

# The Epiphany of Our Lord

## Worship Service



*Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church*

7PM, Sanctuary  
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## Visitors & Saints of Emmanuel:

Welcome! You'll find announcements, contact information, and more on the back of this bulletin. If you'd like to speak with Pastor Justin and/or request prayer, fill out a Contact Card and place it in the offering.

The liturgy (our worship service) comes from Scripture. The whole service is ordered and designed to use God's Word to bring praise and thanks and glory to God. The earliest Christian churches gathered to pray, to hear teaching, and to partake in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion.

*All who are baptized in the name of the Triune God, believe in the real presence of Jesus in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion, and are repentant of their sins are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

## A Message on this Epiphany

*"Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?  
For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."*

Epiphany means *appearance*. During this season of Epiphany, we traverse through the appearances of Jesus to his people and to the gentiles.

Epiphany begins with an ode to the Magi from the East, who have discerned that the Christ has been born, because of the Star. They have taken great trouble to witness the coming of Jesus, bringing with them great gifts, in order that they may worship the baby Jesus.

Unfortunately, God's own people, though troubled at the news the Magi bring, have no similar desire. They do not seek out the baby King. Herod orders the execution of Jesus and all little boys under two. Only the Shepherds and Magi are intent to bring Jesus what he is worthy of – themselves, their gifts, their time, and their worship.

*Holy God, we bless you for the coming of your Son into the world. Thank you for your revelation of the Magi, and for their witness as worshippers of him. Help us to likewise love and worship your Son, in the Name of your Son, Jesus, Amen.*

† Pastor Justin Baker

# ✚ *Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting One* ✚

## Prelude

*Trumpet Tune on "March of the Kings"*

ORGAN

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

**P** In the Name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

**L** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

**C** **the light no darkness can overcome.**

**L** Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

**C** **and the day is almost over.**

**L** Let your light scatter the darkness,

**C** **and illumine your Church.**

*The candles are lighted from the Christ Candle.*

**L** Joyous light of glory:

**C** **of the immortal Father; heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ. We have come to the setting of the sun, and we look to the evening light.**

**We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:**

**You are worthy of being praised with pure voices forever.**

**O Son of God, O Giver of life: The universe proclaims your glory.**

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**L** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**L** Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night: Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may his Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and we, your creatures, glorify you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

# Opening Hymn | The First Noel (1, 3-5)

# The Open Hymnal 70

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 Music: 'The First Noel' Traditional English carol, possibly dating from as early as the 13th Century.  
 Setting: "The Methodist Sunday School Hymnal", 1911.  
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1. The first No - - el the an - gel did say Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds  
 2. They look - - èd up and saw a star Shin-ing in the east,  
 3. And by the light of that same star Three Wise Men came  
 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, Ov - er Beth - - le - - hem  
 5. Then did they know as - - sur - - ed - - ly With - - in that house

in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay tend - ing their sheep,  
 be - - yond them far; And to the earth it gave great light,  
 from coun - - try far; To seek for a King was their in - - tent,  
 it took its rest; And there it did both stop and stay,  
 the King did lie; One en - - tered it them for to see,

On a cold win - - ter's night that was so deep.  
 And so it con - - tin - - ued both day and night.  
 And to fol - - low the star wher - - ev - - er it went.  
 Right ov - - er the place where Je - - sus lay.  
 And found the Babe in pov - - - er - - ty.

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

## Apostolic Greeting & Litany

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

¶ And also with you.

¶ In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

¶ Lord, have mercy.

¶ Christ, have mercy.

¶ Lord, have mercy.

¶ From all sin, from all error, from all evil; from the cunning assaults of the devil; from an unprepared and evil death:

¶ Good Lord, deliver us.

¶ From war, bloodshed, and violence; from corrupt and unjust government; from sedition and treason:

¶ Good Lord, deliver us.

¶ From epidemic, drought, and famine; from fire and flood, earthquake, lightning and storm; and from everlasting death:

¶ Good Lord, deliver us.

¶ By the mystery of your incarnation; by your holy birth:

¶ Help us, good Lord.

¶ By your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by your agony and bloody sweat; by your cross and suffering; by your death and burial:

¶ Help us, good Lord.

¶ By your resurrection and ascension; by the gift of the Holy Spirit:

¶ Help us, good Lord.

¶ In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

¶ Save us, good Lord.

¶ Though unworthy, we implore you to

¶ hear us, Lord our God.

# Hymn of Praise | Verses 1, 5

# The Open Hymnal 65

Words: John F. Wade, circa 1743. v.1-3, 6 Translated by Frederick Oakeley, 1841; v. 4, 5 Translated by William T. Brooke (1848-1917).

Music: 'Adeste Fideles' or 'Portuguese Hymn' John F. Wade, 1743. Setting: "A Hymnal" (Episcopal), 1916. copyright: public domain. This score is a part of the Open Hymnal Project, 2007 Revision.

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1. O come, all ye faithful, 2. True God of true God, 3. Sing, choirs of angels, 4. See how the shepherds, 5. Lo! star led chief taints, joy ful and triumphant, O Light from Light E ter nal, sing in ex ul ta tion; O sum moned to His cra cle, Ma gi, Christ a dor ing,

come ye, O come ye, to Beth le hem. Come and be lo, He shuns not the Vir gin's womb; Son of the sing, all ye cit i zens of heav'n a bove! Glo ry to Leav ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze; We too will Of fer Him in cense, gold, and myrrh; We to the hold Him, born the King of an gels; O come, let us a Fa ther, be got ten, not cre a ted; God, glo ry in the high est; thi ther bend our joy ful foot steps; Christ Child bring our hearts ob la tions.

dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - - dore Him, Christ the Lord.

## Salutation & Prayer of the Day

¶ The Lord be with you.

¶ And also with you.

¶ Let us pray,

¶ O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: Mercifully grant, that we, which know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The First Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

*A reading from Isaiah, beginning with the sixtieth chapter.*

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
<sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.  
<sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.  
<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes all around, and see;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from afar,  
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and exult,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

<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 bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 24 (congregation responds with the bold text)**

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,

the world and those who dwell therein,

<sup>2</sup>**for he has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.**

<sup>3</sup>Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

<sup>4</sup>**He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false  
and does not swear deceitfully.**

<sup>5</sup>He will receive blessing from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

<sup>6</sup>**Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah***

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>8</sup>**Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle!**

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>10</sup>**Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory! *Selah***

## The Second Lesson

## 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

*A reading from First Corinthians, beginning with the fourth chapter.*

<sup>1</sup>This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. <sup>2</sup>Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. <sup>3</sup>But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. <sup>4</sup>For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. <sup>5</sup>Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

- A** The Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## Children's Sermon

**P** Matthew records this about the greatest in the kingdom of heaven:

**18** At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” <sup>2</sup> And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup> and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

All little ones – and any others – are invited forward for a message and for prayer.

*When the children's sermon is concluded, the people stand for the hymn and remain standing for the Holy Gospel.*

## The Gospel Acclamation | Sing We Now of Jesus ELW 262

\**May be sung as a round.*

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Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol  
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# The Holy Gospel

## Matthew 2:1-12

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

*6 “‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.’”*

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” <sup>9</sup> After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup> And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

- P** The Gospel of our Lord.
- C** Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon

Pastor Justin Baker

*A large print copy of this sermon is available from the ushers.*

# Hymn of the Day | Within the Father's House

LH 133

Franconia

Luke 2: 41-52

James R. Woodford, 1863

S. M.

*"Harmonischer Liederschatz"*

Frankfurt, 1738

1 With - in the Fa - ther's house The Son hath found His home,  
 2 The doc - tors of the Law Gaze on the won - drous Child  
 3 Yet not to them is giv'n The might - y truth to know,  
 4 The se - cret of the Lord Es - capes each hu - man eye,

And to His Tem - ple sud - den - ly The Lord of Life hath come.  
 And mar - vel at His gra - cious words Of wis dom un - de - filed.  
 To lift the earth - ly veil which hides In - car-nate God be - low.  
 And faith - ful pon d'ring hearts a - wait The full e - piph - a - ny. A - men.

5 Lord, visit Thou our souls  
 And teach us by Thy grace  
 Each dim revealing of Thyself  
 With loving awe to trace,

6 Till from our darkened sight  
 The cloud shall pass away  
 And on the cleansed soul shall burst  
 The everlasting day;

7 Till we behold Thy face  
 And know as we are known  
 Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
 Coequal Three in One.

## **The Nicene Creed**

**P** People of God, in whom do you believe?

**C** 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 of 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 Litany Continues

**P** O Christ, hear us.

**C** In mercy hear us.

**P** Be gracious to us.

**C** Spare us, good Lord.

**P** To rule and govern your holy catholic Church; to guide all servants of your Church in the love of your Word and in holiness of life; to put an end to all schisms and causes of offense to those who would believe; and to bring into the way of truth all who have gone astray:

**C** We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

**P** To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful workers into your harvest; to accompany your Word with your Spirit and power; to raise up those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the fainthearted and the distressed:

**C** We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

**P** To give to all nations justice and peace; to preserve our country from discord and strife; to direct and guard those who have civil authority; and to bless and guide all our people:

**C** We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

**P** To behold and help all who are in danger, need, or tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel; to preserve and provide for all women in childbirth; to watch over children and guide the young; to heal the sick and to strengthen their families and friends; to bring reconciliation to families in discord; to provide for the unemployed and for all in need; to be merciful to all who are imprisoned; to support, comfort, and guide all orphans, widowers, and widows; and to have mercy on all your people:

**C** We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

**P** To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to reconcile us to them; to help us use wisely the fruits and treasures of the earth, the sea, and the air, and to graciously hear our prayers:

**C** We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

**P** To comfort those who mourn, to fill with faith the faithless, to heal the sick, to strengthen the weak, to fill the hungry, to warm hearts, and to consider these names we lift before you now:

*A pause is kept for names to be lifted.*

**C** We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

**P** Fill this congregation with the faith that endures unto life eternal. Make us one people united in prayer. Send families, children, widows & widowers, the elderly, and any others into our midst, that they may also be filled with faith, encourage this congregation, and bring honor and glory and praise to your name.

**C** We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

**P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen

## THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

**P** *Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord. We observed his star in the East, and have come to pay him homage.*  
*(Isa. 60:1, 6; Matt. 2:2)*

### The Peace & Offertory

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

### ORGAN

*The Three Kings*

John H. Hopkins (1820-1891)

### *Prayer for the Laying on of Hands*

*Anyone who desires healing for the sick through the anointing of oil may request this from Pastor Justin.*

# Offering | Songs of Thankfulness and Praise, Verse 1

OH 77

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1. Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
 2. Man - i - - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro - phet, Priest, and King su - - preme;  
 3. Man - i - - fest in mak - ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
 4. Sun and moon shall dark - ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'n's shall flee,  
 5. Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Mir - rored in Thy ho - - ly Word;

Man - i - - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - - far;  
 And at Ca - na, wedd - - ing guest, In Thy God - head man - i - - fest;  
 Man - i - - fest in val - - iant fight, Quell - ing all the de - vil's might;  
 Christ will then like light - - ning shine, All will see His glor - ious sign:  
 May we im - i - tate Thee now, And be pure, as pure art Thou;

Branch of ro - yal Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - - hem;  
 Man - i - - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 Man - i - - fest in grac - ious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
 All will then the trum - pet hear; All will see the Judge ap - - pear;  
 That we like to Thee may be At Thy great E - pi - pha - - ny;

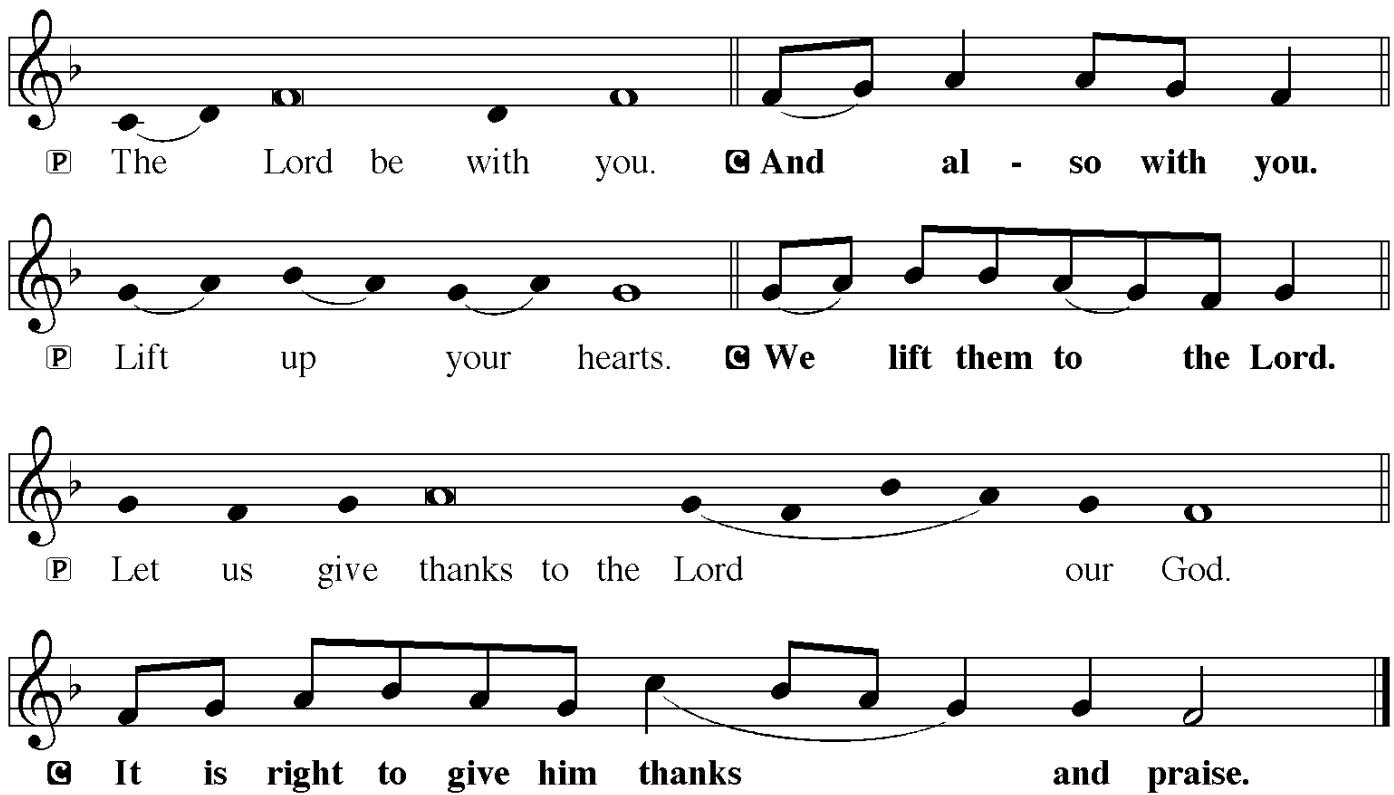
An - - thems be to Thee add - ressed, God in man made man - i - - fest.  
 An - - thems be to Thee add - ressed, God in man made man - i - - fest.  
 An - - thems be to Thee add - ressed, God in man made man - i - - fest.  
 Thou by all wilt be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - - fest.  
 And may praise Thee, ev - - er blest, God in man made man - i - - fest.

## Offertory Prayer

**A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C** 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

## The Great Thanksgiving



[P] The Lord be with you. [C] And al - so with you.

[P] Lift up your hearts. [C] We lift them to the Lord.

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[C] It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## Preface for Epiphany

¶ All honor and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst.

In the coming of the magi, the King of all the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Savior sent to redeem us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.

Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light.

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## The Sanctus

¶ **C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest!**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**  
**Hosanna in the highest!**

## The Eucharistic Prayer of Hippolytus

¶ We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will. He is your Word, inseparable from you. Through him you created all things, and in him you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

It is he who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This is my blood poured out for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we lift this bread and cup before you, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

And we ask you: Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and forever.

**¶ Amen**

**¶ Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:**

**¶ 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**

**¶ The Gifts of God for the People of God.**

**¶ Thanks be to God.**

## Agnus Dei

¶ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

¶ **Have mercy on us.**

¶ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

¶ **Have mercy on us.**

¶ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

¶ **Grant us peace.**

### *Our Practice of Holy Communion*

St. Paul writes: “*Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.*” (1 Corinthians 11:27–28, ESV)

Not one of us is worthy *on our own merit* to receive our Lord Jesus. Nevertheless, he bids us to come to him all the same (Matthew 11:28-30). And so, trusting his great mercy, anyone may come to him in faith, having examined oneself according to this confession:

*All who are baptized in the name of the Triune God, believe in the real presence of Jesus in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion, and are repentant of their sins are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

All others may come forward for a blessing, signaling this by crossing your arms over your chest.

## Communion Hymn | Arise, Your Light Has Come!

WOV 652

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

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## Communion Hymn | When Jesus Came to Jordan

WOV 647



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,  
 2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,  
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.  
 for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.  
 this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond-age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,  
 So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,  
 Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.  
 the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.  
 to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: KING'S LYNN, English folk tune

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## Communion Hymn | We Three Kings of Orient Are

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1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,  
 2 Born a king on Beth - le-hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain;  
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;  
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;  
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;



field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
 king for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.  
 prayer and prais - ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.  
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
 heav'n sings al - le - 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!



Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891, alt.

Music: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT, John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891

## **Post-Communion**

¶ May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

¶ Amen

¶ Let us pray. Strengthen the faith of all who have shared in the body and blood of your Son. Renew our hearts, our minds, our bodies, our souls, for we who are many have one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

¶ Amen

¶ The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\dagger$  give you peace, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

¶ Amen

# Hymn of Praise | As With Gladness Men of Old

LH 127

Matt. 2: 1-11

William C. Dix, 1860

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Dix

Konrad Kocher, 1833

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 treas - ures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n - ly King!  
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide. A - men.

5 In the heav'ly country bright  
 Need they no created light;  
 Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,  
 Thou its Sun which goes not down.  
 There forever may we sing  
 Alleluias to our King!

## **Dismissal**

**A** Go forth radiantly in the light of Christ.  
**C** Amen

## **Postlude**

*Come All Ye Shepherds*

ORGAN

Gordon Young (1919-1998)



LITURGICAL DAY	Epiphany	The Baptism of Our Lord	The Second Sunday of Epiphany
DATE	1/6/2026 7:00 PM	1/11/2026 10:15 AM	1/18/2026 10:15 AM
ORGANIST	Homer Adams	Homer Adams	Homer Adams
PASTOR	Pastor Justin Baker	Pastor Justin Baker	Traveling
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Pastor Justin Baker	Holly Pelusi	
COUNTER TEAM		Ed Datemasch and Stan Casper	Danette Hunter and Lisa Yothers
GREETERS		Scott & Carol Wilson	Kathy & Karla Gustafson
USHERS		The Whipkeys	Dan Hunter and Steve Cehovin
ACOLYTE	Pastor Justin Baker	Faith Palmer	Kaleb Wee
ALTAR GUILD	Pastor Justin Baker	Carol McDowell and Donna Berardinelli	No communion
ALTAR FLOWERS			Neal Matthews
COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS	Pastor Justin Baker	Arlene Woodward	No communion
LIVESTREAM	MaryAnn Sinwell	MaryAnn Sinwell	MaryAnn Sinwell

# This Week at Emmanuel

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Tuesday, Jan 6	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Worship on Epiphany</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
Wednesday, Jan 7	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Prayer for Families</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Steps and Stories	Luther Hall
Thursday, Jan 8	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Boy Scouts	Luther Hall
	<b>7:30 PM</b>	Al-Anon	Heritage Hall
Friday, Jan 9	<b>5:30 PM</b>	Girl Scouts	Luther and Heritage
Saturday, Jan 10			
Sunday, Jan 11	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>Luther Hall</b>
	<b>10:15 AM</b>	<b>Worship on the First</b> <b>Sunday After Epiphany</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
Monday, Jan 12	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Pastor Out of Office</b>	
	<b>2:00 PM</b>	Quilting	Heritage Hall
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	Start the Week	Luther Hall
Tuesday, Jan 13	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Pastor Out of Office</b>	<b>Luther Hall</b>
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Bell Choir	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	Bell Choir Subset	<b>Sanctuary</b>

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