



Immanuel  
Lutheran  
of Evanston

**Feast of the Epiphany (*observed*)**

**10:30 A.M. Worship with Eucharist  
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# Welcome!

**Immanuel Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.**

**We welcome people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and marital status, every ability and challenge.**

**We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers.**

We're glad God has called you here today! If you're a guest, please feel free to introduce yourself to our pastor or assisting minister. If you would, sign the guest book in the Gathering Area or fill in a guest card, and we'll be happy to send information on how you can get involved at Immanuel.

## Facilities

- Our parking lot is located on the south side of the church off Sherman Avenue. You may park in the lot at any time, whether for church events or for shopping or other errands in downtown Evanston; weekdays, see the church office at the Lake St. entrance to get a parking pass. On Sundays, additional parking is available across the street at the Holiday Inn or in Lot 6 on Lake St. across from the Police and Fire Headquarters. Parking meters are free until 1:00 P.M. on Sunday.
- The parking lot entrance is an accessible entrance. An elevator is located just inside that door.
- Restrooms are downstairs near the meeting of the two hallways. Accessible restrooms are located near the elevator on both upper and lower levels. A gender-neutral restroom is located on the lower level by the elevator.
- We love having children in worship! Activity bags are available from the greeters. There is a nursery and changing/crying room for parents to use, if needed, located downstairs. There are also changing tables in both restrooms on this level, by the elevator. An usher will be happy to direct you.
- Hearing assistance is available. Ask an usher for equipment.
- Wi-Fi is available throughout most of the building. The network is "Immanuel," password "allarewelcome". Please use the Internet responsibly!

## About Our Worship

Our Sunday worship is organized around the proclamation of the Word of God and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. It has a familiar form each week, but the content changes for each service according to a calendar shared with many other Christians. Our hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, is organized so that page numbers for the liturgy are in the front part of the book, while hymn numbers are in the second part. The liturgy and hymns are printed in this bulletin, but page numbers are provided for those who wish to follow along in the hymnal.

## Receiving Holy Communion

We invite you to share with us in the sacramental meal, because Christ himself invites you! There is no specific age requirement for Communion. If you would like your child to commune, please let the pastor know. At the direction of the usher, come forward if you are able, and kneel or stand at the altar rail, starting at the walls. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. (Gluten-free wafers are available. Just ask the pastor.) You may eat it immediately, then take the silver chalice and drink from it or, if you prefer, take a small cup from the tray. The cups in the outer ring contain wine. The cups in the center contain grape juice. As you return to your seat, place your empty cup in the trays provided at the ends of the front pews. Return to your place via the side aisles after you have communed. If you need to have Communion brought to you, please sit on or near the aisle, and let either the pastor or an usher know before the service that you would like to commune at your seat. If you desire a blessing but not the sacrament, you are invited to come forward with everyone else and fold your arms over your chest to indicate this.

## Gathering: *The Holy Spirit assembles us as the People of God ...*

*The Feast of the Epiphany (“manifestation” or “appearing”) 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.*

**P:** Presiding Minister    **L:** Leader/Assisting Minister    **R:** Reader    **A:** Assembly  
+ All may make the sign of the cross.

**Pre-Service Music**    *Var. on “How Brightly Beams the Morning Star”    Bach, Buxtehude, and Manz*  
*The Assembly stands when directed and turns toward the rear doors.*

### **Blessing and Chalking of the Door**

*Marking the door with a blessing is a very ancient practice. Today we mark this holy house, and invite you to then use the rite provided on a separate sheet to mark the door of your own home.*

**P** Peace be to this house and to all who enter here.

**L** A reading from Proverbs: “By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.”

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God, as a shining star once guided the magi to the birthplace of the infant Jesus, so enable those who dwell here to be your light in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray.

**A Amen.**

*The door is marked with the year and “+C+M+B+”—“Christus Mansionem Benedicat” (Christ bless this house.)*

*As the door is chalked, the Assembly sings the blessing printed on the next page.*

Leader

Christ, bless this house. O Christ,  
*Chris - te man - si -*  
 Christ, bless our year. O Christ,

Assembly

Christ, bless this house.  
*Chris - te*  
 Christ, bless our year.

bless this house.  
*o - nem*  
 bless our year.

O Christ, bless this  
*man - si - o -*  
 O Christ, bless our

O Christ, bless this  
*be - ne - di -*  
 O Christ, bless our year of life in your

house.  
*nem*  
 year.

house.  
*cat.*  
 grace.

O Christ, bless this house.  
*be - ne - di - cat.*  
 O Christ, bless our year of life in your grace.

L A reading from the Prophet Isaiah: "The effect of righteousness is peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and quiet places."

P Let us pray: Sovereign God, we pray that you will bless this holy house and all who enter here throughout this year with your gracious presence, that your love may be our inspiration, your wisdom our guide, your truth our light, and your peace our benediction; through Jesus Christ we pray.

**A Amen.**



# Gathering Song

# "Oh, Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!" LBW 76

*You may reverence the cross as it passes, then turn to face the front of the worship space.*

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 -  
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.

[cont.]

Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious, Rich in  
 Now, though dai - ly Earth's deep sad - ness May per - plex us And dis -  
 Let your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For you  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing Life for -

bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
 tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.  
 teach us God's own love through you has reached us.  
 ev - er, Keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

5 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.

6 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!  
 Our joy be all with music crowned,  
 Our voices gaily 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!

## Greeting

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

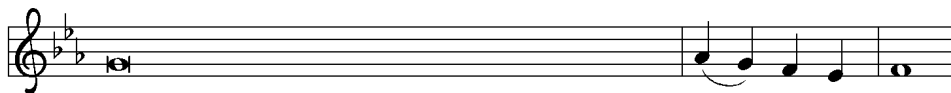
**A And also with you!**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



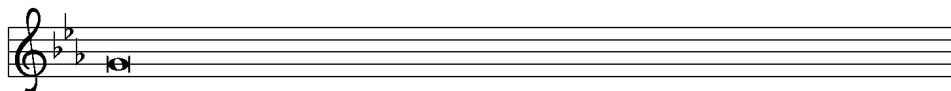
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



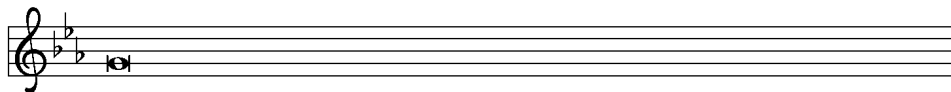
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

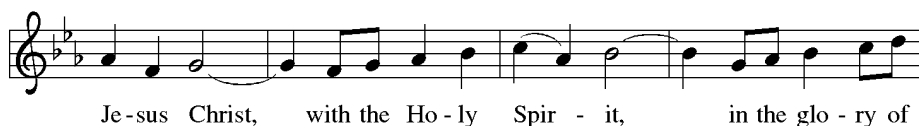
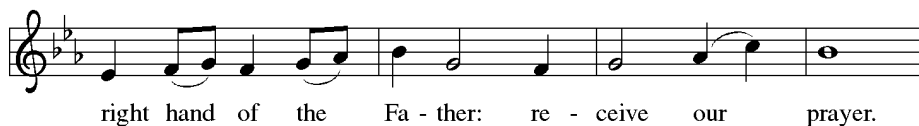
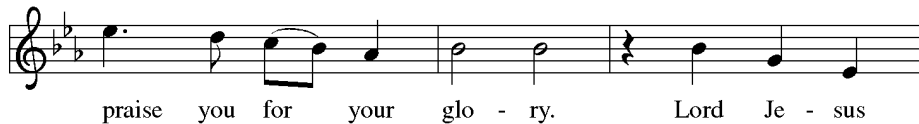
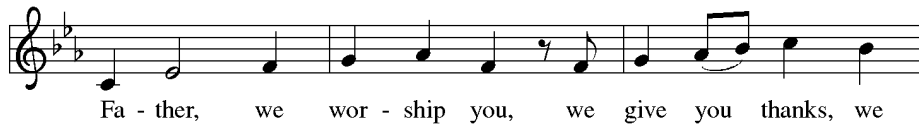
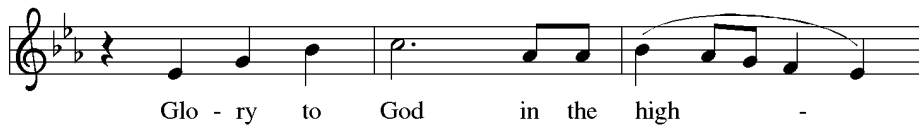


A - men, a - men.



# Canticle of Praise

Hymnal p. 99



[cont.]

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

### Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. 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.

**A Amen.**

### Welcome and Announcements

**Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures**

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

R A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

*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.*

<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.

R Word of God, word of life.

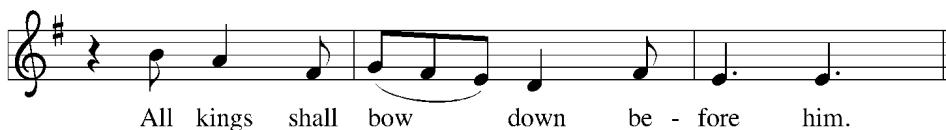
**A Thanks be to God!**

The organ will play the tone, and then the refrain, and then the Assembly will sing the refrain through.  
 The right side of the Assembly sings the lightface verses to the tone; the left side of the Assembly sings boldface verses.  
 All sing the refrain where indicated by "R."

**Tone:**



**Refrain:**



- <sup>1</sup>Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,  
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
- <sup>2</sup>**that he may rule your | people righteously  
and the | poor with justice;**
- <sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,  
and the | hills, in righteousness.
- <sup>4</sup>**Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,  
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor. R**
- <sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,  
from one generation | to another.
- <sup>6</sup>**Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,  
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.**
- <sup>7</sup>In his time may the | righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.
- <sup>10</sup>**May the kings of Tarshish and of the | isles pay tribute,  
and the kings of Sheba and Seba | offer gifts. R**
- <sup>11</sup>May all kings bow | down before him,  
and all the nations | do him service.
- <sup>12</sup>**For the king delivers the poor who cry out | in distress,  
the oppressed, and those who | have no helper.**
- <sup>13</sup>He has compassion on the low- | ly and poor,  
and preserves the lives | of the needy.
- <sup>14</sup>**From oppression and violence he re- | deems their lives,  
and precious is their blood | in his sight. R**

R A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

*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.*

<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.

R Word of God, word of life.

**A Thanks be to God!**

*The Assembly stands to greet the Good News of Jesus.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Hymnal p. 102**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*

We have observed his star | at its rising. \* and have come to | worship him.

P This is the Good News of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**A Glory to you, O Lord!**

*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.*

<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.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**A Praise to you, O Christ!**

*The Alleluia portion of the Gospel Acclamation is sung once again. The Assembly is then seated.*

## Sermon

### Time of Silence

*A bell will sound to signal a time of silence for reflection.*

*During this time, you may want to meditate on one word from the scriptures or from the sermon that stands out to you, asking the Spirit to show you how it applies to your own life.*

*When the bell sounds a second time, the Assembly stands to respond to the Word with song.*

1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the  
 2 On that ho - ly Christ - mas night through the dark - ness  
 3 Sa - ges from the east a - far, when they saw this  
 4 Him they found in Beth - le - hem, yet he wore no

heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.  
 beamed a light; all the stars a - bove were pal - ing,  
 won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions  
 di - a - dem; there they saw a maid - en low - ly

All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to  
 all their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing as the won - drous  
 and to of - fer their ob - la - tions to the child, the  
 with an in - fant pure and ho - ly rest - ing in her

heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.  
 star drew nigh, as the won - drous star drew nigh.  
 new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.  
 lov - ing arms, rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.

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

6 And this star, as bright as day,  
 that will never lead astray  
 with its message so appealing,  
 is the Word of God, revealing  
 Christ, the way, the truth, the life,  
 Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

## The Nicene Creed

L With the whole Church, let us profess our faith.

**A 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.**

**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 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.**



## Prayers of the People

L Gathered with all who seek the Christ child, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

L Faithful God, continue to provide dedicated leaders and passionate people for your church. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Yehiel; for our pastor, Keith; for our president, Sara; for our Council; and for all those you have gathered here in your name, that wisdom and compassion in all its rich variety may be made known throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

L Creating God, your glory shines around us in every star, creature, and person. Liberate us from the ways we destroy your creation. Free us to care for the earth so that all experience your bountiful goodness. Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

L Give your justice to the leaders of the world, O God. Endow them with humble courage to defend the cause of the poor and give deliverance to those in need, so that peace abounds in all countries, remembering especially the land of your birth. Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

L By the guidance of a star, you led the magi to pay homage to the Christ child. Protect new families, those who live alone, travelers, those who suffer loss, and all others in need, remembering especially Rebecca Bernstein, Serena Bernstein, Margaret Carlson, Babs Deacon, Lucas Forzley, Bob Fried, Kim Gann, Jennifer Grethe, Judith Kratochvil, Hal Larson, Ron Laudert, Richard Lewis, Elaine Nelson, Tom Rowan, Andy Sheer, Darryl Simchak, Alyssa Steinberg, Doris Strom, and those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts [...]. Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

L Ever-present One, in Christ Jesus we boldly come before you in worship. Nurture and encourage all who gather for worship, those who serve in worship leadership roles, and all who participate in the work of this faith community. Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

L And now, sisters and brothers, for what else shall we pray?

*The petitions and thanksgivings of the Assembly, silent or spoken aloud, are invited.*

L Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

L Generous God, throughout time you have given us people who have shown us the gift of your grace. We remember especially Adrian of Canterbury, teacher. Inspire us by the faithfulness of your saints to serve you and all your people. Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

P Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**A Amen.**

## Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

### A And also with you.

*Greet one another in the peace of the Risen Christ, saying "Peace be with you," "The peace of the Lord," or similar words. If you prefer not to shake hands, you might raise your hand in a gesture of blessing as you speak peace to your neighbors. After the Peace, all return to their seats.*

**Meal:** *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ ...*

**Offering** *An offering is gathered for doing God's mission, including the care of those in need.*

### Offering Music

"O nata lux" Thomas Pavlechko

O nata lux de lumine,  
Jesu redemptor saeculi,  
Dignare clemens supplicum  
Laudes precesque sumere.  
Qui carne quondam contegi  
Dignatus es pro perditis,  
Nos membra confer effici  
Tui beati corporis.

O born Light of Light,  
Jesus, Redeemer of the world,  
Mercifully deem worthy  
and accept the praise and prayers of your supplicants.  
Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh  
for the sake of the lost ones,  
grant us to be made members  
of your holy body.

### Presentation of the Gifts

"In the Singing" Hymnal 466

*The Assembly stands and sings as the gifts are brought forward.*



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,  
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,  
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

## Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

**A Generous God,  
you have given us life, this community,  
and these gifts of the earth  
that become the meal of your grace.  
Move in our hearts,  
that we might use your gifts  
to bring hope and blessing wherever we go,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

**Dialogue** *The Assembly sings the boldfaced responses.*

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

The musical notation consists of four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff has two measures: "The Lord be with you." and "And al - so with you." The second staff has two measures: "Lift up your hearts." and "We lift them to the Lord." The third staff has one measure: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff has one measure: "It is right to give our thanks and praise." The lyrics are written below the notes, with boldfaced responses.

**Preface** *The Presiding Minister begins the prayer:*

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,  
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.  
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all na - tions;

The musical notation consists of four staves in G major (one sharp). Each staff begins with a common time signature (C) and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes.

and in the miracle of water turned to wine he re - vealed your glo - ry.  
 And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,  
 with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,  
 we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy** *The Assembly joins in singing:*

**Hymnal, p. 108**

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

### Thanksgiving at the Table

P 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.

P Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

P With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.

**A Come, Lord Jesus!**

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**A Come, Holy Spirit!**

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



A - men, a - men, a - men.

## The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray: *All sing.*



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

L Love has come: God's love for all people.  
Come and eat, for Christ invites you!


**A Thanks be to God!**

## Distribution of Holy Communion


*The Assembly is seated. Please come forward as the ushers direct, and as you are able.  
See the inside front cover for instructions concerning Holy Communion.*

**Communion Song**


"Lamb of God" Hymnal p. 112




Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the




world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -




way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Communion Song**


"Light Shone in Darkness" Hymnal 307



1 Light shone in dark - ness at the world's cre - a - tion,  
 2 Light shone in dark - ness at the new cre - a - tion;  
 3 Light shines in dark - ness till the full cre - a - tion;



bath - ing in beau - ty na - ture's rev - e - la - tion. All that has be - ing,  
 Christ rose in glo - ry, won for us sal - va - tion. Sing, earth and heav - en,  
 Christ's bod - y, groan - ing, suf - fers trib - u - la - tion, longs for God's jus - tice,



cry in ad - o - ra - tion, "Praise for the light. A - men!"  
 hymns of ju - bi - la - tion, praise for the light. A - men!  
 glob - al trans - for - ma - tion, prays for the light. A - men!

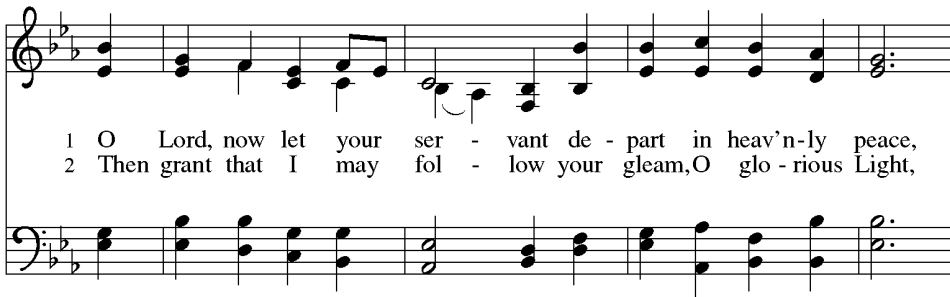
*The Assembly stands when directed by the Presiding Minister.***Blessing after Communion**

**P** May the body and blood of our + Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

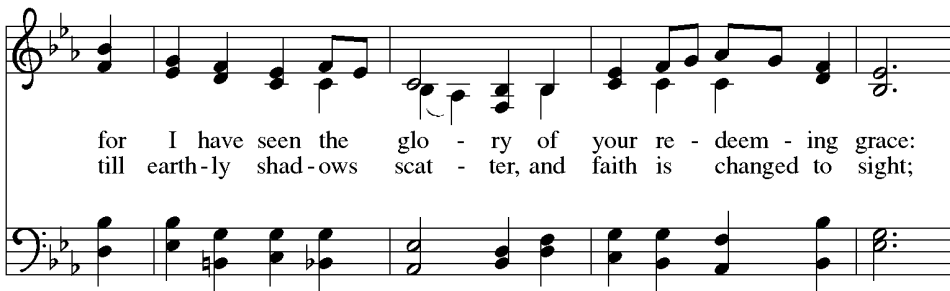
**A** Amen.

## Post-Communion Song

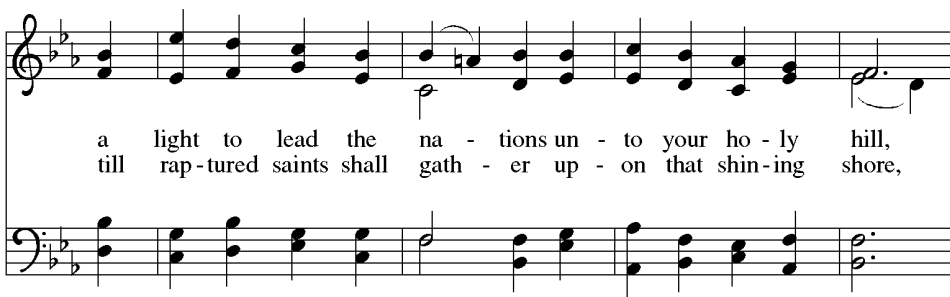
“O Lord, Now Let Your Servant” Hymnal 313




1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,  
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:  
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,  
till rap - tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin - ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
where Christ, the bless - ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

## Prayer after Communion

L Let us pray. Emmanuel, God with us, you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all.

**A Amen.**

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**Sending:** *God blesses us, and sends us in mission to the world ...*

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**Sending of Communion**

P Let us pray. Gracious God, you come to us in our darkest night, dawning on us as the Sun of Righteousness. May your light and hope dawn on our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound as we send bread and wine from this table to be shared with them. May it be to them a star shining in the night to show them your presence in the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, "God with us."

**A Amen.**

**Sending Song**

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" *[printed on next page]* **Hymnal 815**

*Please turn as the cross passes you to face the doors through which you will be sent out in mission.*

**Blessing**

P Go now, and seek out the Christ wherever he may be found. Share the Good News with all who bear him no ill will. Bring light to those in thick darkness, a voice to those no one speaks for, and hope to those no one cares for.

And may God make you a sharer in the promised light;  
may + Christ Jesus fill you with his sense of what is right;  
and may the Holy Spirit be to you like rain that gives life to the fertile earth.

**A Amen.**

**Dismissal**

L Go in peace. Share the Good News!

**A Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

*Please stay for a time of fellowship immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall.  
Come enjoy one another's company and hear about all the opportunities for service and community!*

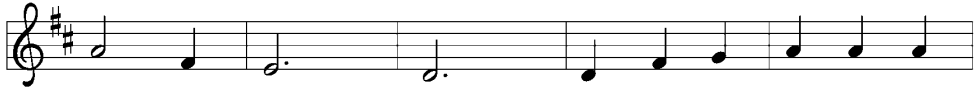
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Acolytes..... Chris Djuric, Caroline Nakic  
Lector ..... Anne Heider  
Communion Minister ..... Susan Ross  
Organist ..... Greg Hummel  
Music Director..... James Morehead  
Table Preparation..... Kim Milller  
Communion Bread..... Bread Bakers  
Ushers..... Stephen Warner, Terri Hummel

# I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## This Week's Commemoration

**Adrian of Canterbury, teacher, d. ca. 710**

**Thursday, January 9, 2020**

African by birth, Adrian (or Hadrian) worked with Theodore, archbishop of Canterbury, in developing the church in England. He was director of a school at which church leaders were trained.

## Upcoming Events

Wednesday, January 8	Choir Practice	7:30 PM
Friday, January 10	Community Warming Center	2: 00 PM
Saturday, January 11	Indoor Farmers' Market	8:30 AM
Sunday, January 12	Worship with Eucharist	10:30 AM
	Council Meeting	12:30 PM



## The Wonder of Seeking

What are you seeking? Maybe you find yourself longing for a good job or economic security, for a relationship or love, for purpose or meaning, for rest and calm. In Christian worship, the community gathers to attend to individual and collective needs and longings. In return, God's word offers direction, assurance, and sustenance. Yet, when we focus too much on our own needs, we run the risk of walling ourselves off from the needs of others.

In today's gospel, magi travel an immense distance to a place they have never been. Beset with great longing, they start out on a spiritual quest for a great king. Yet when they arrive in Jerusalem, they are met with suspicion by an establishment too concerned with its own preservation to see the needs and gifts the magi bring. Matthew, however, portrays these spiritual seekers with compassion and charity. In contrast to those in Jerusalem who only see a threat, he notes the gifts of longing, wonder, and humility the travelers bring with them.

On this Feast of Epiphany, the magi bring gifts for the church as well. They bring us the courage to venture out into new places. They bring a reminder of the deep longings we all carry for a true and gracious God before whom we can humble ourselves. And they bring a sense of wonder for the things we may take for granted as we gather in Christian community week after week—the unfathomable love of God's words to us, the blessing of a community that lifts its hopes and fears through song and prayer to a gracious God, the abundant waters poured out in baptism, and the bread and wine that feed us at the table. Blessed with such gifts, we too are called to be seekers—venturing out to find those around us who long for God's presence, and sharing with them the gifts we have received.

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