



JANUARY 4, 2026



# EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

*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

# THE GATHERING


## WELCOME

## OPENING SONG

### Hope For Everyone


Words and Music by Matt Maher and Jason Ingram

**VERSE 1**  
♩ = 73  
B5




1. Hear the an - gels sing, "There's hope for ev - 'ry - one," to an -

**B5**



nounce our king. There's hope for ev - 'ry - one. What good news they bring; there's

**VERSE 2**  
B5



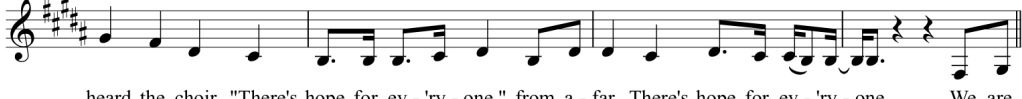
hope for ev - 'ry - one. An - gels sing, "There's hope for ev - 'ry - one." 2. They came from a - far; there's

**E2(no3) B5 E2(no3) F#5**



hope for ev - 'ry - one. Wise men saw the star; there's hope for ev - 'ry - one. Shep - herds

**G#m7 E2(no3) B F#5 E2(no3) B**



heard the choir, "There's hope for ev - 'ry - one," from a - far. There's hope for ev - 'ry - one. We are

**CHORUS 1a**

E2(no3) B *N.C.* E2(no3) B *N.C.*

wait - ing on the prom - ise, for the one who lights the dark - ness. Bend - ing

21 E2(no3) B F#5 G#m E2(no3) B F#5 B

low to be a - mong us, bring Your glo - ry in the high - est, Je - sus. 3. Come let  
(4. Com - ing)

**VERSE 3 & 4**

B E2 B

us a - dore; there's hope for ev - 'ry - one. On the man - ger floor there's  
on the clouds there's hope for ev - 'ry - one. Hear the trum - pets sound; there's

28 E2 F# G#m7 E2 B

hope for ev - 'ry - one. What are you wait - ing for? There's hope for ev - 'ry - one. Come a -  
hope for ev - 'ry - one. All of Heav - en shouts, "There's hope for ev - 'ry - one." On the

**CHORUS 1b**

F# E2 B E2 B F#sus B

31 dore, there's hope for ev - 'ry - one. We are wait - ing on the prom - ise, for the  
clouds there's hope for ev - 'ry - one.

35 E2 B F#sus G#m7 E2 B F#sus G#m7

one who lights the dark - ness. Bend - ing low to be a - mong us, bring Your

39 E2 B F# B (opt. 8va) F# B D.S. F# B

glo - ry in the high - est, Je - sus. 4. Com - ing Je - sus. We are Je - sus. All of

# ENDING

Heav - en shouts, "There's hope for ev - 'ry - one." Heav - en shouts, "There's hope for ev - 'ry - one." Heav - en shouts, "There's hope for ev - 'ry - one." Heav - en shouts, "There's hope for ev - 'ry - one."

## ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

A: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace

**C: Amen.**

A: Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

### *Silence For Reflection*

A: Reconciling God,

**C: we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace. We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to embody your good news. Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation. Amen.**

A: God's grace upon grace flows over you. ✠ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

**C: Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*We receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace. You may greet one another and say "peace be with you" or similar words.*

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

**C: And also with you.**

## GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together,

**C: 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.**

## THE WORD

### This Little Light of Mine

#### Verse 1

This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

#### Verse 2

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### A READING FROM

### ISAIAH 60:1-6

*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.

## A RESPONSIVE READING      **PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14**

*All kings shall bow down before him. (Ps. 72:11)*

- L: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;  
**C: 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.**  
 L: This is the word of the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Thy Word**





## THE GOSPEL READING

## MATTHEW 2:1-12

*(Congregation standing)*

L: The Holy Gospel of St. Matthew, beginning in the second chapter.

**C: 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.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

## PREACHING OF THE GOOD NEWS

## MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION ON THE GOOD NEWS





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!

### APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was**



crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*Each petition shall conclude with:*

A: Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*The Prayers conclude:*

A: 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.

**C: Amen.**

## THE MEAL

### THE OFFERING

### MUSICAL OFFERING

### THE OFFERTORY

### God Gave to Me a Life to Live

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are as follows:

1 God gave to me a life to live; God  
2 When I am helped to see what's good, and

gave me hands with which to give; God gave a heart with  
led to do the things I should, I thank you, car - ing

which to care; God gave me love that I might share.  
God a - bove, for life and hands and heart and love.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Glory of God,

**C: great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow.**

**Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also 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 our thanks and praise!**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

*We practice "Open Communion," acknowledging that Jesus welcomes all persons, sinners and saints alike, to the table. All means ALL. Please come forward by the center aisle and receive the Sacrament in a continuous line, exiting by the side aisles.*

**Communion is by intinction.** *We offer a chalice of wine and a chalice of white grape juice in which you may dip the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask for them at the altar, if needed. The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen.*

*Infants who are not yet ready to receive food will receive a blessing. Parents who have questions about the practice of open communion may instruct their children to receive just a blessing.*

*Communion can be served to those who are not physically able to join us for worship. Please speak with an usher if you know of someone who would desire communion from Sunday's table brought to them.*

## LAMB OF GOD



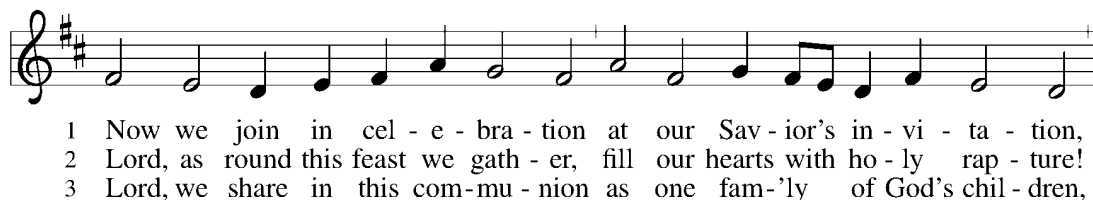
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



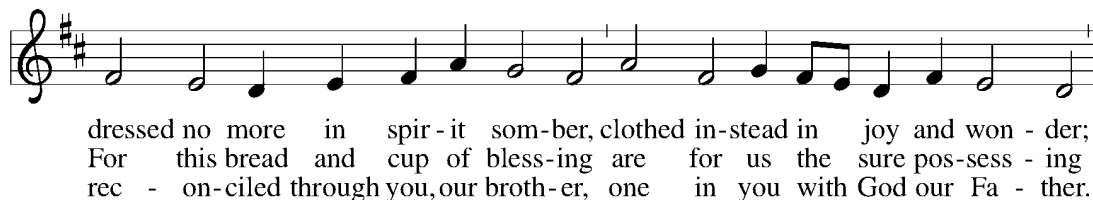
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

# COMMUNION MUSIC

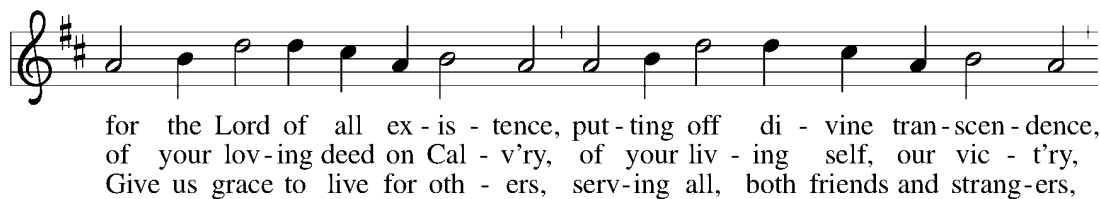
## Now We Join in Celebration (ELW 462)



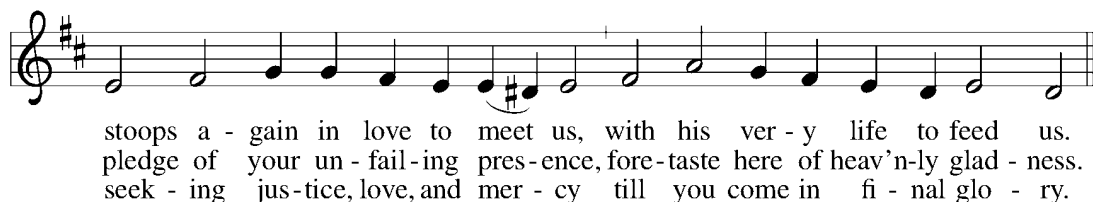
1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,  
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!  
3 Lord, we share in this com-mu - nion as one fam-'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som-ber, clothed in-stead in joy and won - der;  
For this bread and cup of bless-ing are for us the sure pos-sess - ing  
rec - on-ciled through you, our broth-er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put-ting off di - vine tran-scen-dence,  
of your lov-ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv-ing all, both friends and strang-ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
pledge of your un - fail-ing pres-ence, fore-taste here of heav'n-ly glad - ness.  
seek - ing jus-tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

## COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace until life everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

## THE SENDING

### THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son  $\text{✝}$ , and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

#### Glory (Let There Be Peace)

Chris Stevens, Matt Maher, Rachel Popadic

**INTRO** **VERSE**

$\text{♩} = 77$  D A Bm7 G D



1. One star burns in the  
2. One voice speaks for the

6 A Bm7 G D



dark - ness, shines with the prom - ise, Em - man - u - el. One child born in the  
voice - less, hope for the hope - less, Em - man - u - el. One love brings us to -

**CHORUS 1a**

10 A Bm7 G G D



still - ness, liv - ing with - in us, Em - man - u - el. We're sing - ing: Glo - ry, Glo -  
geth - er, now and for - ev - er, Em - man - u - el.

14 A D G D Bm A G D



ry. Let there be peace. Let there be peace. Sing - ing: Glo - ry, Glo -

18 F# Bm G D A D A D D **BRIDGE**

3rd time to Coda  $\Phi$

ry. Let there be peace. Let it start in me. in me. Do not be a -

23 G D/F# A Bm G

fraid. His love is strong e - nough to save us. Noth - ing stands in the way. His love is

(1) (2)

28 D A D A F# F#/A# Bm

strong e - nough to lead us. save us. Noth - ing stands in the

32 G D/F# A D D.S. al Coda

way. His love is strong e - nough to lead us.

35  $\Phi$  Coda

with me. Sing - ing: Glo - - - ry, Glo -

37 A D D/F# G D Bm A D/F# G D

ry. Let there be peace. Let there be peace. Sing - ing: Glo - ry, Glo -

**ENDING**

41 F# F#7/A# Bm A G D/F# A Bm A G D

ry. Let there be peace. Let it start in me. Let there be peace. Let it start

45 A D

in me.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSED AND SENT TO SERVE

A: This little light of mine...

**C: I'm gonna let it shine!**

A: The magi followed the star to Bethlehem two thousand years ago to see Jesus, our savior. Their faithfulness to where God was calling them is an inspiration to us who continue to seek out where God is at work in our world today. Just as they shared their gifts with Jesus, we will share the gift that is Jesus until...

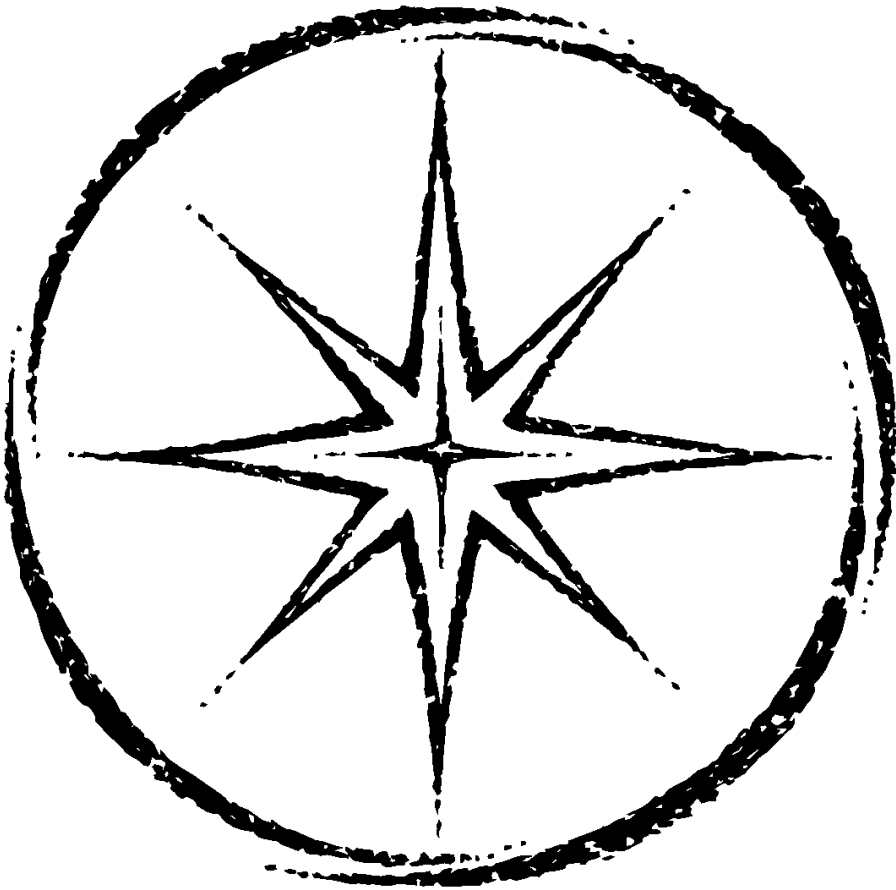
**C: Everyone knows that God loves them!**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE





*If you are worshipping with us at 9:00 am we kindly ask that you leave your bulletin on the back table on your way out for those that are worshipping at 11:00 am if you did not make notes. We wish to be good stewards of our environment and resources.*

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# EPIPHANY

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am & 11:00 am (in-person and online)

**Ministers:** The People of God

**Pastor:** Chris Hermansen

**Minister of Youth:** Kris Perkola

**Director of Worship and Music:** Steve Belfield, Interim

**Worship Production:** Steve Belfield

**Worship Accompanist:** Anna Keiserman, Ph. D.

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**Thy Word**

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**God Gave to Me a Life to Live**

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Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune,

Adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

**Lamb of God**

ELW Holy Communion Setting Four

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**Glory (Let There Be Peace)**

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