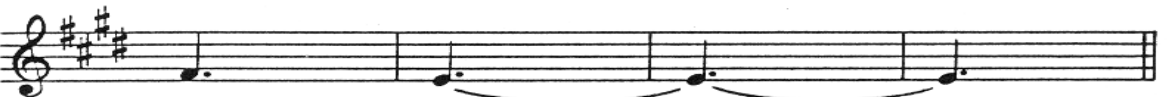
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy



to the God of life and love and



free - dom: praise and glo - ry for - ev -



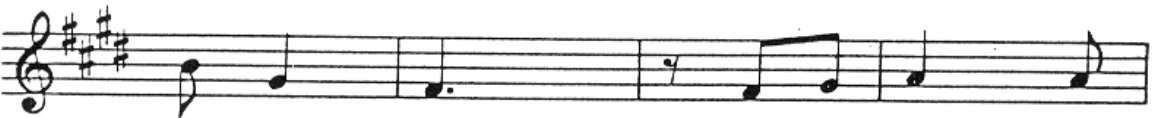
er - more!



1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once



slain, whose blood has freed and u -

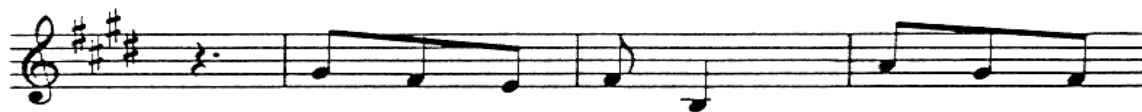


nit - ed us to be one great



peo - ple of God.

To Refrain above



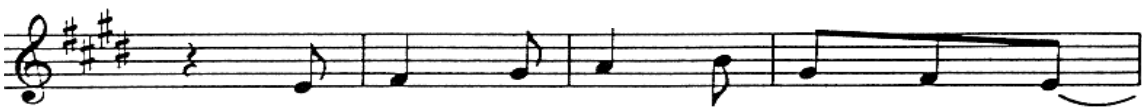
2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ _____



_____ for - ev - er. _____



3. For God has come to dwell with us, _____



_____ to make us peo - ple of God; to make



all things new. _____

SALUTATION



The _____ Lord be with you. And _____ al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray,

Congregation: 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.

CHILDREN'S TALK

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NEWS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6 *Pew Bible pg. #676*

John Woods, Lector

Isaiah promises that God's salvation, light and glory will shine out to all nations, and people shall come bearing gifts to the place of that light, the restored Jerusalem.

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

²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift 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.

⁵Then 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.

⁶A 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 *Pew Bible pg. #522*

Lector: ¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

Congregation: ²May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice.

L: ³May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

C: ⁴May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

L: ⁵May he live while the sun endures and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

C: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

L: ⁷In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

C: ¹⁰May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

L: ¹¹May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

C: ¹²For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

L: ¹³He has pity on the weak and the needy and saves the lives of the needy.

C: ¹⁴From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12 *Pew Bible pg. #1067*

What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.

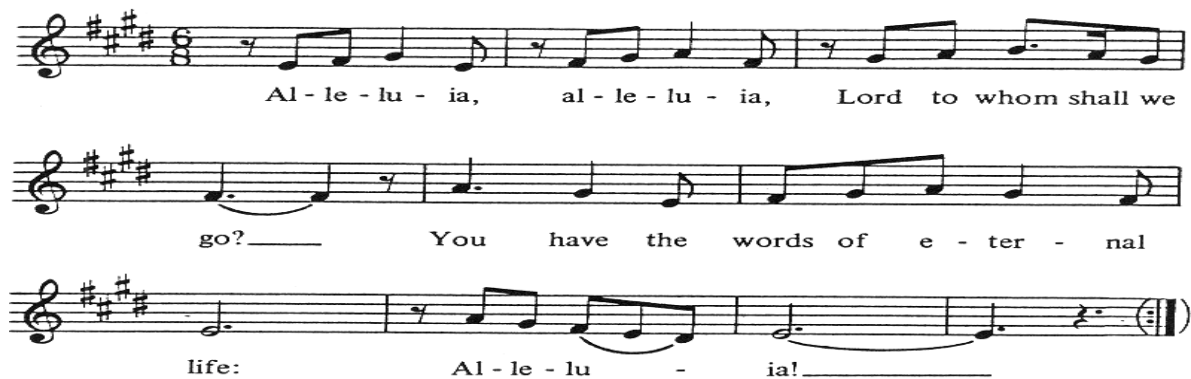
⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of 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. ⁸Although 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, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so 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. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life: Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12 *Pew Bible pg. #879*

The spiritual quest of all human beings is mirrored in the journey of the three magi. They find and adore the Christ Child, the fulfillment of their hope, the epiphany and glory of God.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "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."

³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶And 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."

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then 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." ⁹When 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. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On 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. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life: Al - le - lu - ia!

SERMON

Pastor Bob Stelter

The Example of the Magi

1. *Passionate*
2. *Humble*
3. *Faithful*

A manuscript of this sermon is available on our website: faithloves.org.

HYMN OF THE DAY stand

We Three Kings of Orient Are

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
bring to crown him a - gain; king for - ev - er,
owns a de - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
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!

NICENE CREED FOR EPIPHANY

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us proclaim our faith.

**All: 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; by the power
of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped
and glorified. He 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.**

THE PRAYERS *stand or kneel*

Assistant: Trusting in God's good news of great joy for all people, we offer our prayers
for ourselves, our neighbors, and the world God loves.

A brief silence.

Assistant: Humble the hearts of your faithful people, that we seek to be servants of your
gospel and witnesses to your mysteries. Give us boldness in faith, that we
make the good news of Christ's birth known to all people. Hear us, O God.

Congregation: Your mercy is great.

A: Nations shall come to your light and kings to your dawning. Remove corruption
and fear from the hearts of leaders and authorities. Lead governments to expand
policies and resources that care for refugees and all migrants. Strengthen the work
of resettlement agencies. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Defend the cause of all who are in need, all facing poverty, and all who are
oppressed. Come quickly to those who feel that their lives and livelihoods
are fragile. Give them strength and lead them forth with hope. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: As the magi offered gifts to the Christ child, empower us to give generously. Prosper
the work of ministry partnerships in our community. Together, help us share what we
have to ensure that our neighbors have enough food, resources, and opportunities.
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Silence for individual prayer petitions.

Pastor: Abide with us, O God of mercy, and receive our prayers according to your
abundant grace.

Congregation: Amen.

INSTALLATION OF 2024 COUNCIL

Laura Beardsley, Alan Berdal, Ritchie Case, Stephen Dean,
Doug Goins, David Mabry, Ted Primka, Connie Rist, Rick Smenner

THE PEACE

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

Congregation: **And also with you.**

OFFERING FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY *sit*

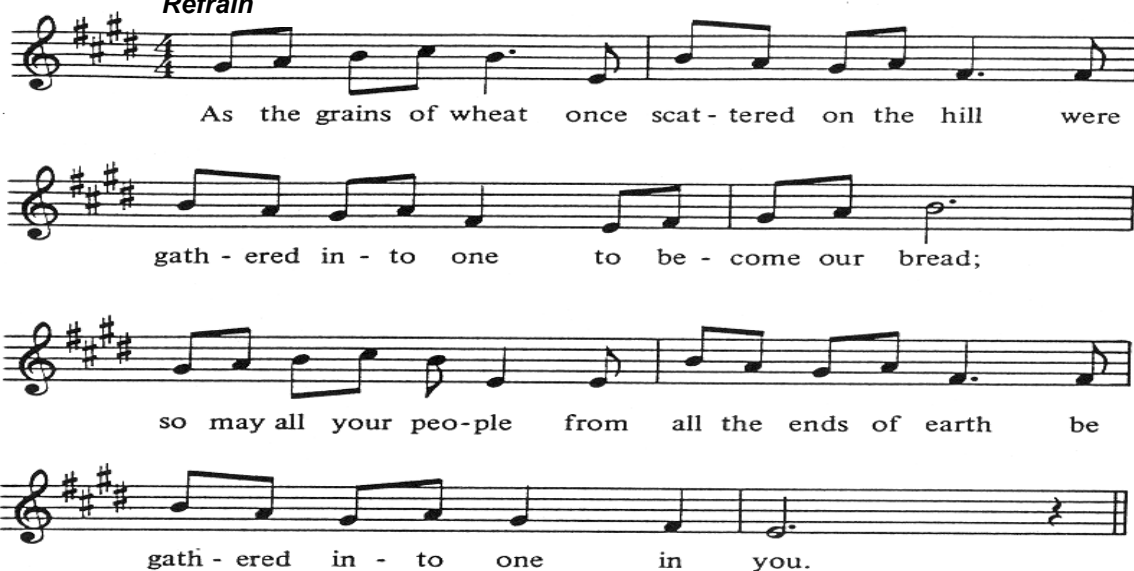
OFFERING ANTHEM

Sing for Joy Hal Hopson

OFFERING HYMN *stand*

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in-to one to be-come our bread;
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be
gath-ered in-to one in you.

To Verses below

1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,—
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

To Refrain

may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre-a-tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray. Merciful God,

Congregation: **everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God, creator of heaven and earth; everything, everywhere is filled with your glory. You sent Jesus, who in word and deed announced your rule of justice and peace. He was obedient unto death, even death on a cross. We remember how on the night of his betrayal 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."

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 his command that we love one another, his life and death, and his glorious resurrection, we look for his coming again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: With one will and one voice, we pray:

**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.**

INVITATION

Pastor: Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life. If you believe in me, though you die, yet shall you live." This meal is a foretaste of the feast to come!

Lamb of God seated

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

COMMUNION BLESSING *stand*

Pastor: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thanks Be to You

1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy,
2. From of old you loved and sought us,
Thanks be to you for - ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for - ev - er! Truth and jus - tice
weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -
mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.
3. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy, Thanks be to you for -
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
Thanks be to you for - ev - er, Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray.

All: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence for reflection.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May God bless us and keep us. May God's face shine on us and be gracious. May God look on us with favor and † give us peace.

Pastor: _____ give us peace

Congregation: A - men.

SENDING HYMN hymnal, #302

As with Gladness, Men of Old

- 1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
- 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
- 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
- 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav' n and earth a - dore;
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last

so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav' n - ly king.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.

DISMISSAL

Assistant: Our mission calls us from this place

Congregation: to love God, love others, serve!

A: Go in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune David German

*Poinsettias on the altar today are given by
members & friends of Faith Lutheran Church in honor or memory of loved ones.*

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WELCOME! As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identity are united here in our mission to love God, love others and serve. Please sign a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Want to know more about Lutheranism, our ministries and considering membership? Contact Greg Bohlken at greg@faithloves.org.

SUNDAY WORSHIP 9 & 11:11AM

Live in the sanctuary or online at:

[YouTube.com/@FaithLutheranKnoxville/stream](https://www.youtube.com/@FaithLutheranKnoxville/stream)

WEDNESDAY MUSIC REHEARSALS

Handbells, 5:30pm • Chancel Choir, 6:30pm

PRAISE TEAM REHEARSALS

THURSDAYS, 6PM & SUNDAYS, 10:15AM

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY resumes 1:30pm on January 9.

ADULT, CHILDREN & TEEN SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION CLASS RESUMES TODAY, 10:15AM

YOUR BEAUTIFUL POINSETTIAS which made our church so glorious during Christmas may be taken home after the 11:11am service.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in the narthex for you to pick up.

2024 FLOWER CHART is posted by the library. Sign up now to honor or to remember loved ones with flowers on our altar.

COLUMBARIUM NICHES are available to our members for \$1,800 and to non-members at \$2,500. Application forms are found in our *Columbarium Booklet* located in the narthex.

SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Open Mondays, January 8, 3-5pm & 22, 3-6pm.

CURRENT NEEDS

Boxed potatoes ▪ Syrup (plastic bottles)

Jelly (plastic bottles) ▪ **Soup** (large cans)

Contact: René Stone, 865-599-7424.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

"RESTORING THE CHURCH" SUNDAY, TODAY, 12:15PM

Join us for a quick removal & storage of the Christmas decorations we've all enjoyed through the holidays.

MOPS January 9 & 23 at 6pm in the nursery.

SPIRITUALITY BOOK GROUP TUESDAY, JANUARY 9,

6:30PM in the library. Join us as Melissa Russ presents

By the River Piedra I Sat Down and Wept by Paulo Coelho.

SALVATION ARMY SHELTER VISIT TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

We'll visit both the men's & women's shelters to distribute your gifts of treats and needed L-XL men's boxer briefs & women's sizes 8-11 briefs. Contact Michael Lee, 865-405-6585 or Debbie Ragucci, 865-567-1945.

FAITH SERVES KARM on **JANUARY 27, noon meal.**

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

3RD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH we join with Knox-area ELCA youth for fun events.

Spring semester dates

JANUARY 21 MARCH 17 MAY 19

FEBRUARY 18 APRIL 21

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Peace Lutheran Church on Cedar Bluff.

NOTE the time change from our fall events.

3rd-5th grade, 12:30-2pm

6th-12th grade 2:30-4pm

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY	
9am Traditional Worship Service	
Altar Guild	Ann Stewart
Assisting Minister	Kathy Thompson
Lector	John Woods
Communion Ministers	Lisa Stelter, Laura Beardsley, Rob Blackburn, Loni Peters
Greeter	Mary Beth Hallahan
Ushers	Ritchie Case, Jim Hallahan
Offering Stewards	Debbie Ragucci, Brad Nelson

Giving: 12.31.2023

Offerings last Sunday: 24,699

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FRIENDS: Marsha Bode, Sharon Brokenshire, Ginger Cameron, Jan Colangelo, Errol Dennis, Sr. & family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Gutelius family, Linda Holtz, Joy Hymer, Mike Jones, Liebert family, Buddy Little, Loyacano family, Auora Tyler Moore, Scaglione family, Jim Shea, Lynn Siegfried, Austin Stephens, Frank Tyler, Lauren Wolfe, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Martha Woodward, Darcy, Jody and those we name to you.

BLESSINGS ON OUR 2024 COUNCIL: Laura Beardsley, Alan Berdal, Ritchie Case, Stephen Dean, Doug Goins, David Mabry, Ted Primka, Connie Rist, Rick Smenner.

JOY: First Wednesday gatherings each month!

LOVE: Marriage of Ben Dickinson to Ericka Beane.

JOY AT THE BIRTH OF:

Alvin, son of Antonia & Kevin Roberts; big brother, Felix.
Adam Christopher, son of Abby & Travis Dean;
grandparents: Nancy & Stephen Dean.
Carter, son of Kristen & Chris Joy; big sister, Cora.

COMFORT IN THE MIDST OF DEATH FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: Roger Madson, Mary Ruth Frazier, Jack Cleave, Lee North.

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PRAYERS, CONCERN & ASSISTANCE: The people of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia. Mentally & physically challenged. Veterans.

LEARNING & PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT: William Bales at Concordia Seminary.

PARTNERSHIPS: Bishop Pro-Tem Michael Burk the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Women's & Men's Homeless Shelters; Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band, Mercy Ships, Lutheran Church & School in Guatemala, AL-ANON, Narcotics Anonymous.

PEACE: Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole, Tyler Hitter, Olivia Parrott, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Alex Serrano, Sam Thompson, Mitchell Yount, Greg Zager.



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WEEK OF JANUARY 7-14, 2024

Sunday, January 7 First Sunday of Epiphany

9:00am Traditional Worship Service *Sanctuary*
10:00am Fellowship
10:15am Adult Sunday School
Childrens Sunday School
Teen Sunday School
Confirmation Class
11:11am Contemporary Worship Service
5:00pm AL-ANON meeting *Zoom*

Monday, January 8

Noon Via de Cristo Reunion Group *library*
3-5pm Food Pantry Open

Tuesday, January 9

1:30pm Bible Study Small Group *The Cup*
6:00pm MOPS for Moms & Children
6:00pm AL-ANON meeting *zoom*
7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

Wednesday, January 10

4:15pm Staff Meeting
5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 11

6:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal
7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

Friday, January 12

9:30am UT Cole Center Parkinson Band
7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous Group *The Cup*

Saturday, January 13

11:00am AL-ANON meeting *Zoom*

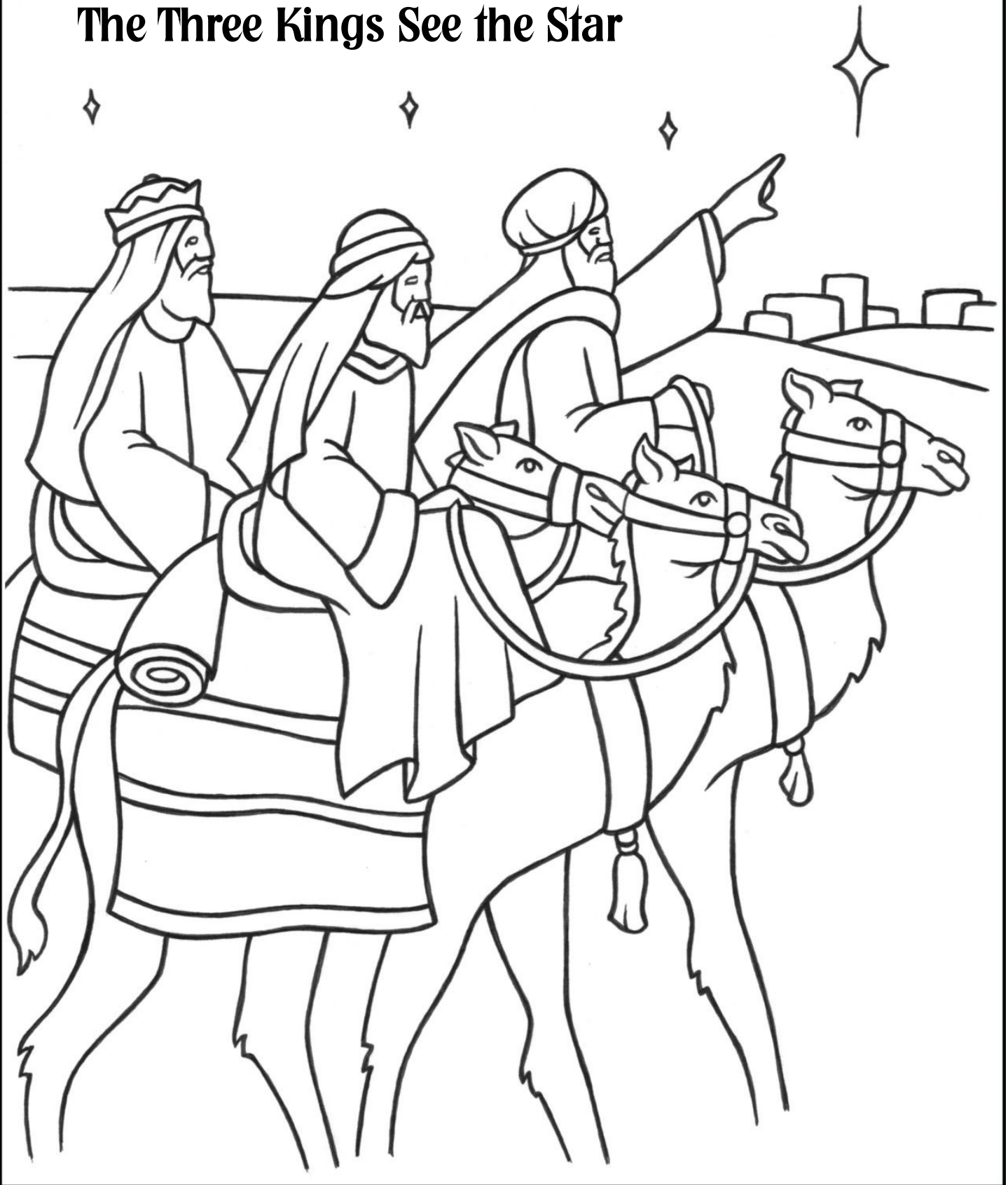
Sunday, January 14 Baptism of Our Lord

9:00am Traditional Worship Service *Sanctuary*
10:00am Fellowship
10:15am Adult Sunday School
Childrens Sunday School
Teen Sunday School
11:11am Contemporary Worship Service
5:00pm AL-ANON meeting *Zoom*

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday: Holy Name of Jesus; New Year's Day. • **Tuesday:** Psalm 148; Proverbs 1:1-7; James 3:13-18.
Wednesday: Psalm 110; Proverbs 1:20-33; James 4:1-10. • **Thursday:** Psalm 110; Proverbs 3:1-12; James 4:11-17.
Friday: :Psalm 110; Proverbs 22:1-9; Luke 6:27-31.
Saturday: Epiphany of our Lord: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12.
Baptism of our Lord: Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11.

The Three Kings See the Star



¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On 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.

Matthew 2:10-11

