

# FAITH

**LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Love God. Love Others. Serve.

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## **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Traditional Service with Organ and Choir

## **REGULAR SERVICES TIMES**

9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE  
JANUARY 4, 2026 • 9AM  
*Epiphany Sunday*  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 10*

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*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** *Star Carols* arr. Jay Rouse

**CONFESSION & CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting.

**Congregation: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for confession.*

P: God of all time,

**C: we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, † forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy.

**C: Amen.**

*OUR VISION*

To be an inspired body of Christ.



*OUR MISSION*

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

### *What Child Is This?*



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?  
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?  
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



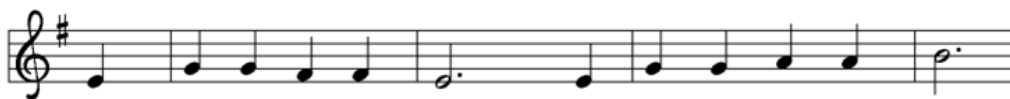
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

### **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** *hymnal, page 203*



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Assisting Minister: Led by a star, Jesus was revealed to the world.

**Congregation: Today we celebrate His Epiphany.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE *hymnal, page 204*



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with You.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

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.**

## PARISH NEWS

**FIRST READING Isaiah 60:1-6** *pew Bible, page 676*

Jane Dakolios, Lector

*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.

**PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14** *pew Bible, page 522*

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

**Congregation: that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

L: that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

**C: Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

L: May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

**C: Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**

L: In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**C: May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute, and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**

L: May all kings bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

**C: For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress, the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**

L: He has compassion on the lowly and poor, and preserves the lives of the needy.

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

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12** *page 1062*

*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.*

This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you gentiles, for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. 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: that is, the gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

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

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR THE EPIPHANY SEASON** *hymnal page 205*



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.  
Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12** *pew Bible, page 879*

*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.*

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

**Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord!**

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.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**SERMON: Gifts**

Pastor Bob Stelter

*A manuscript of this sermon is available on our website: [www.faithloves.org/sermonmanuscript](http://www.faithloves.org/sermonmanuscript)*

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  
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



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,  
 God and Sac - ri - fice; heav'n sings al - le -



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.  
 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



*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**

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,  
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
 and became truly human.  
 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.**

*continued* →

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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*

Greg Bohlken, Assisting Minister

Assistant: Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Assistant: Repairer of the breach, you separate us from our sin and unite us with one another. Heal the animosity in our hearts and bind us together in love. Hear us, O God.

**Congregation: Your mercy is great.**

A: Author of life, you sent your spirit over the waters, your breath into your children, and guiding stars across the sky. Awaken us to the plight of the planet and send us to care for your creation. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Light that leads the way, you make yourself known to the nations. Illuminate just paths and guide leaders in the church and the world in your holy will. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Voice of the silenced, you cast the mighty from their thrones and fill the hungry with good things. Grant those in need the courage to demand equality and those with abundance the wisdom to share. Respond to any who call out in need this day. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Proclaimer of promises, you raise up prophets and messengers in the places we least expect. Equip us to listen well to those who bring both good news and painful truths. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: Redeemer of the saints, you gift us with many people throughout our lives who point the way to you. We give you thanks for the recently departed and all who have loved us. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Individual prayer petitions are invited.*

Pastor: With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S TALK**

**INSTALLATION OF 2026 COUNCIL MEMBERS**

*David Mabry, Steve Dean, Mary Bales, Carrie Parrott,  
Ritchie Case, Christina Landau, Connie Rist, Dawn Titsworth, Emily Wright, Pastor Bob Stelter*

**THE PEACE**

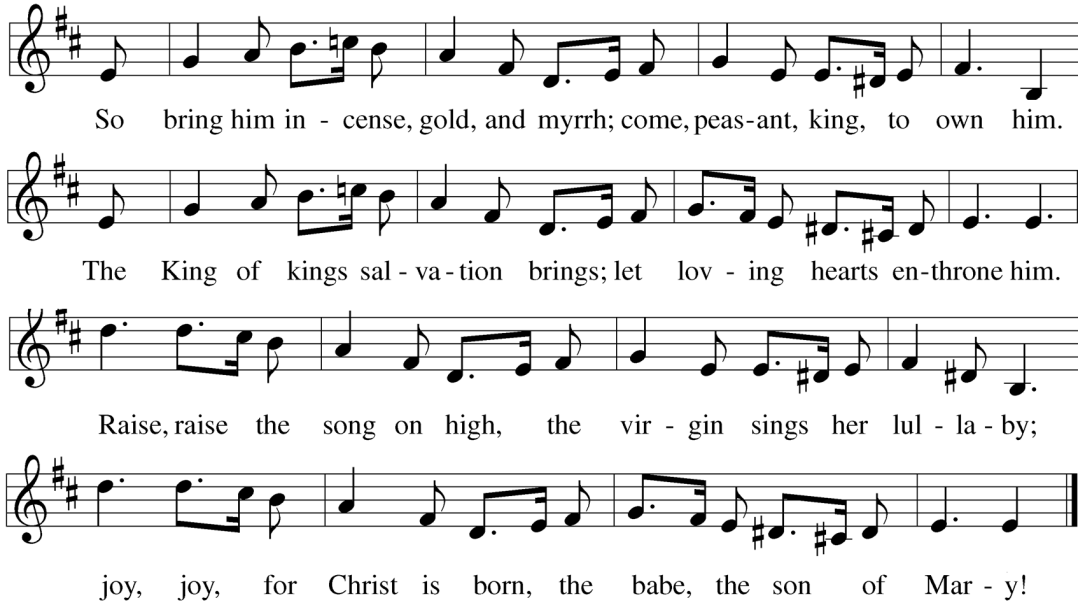
Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

**OFFERING FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY**

**OFFERING ANTHEM** *I Wonder As I Wander* John Jacob Niles

**OFFERTORY** *What Child is This* hymnal 296



So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;  
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Assistant: Merciful God,

**Congregation:** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** *Now the Feast & Celebration*



*Pastor:* The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with  
*Pastor:* you. Lift up your hearts. We  
*Pastor:* lift them to the Lord. Let us give  
*Congregation:* thanks to the Lord our God. It is  
right to give God thanks and praise.

## PREFACE FOR EPIPHANY

Pastor: 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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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:

## THE SANCTUS *hymnal, page 207*

### *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR EPIPHANY

Pastor: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, 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.

Again, 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.

Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Congregation: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pastor: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.

**Congregation: Amen**

## 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 TO COMMUNION FROM PASTOR STELTER**

**LAMB OF GOD** *hymnal, page 208 (seated)*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** *hymn 300*

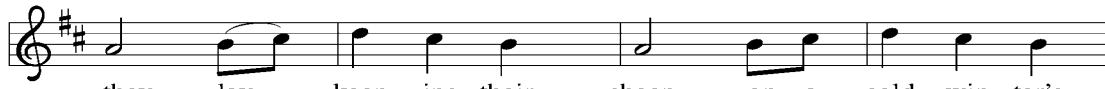
*The First Noel*



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to  
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing  
 3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . . .  
 4 This star drew near to the . . . north-west, o'er . . .  
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . . .



cer-tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where  
 in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the  
 wise . . . men came . . . from coun - try far; to seek for a  
 Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and there it  
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's  
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -  
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the  
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the  
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and

*Refrain*



night that was so deep.  
 tin-ued both day and night.  
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -  
 place where Je - sus lay.  
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

**COMMUNION BLESSING** *stand*

Pastor: Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His Grace.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Assisting Minister: Having received this holy communion, let us pray.

**Congregation: Almighty God, pour out your Spirit upon us. Inspire us to have faith toward you and love toward the world. Strengthen us for service. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** *hymn 302 (stand)*

*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.

**SENDING**

Assistant: The Light of the World has come.

**Congregation: We will love God, love others, serve.**

Assistant: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Joseph Barnby

## WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

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<b>USHERS</b>	Randy Stewart, Alan Berdal
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Greg Bohlken
<b>LECTOR</b>	Jane Dakolios
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*The flowers on the altar are given by **Judy & Paul Jurkoic**  
in recognition of **Paul's birthday**.*

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**Concern & Assistance:** Those dealing with addiction while incarcerated. Mentally & physically challenged. Veterans. Refugees and those living in fear of deportation. Persecuted Christians. The people of Jamaica, Nigeria, Iran, Israel, Syria, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia.

**Partnerships:** Bishop Yehiel Curry & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Kevin Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Seminarian Sam Sosebee; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; English Language Learning Classes, Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Women's & Men's Homeless Shelters; Street Hope; 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, Kyleigh Cole, Anthony Hu, HM, Andrew McDonald, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Sam Thompson, Chris Yonke, Mitchell Yount.

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*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 identities are united here in our mission to love God, Love Others, Serve.*

# JANUARY 4



## ***Epiphany Sunday***

*Epiphany marks the discovery of Jesus in the manger by the Wise Men. Today's sermon explores what it means to have an epiphany. What discoveries are awaiting you in the New Year?*

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**If you are new**, please sign a worship card and place it in the offering plate.

## **DIG IN, GROW DEEP, LEARN WITH OTHERS.**

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*Sunday School Classes are regularly held at 10:15 a.m.*

**Adult Bible Class:** The Holy Land Revealed - In the classroom side of the Cup

**Teen Sunday School (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade):** In the Youth Room (Resum

**Confirmation Class (8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> grade):** In the Library

**Children's Sunday School for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger:**

- Ye Littles of Faith for Kindergarten and younger in East hallway classroom next to Nursery
- The Mighty Kids Kingdom for 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades in West hallway classroom, 2 doors past youth room

**Tuesday Bible Study (Open to All):** In the classroom side of the Cup

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***Staying connected*** through at least one of these ways allows you to know what's happening in between Sundays so you can plan ahead and be involved. If you follow us on social media, please be **sure to share our posts!**

# EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 4

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 10 a.m. English Language Class
- 10:15 a.m. Bible Study/Sunday School
- 10:15 a.m. The Cup Revisioning
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

### MONDAY, JANUARY 5

- 12 p.m. Via de Cristo Reunion
- 3 p.m. Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry
- 6:15 p.m. English Language Class

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

- 1:30 p.m. Bible Study Class
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

- 9:30 a.m. Cole Center Caregiver Community
- 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

- 9 a.m. Church Leadership Retreat
- 11 a.m. Al-Anon

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 10 a.m. English Language Class
- 10:15 a.m. Bible Study/Sunday School
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Help Take Down Christmas Decorations**
  - Sunday, January 4, 12:15 p.m.
- **Evening Prayer**
  - Tuesday, January 6, 6 p.m.
- **Anglican Rites Service**
  - Sunday, January 11, 5 p.m.

## DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS THIS WEEK

**Monday:** Joshua 1:1-9, Hebrews 11:32-12:2, Psalm 72

**Tuesday: Isaiah 60:1-6,** Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

**Wednesday:** 1 Kings 10:1-13, Ephesians 3:14-21, Psalm 72

**Thursday:** 1 Samuel 3:1-9, Acts 9:1-9, Psalm 29

**Friday:** 1 Samuel 3:10-4:1a, Acts 9:10-19a, Psalm 29

**Saturday:** 1 Samuel 7:3-17, Acts 9:19b-31, Psalm 29

**Sunday:** Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 29 (3), Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17

## Faithful Response

Offerings last week: \$ 55,124

Offerings year to date: \$ 880,719



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