

Good News of Great Joy

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
January 11, 2026
11:30 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

Prelude in G Minor

J. S. BACH

Order of St. John

Pastor Jon Haug

ELW HYMN 308 | WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

O Morning Star

P. NICOLAI | ARR. C. W. ORE

ALL - 1. O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright!
High Voices - 2. Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine,
Low Voices - 3. Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son
*ALL - 4. Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
You shine with and deep with - you loved us, Our joy be

God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun-da - tion!
all with mu - sic crowned, our voic - es gai - ly blend - ing!

Of Ja - cob's line, King Da-vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here
For Christ goes with us all the way to - day, to - mor - row,

you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
of a tree, your life our lives sup-ply - ing. Now, though
and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -
ev - 'ry day! His love is ne - ver end - ing! Sing out!

Music continues on next page...

* You are invited to stand.

*GREETING

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

And also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Everlasting God,
the radiance of all faithful people, you brought the nations to the brightness
of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the world
through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, your Son, Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

LESSON

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.

Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

What Star Is This

PUER NOBIS
M. PRAETORIUS

Verse 1 only

1. What star is this, with beams so bright, More love - ly
2. O Je - sus, while the star of grace Im - pels us
1. than the noon - day light? 'Tis sent to an-nounce a
2. on to seek thy face, Let not our _ sloth - ful
1. new - born king, Glad tid - ings of our God to bring.
2. hearts re - fuse The guid - ance of thy light to use.

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 2nd Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12

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.

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*ACCLAMATION REPRISE

What Star Is This

See previous, verse 2

FIRST GLANCE

Steven Johnson

SERMON

Pastor Paul Baglyos

SERMON RESPONSE

Let the words of my mouth

**and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord,
our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE &
SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Assisting Minister Gary Ely-Grisham
WOV HYMN 646

Refrain

Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
west-ward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 God thanks and praise.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

*LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome here at God's table. We believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine through the faith of those who gather. Jesus invites you to this meal that imparts God's free gift of grace.

We share the meal by intinction; as you approach the center you will be handed a wafer that you may dip into the wine or juice. Grape juice is in the smaller compartment, and gluten free wafers are available upon request.

If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.

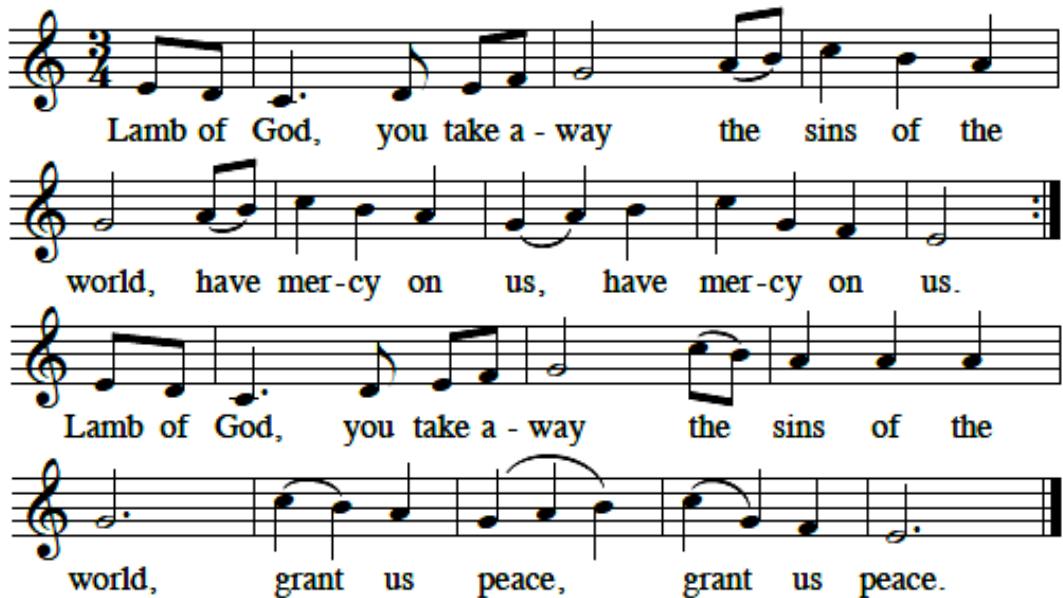
Indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

CHRISTMAS CAROL MASS

C. T. ANDREWS | J. T. KYLER



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

Bread of Life

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SETTING

B. FARRELL



Refrain

Bread of life, hope of the world, Je-sus Christ, our broth-er:

feed us now, give us life, lead us to one an-oth-er. (A)

Music continues on next page...

*Verses

1. A child is born for us, a son is giv'n to us, In our
 2. With our own eyes we see, with our own ears we hear The sal-
 3. You are the hope of all, our prom-ise and our call, Ra-diant
 to Refrain

1. midst, Christ, our Lord and God comes as one who serves.
 2. va - tion of all the world, God's in - car - nate Word.
 3. light in our dark - ness, truth to set us free.

*SACRAMENTAL BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH HYMN

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 2. sag - es stand To read in heav'n the Lord's com-mand.
 3. hearts re - fuse The guid - ance of thy light to use.
 4. Spir - it raise An end - less song of thank - ful praise!

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, serve the Lord,
and live God's love in the world.

Please help us secure the parking in a timely manner and avoid any "lock-ups" by having your vehicles out of either the parking garage or church parking lot by 2:00 p.m. (Special events will have parking times listed)

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider	Pastor Jon Haug
Preacher	Pastor Paul Baglyos
Assisting Minister	Gary Ely-Grisham
First Glance	Steven Johnson
Lector	Nicole Oehmke
Organ	Dr. Lars Gjerde
Piano	Steven Johnson
Violin	Giorgi Khokhobashvili
Cantors in Rotation	Joel Barkel, Linda Bush, Heather Mercer, Kathryn Mercer, Eliseo Paniagua Eliseo Paniagua
Altar Guild	Debra Cribbins, Nicole Oehmke
Eucharistic Servers	Kathy Martinson
Greeters	Gloria Barrows, Amy & Dean Chance
Ushers	John Bologni
Audio Technician	Tim Reese, Esperanza Foft
Video Technicians	Amy Afoa, Helen Disho
Nursery Attendants	

ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Congregation Matters: Budget Hearing
Sunday, January 18th | 10:15 a.m. | Oehler Hall

As we prepare for the upcoming Annual Meeting, all are invited to this Budget Hearing. Church Treasurer John Bailey will lead the conversation around the proposed 2026 Budget, be available to answer questions, and lead thoughtful discernment on this important work.

- Pacific Lutheran University Choir Concert
Friday, January 23rd | 7:30 p.m. | St. John's Sanctuary

The PLU Choir of the West will perform at St. John's while on their tour, "Seeking Light and Beauty" later this month. Musical evocations of themes of strength, hope, healing, and joy will be on display as this 30-voice ensemble opens their tour here in Sacramento. Admission is free, donations are welcome!

- Connecting with our Native American Neighbors
Sundays, January 25th, February 1st, & 8th | 10:15 a.m. | Oehler Hall

For three Sundays this winter, the Justice-Making Ministry of St. John's will host an adult education class about Connecting with our Native American Neighbors. Throughout these classes, participants will learn about the Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery, learn about the History of Native Americans in the Sacramento area, and listen to Indigenous Guest Speakers. Come engage in this powerful and important dialogue!

- 2026 Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 25th | 1 p.m. | St. John's Sanctuary

The St. John's Congregational Council has called the 2026 Annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday, January 25th, 2026, 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and via zoom. The agenda will include the election of Council members and approval of the 2026 budget. Please plan to attend!



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