

MAY ALL KINGS  
FALL DOWN  
BEFORE HIM,  
ALL NATIONS  
SERVE HIM!

PSALM 72:11, ESV

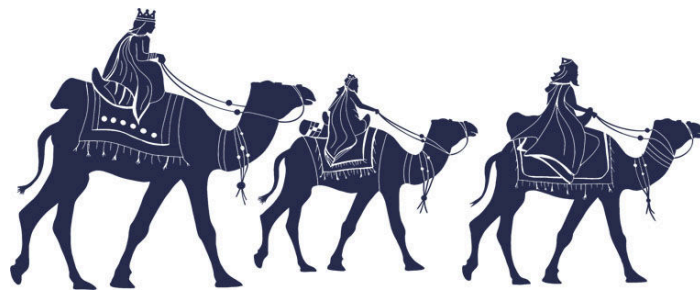


*Our Savior Lutheran Church*

# The Epiphany of Our Lord

Order of Holy Communion

In Nomine Jesu



Ringling of the Bells

Prelude

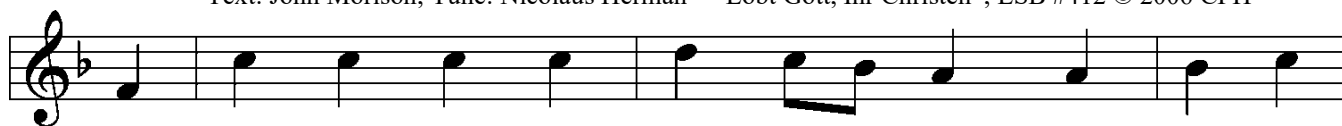
Bring a Torch Jeanette Isabella  
Carillon Ringers

Greetings & Announcements

# Hymn of Invocation

## The People That in Darkness Sat

Text: John Morison; Tune: Nicolaus Herman – “Lobt Gott, Ihr Christen”; LSB #412 © 2006 CPH



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious  
2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring  
3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a  
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -



light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In  
na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their  
Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All  
last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.  
har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.  
pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.  
God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.

5 His righteous government and pow'r Shall over all extend;  
On judgment and on justice based, His reign shall have no end,  
His reign shall have no end.

*(Stand)*

6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray, And make us Thine alone,  
Who with the Father ever art And Holy Spirit, one,  
And Holy Spirit, one.

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*(Stand)*

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** *Amen.*

(Kneel)

## Confession of Sins

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** *But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** *O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserve your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all of my sins and grant me the power of your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.*

## Pronouncement of Forgiveness

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** *Amen.*

(Stand)

## Introit

“Ego Faciam Tibi Nomen Erit In Omni Generatione”

(Psalm 45:6–8a; antiphon: Psalm 45:17)

- P** I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.
- C** *Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness; you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.*
- P** Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions; your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.
- C** *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*
- P** I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

# Kyrie

(Mark 10:47)

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** 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.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise  
let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

# Hymn of Praise

(Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9)

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-

5 lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Wor - thy is

9 Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

12 free to be peo - ple of God. This is the

16 feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -

20 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Pow - er,

23 rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or -



26  
bless - ing and glo - ry are His. This is the

30  
feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

34  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Sing with

37  
all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre -

41  
a - - - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or glo - ry, and

45  
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - -

49  
men. This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our

53  
God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

57

For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His

61

reign. Al - le - lu - - - ia. This is the

65

feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

69

lu - ia, al - le lu - - - ia.

## Collect of the Day

(2 Timothy 4:22)

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** *Amen.*

(Be Seated)



# Old Testament Reading

## Isaiah 60:1–6

[1] Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. [2] 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. [3] And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. [4] 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. [5] 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. [6] 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.

*Now this has some reference to the peaceable and prosperous condition which the Jews were sometimes in after their return out of captivity into their own land; but it certainly looks further, and was to have its full accomplishment in the kingdom of the Messiah, the enlargement of that kingdom by the bringing in of the Gentiles into it, and the spiritual blessings in heavenly things by Christ Jesus with which it should be enriched, and all these earnest of eternal joy and glory.*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** *Thanks be to God.*

## Gradual

*(Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8)*

**P** Praise the LORD, all nations!  
Extol him, all peoples!  
For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

## Epistle Reading

### Ephesians 3:1–12

[1] For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— [2] assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, [3] how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. [4] When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, [5] which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. [6] This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. [7] Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power.

[8] To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, [9] and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, [10] so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. [11] This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, [12] in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** *Thanks be to God.*

*All the gracious offers of the gospel, and the joyful tidings it contains, come from the rich grace of God; it is the great means by which the Spirit works grace in the souls of men. The mystery, is that secret, hidden purpose of salvation through Christ. This was not so fully and clearly shown in the ages before Christ, as unto the prophets of the New Testament. This was the great truth made known to the apostle, that God would call the Gentiles to salvation by faith in Christ. An effectual working of Divine power attends the gifts of Divine grace. As God appointed Paul to the office, so he qualified him for it.*

(Stand)

## Alleluia and Verse

(John 6:68)



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

# Gospel Reading

## St. Matthew 2:1–12

[1] 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, [2] 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.” [3] When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; [4] and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. [5] 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.’” [7] Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. [8] 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.” [9] 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. [10] When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. [11] 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. [12] And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

*We must learn of Christ by attending to the word of God, as a light that shineth in a dark place, and by seeking the teaching of the Holy Spirit. And those in whose hearts the day-star is risen, to give them any thing of the knowledge of Christ, make it their business to worship him. What joy these wise men felt upon this sight of the star, none know so well as those who, after a long and melancholy night of temptation and desertion, under the power of a spirit of bondage, at length receive the Spirit of adoption, witnessing with their spirits that they are the children of God.*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



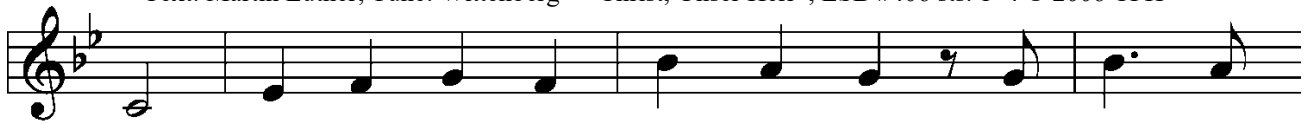
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

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# Baptism Hymn

## To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

Text: Martin Luther; Tune: Wittenberg – “Christ, Unser Herr”; LSB #406 sts. 1–4 © 2006 CPH



1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His  
2 O hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God Him -  
3 These truths on Jor - dan's banks were shown By might - y  
4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to



Fa - ther's plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word  
self has spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell  
word and won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down,  
us ex - tend - ing; The Ho - ly Spir - it like a dove



Was giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash - ing  
And so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with His  
Which we do well to pon - der: “This man is My be -  
Up - on the scene de - scend - ing; The tri - une God as -



now shall be A cleans - ing from trans - gres - sion  
Word en - dows Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing.  
lov - ed Son, In whom My heart has plea - sure.  
sur - ing us, With prom - is - es com - pel - ling,



And by His blood and ag - o - ny Re - lease from death's  
God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows Our kin - ship while  
Him you must hear, and Him a - lone, And trust in full -  
That in our Bap - tism He will thus A - mong us find



op - pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.  
be - stow - ing The Bap - tism of His bless - ing.  
est mea - sure The word that He has spo - ken.”  
a dwell - ing To com - fort and sus - tain us.

# Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Elizabeth Tracey Cooper



## Sermon Hymn

### As with Gladness Men of Old

Text: William C. Dix; Tune: Conrad Kocher – “Dix”; LSB #397 © 2006 CPH



- 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;
- 5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;



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  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.  
So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.  
All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.  
There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

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*(Stand for Text)*

## Sermon

Text: Isaiah 60: 1–6  
“A Star Is Born”

(Stand)

## Votum

## Offertory

(Psalm 104:14-15; Is. 25:6; 1 Cor. 5:7)



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the  
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and  
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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## Offering Prayer

(Be Seated)

## Offering

## Voluntary

## Gesù Bambino

By P. Yon

Jeff Armstrong and Ethel Hikal piano duet

# Catechism Hymn

## Our Father, Who from Heaven Above

Text & Tune: Martin Luther – “Vater Unser”; LSB #766 st. 1 © 2006 CPH

1 Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove Bids all of us to  
live in love As mem - bers of one fam - i - ly  
And pray to You in u - ni - ty, Teach us no  
thought-less words to say But from our in - most hearts to pray.

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# Catechism Lesson

- P** A lesson from Psalm 103:13–  
**C** *As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.*
- P** What is the Introduction to the Lord’s Prayer?  
**C** *Our Father who art in heaven.*
- P** What does this mean?  
**C** *With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.*

(Stand)

# Intercessory Prayer

*The end of each individual petition shall conclude with:*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** *hear our prayer.*



# Preface

**Worship Note:** The sound of the Zimbelstern announces the invitation that brings the realms of heaven and voices here on earth to sing the great hymn of praise to our Lord. As the Pastor reads “therefore with angels and archangels....” the bells peal in festive celebration.

**P** The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)



**C** We lift them to the Lord.

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

(Psalm 136)



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

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

# Sanctus

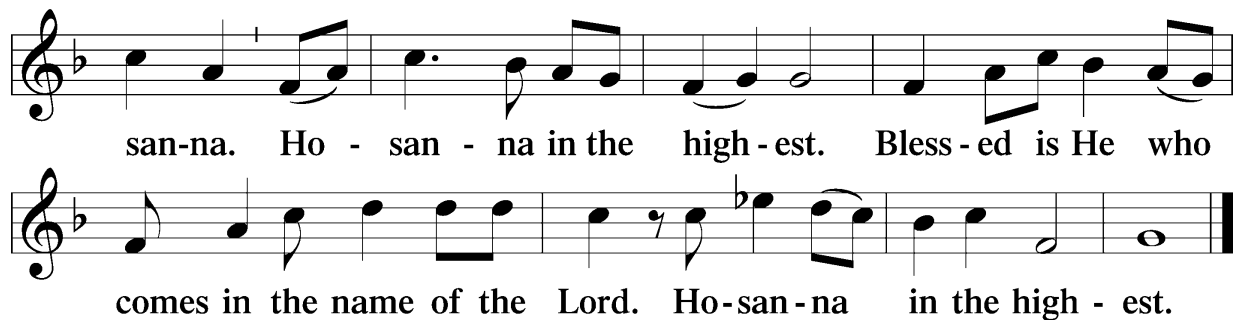
(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



## Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13)

- C** *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*

## Words of Institution

(Matthew 26:26-28)

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."  
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

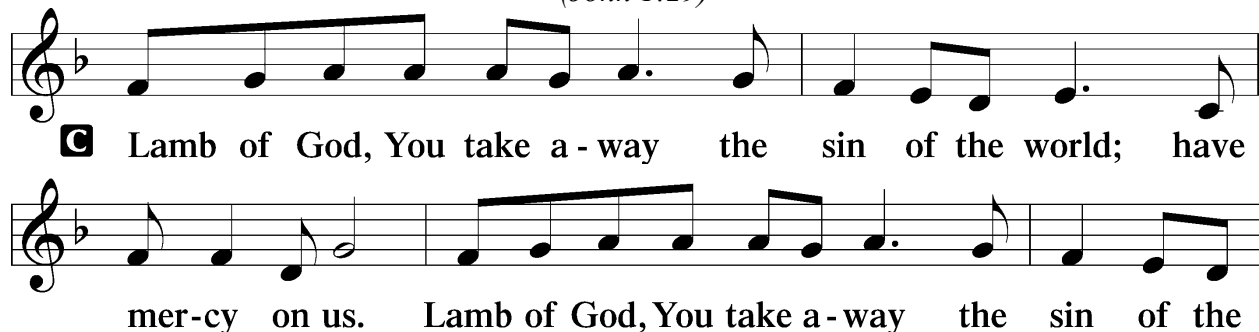
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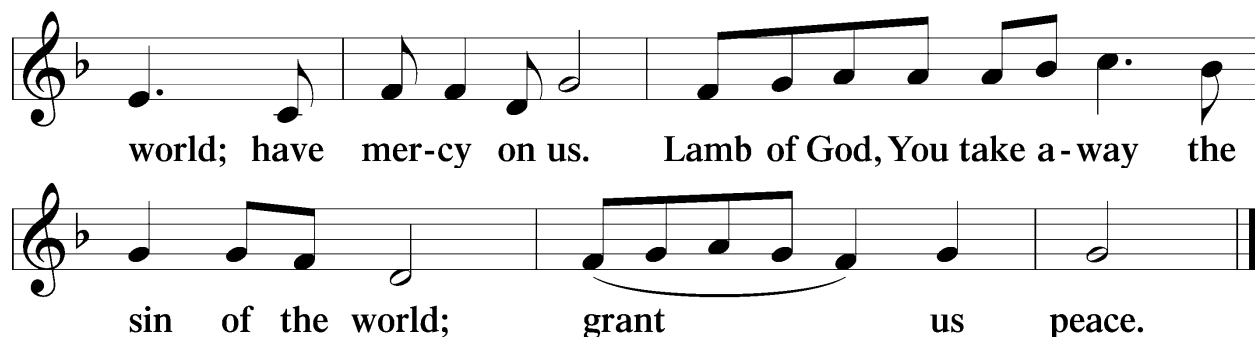
(John 20:19)

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** *And also with you.*

## Agnus Dei

(John 1:29)





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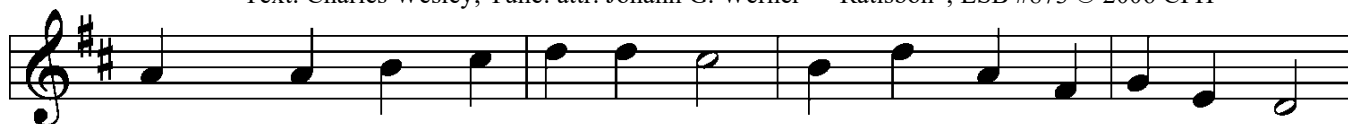
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## Distribution Hymns

### Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Text: Charles Wesley; Tune: attr. Johann G. Werner – "Ratisbon"; LSB #873 © 2006 CPH



- 1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
- 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa-nied by Thee;
- 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a-rise; Tri-umph o'er the shades of night.  
Joy-less is the day's re-turn Till Thy mer-cy's beams I see,  
Fill me, ra-dian-cy di-vine, Scat-ter all my un-be-lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap-pear.  
Till they in-ward light im-part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
More and more Thy-self dis-play, Shin-ing to the per-fect day.

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# Ministry of Music

## Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

By J.S. Bach

Ethel Hikal and Jeff Armstrong piano duet

### We Three Kings



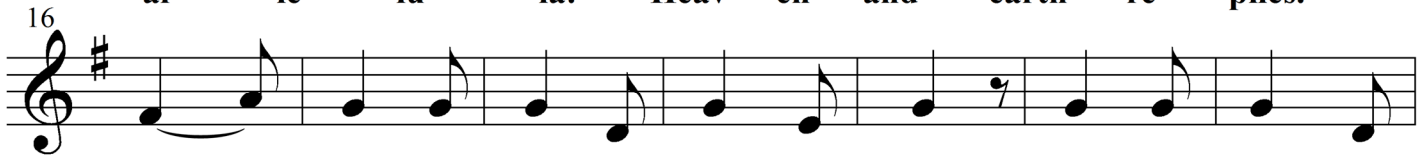
1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are Bear - ing  
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem plain, Gold I  
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; In - cense  
4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a  
5. Glo - rious now be - hold Him a - rise King, and



gifts we trav - erse a - far. Field and foun - tain  
bring to crown Him a - gain King for - ev - er,  
owns a De - i - ty night: Pray'r and prais - ing,  
life of gath - er - ing gloom; Sor - r'wing, sigh - ing,  
God, and Sac - ri - fice, Al - le - lu - ia,



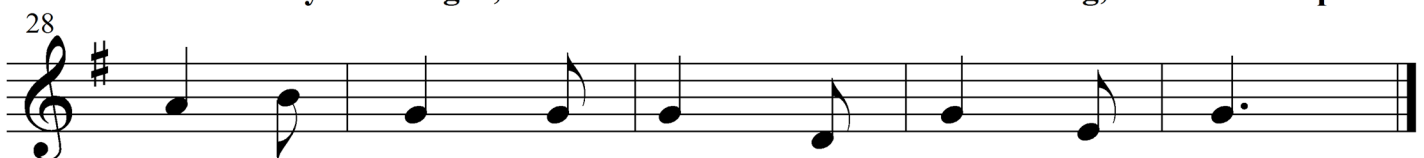
moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
ceas - ing nev - er, O - ver us all to reign.  
all men rais - ing, Wor - ship Him, God on high.  
bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
al - le - lu - ia! Heav - en and earth re - plies.



O 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.

# I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Text & Tune: Kathleen Thomerson – “Houston”; LSB #411 © 2006 CPH

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

I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
I want to look at Je - sus.  
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.  
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,  
When we have run with pa - tience the race,

The star of my life is Je - sus.  
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
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.

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## Post-Communion Canticle

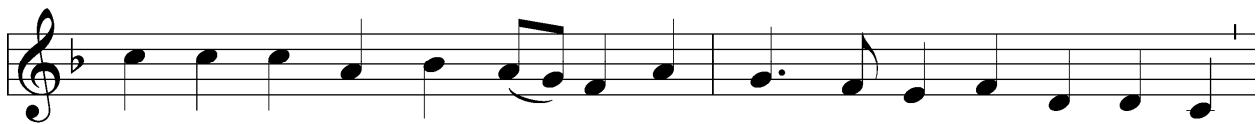
### Thank the Lord



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** *Amen.*

## Benediction

(Numbers 6:24-26)

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

# Closing Hymn

## Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Text: Christopher Wordsworth; Tune: George J. Elvey – “St. George’s Windsor”; LSB #394 © 2006 CPH



- 1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
- 2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, 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'ns shall flee;
- 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,  
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;  
Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;  
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al 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 gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;  
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, 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.

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## Postlude

### Trumpet Tune

By G. Young

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# Welcome!

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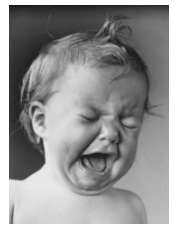
**Number 2**

*Enter reverently, meditate quietly, worship sincerely, serve Christ faithfully.*

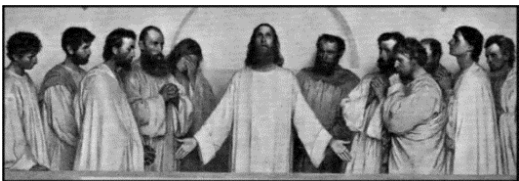
It is our heartfelt prayer that all who worships here this day may encounter the love of our Savior. According to His promise, He is here today reaching out to us in love through Word and Sacrament. If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you have found it here so that we may rejoice in serving the Lord together. If we can be of service to you or your family in any way please do not hesitate to ask.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** We sing aloud with gladness, O God, raising our voices in praise of your name. You have not withheld your love from us, but sent forth a messiah to deliver us. As Christ came to earth to embody your love, so now we gather as his body to make our joyful response to such wondrous love. Filled with your Spirit, made alive by your presence, we come rejoicing as we greet your new day. Amen.

**ATTENDANCE CARDS – MEMBERS (yellow) & VISITORS (blue),** remember to fill out an attendance card listing all in attendance for your family. Please note any changes, otherwise you do not have to fill in the address information each week. It is appreciated if first-time visitors would include their address and phone number. Email and work numbers are helpful for inner-office needs. By filling out a card, your attendance and communing is recorded, and your comments are addressed. It is not necessary to indicate common or individual cup. Place cards in the offering plate or give to an usher on your way out. Thanks!



- *The Cry-Room and the four row spans directly in front of it are reserved for parents with small children. Thank you.*
- *Hearing devices are available from the ushers if you need this assistance.*



**HOLY COMMUNION** will be celebrated next on Sunday, January 23, at 9:30 AM. “Let a man examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.” 1 Corinthians 11:28

The Word of God teaches that the bread and wine of the Sacrament are the true Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This precious gift of God’s grace is to be received in a sense of reverent awe after careful self-examination. The Bible defines that self-examination as a personal recognition of the real presence of Christ’s Body and Blood in the Sacrament, and a repentant acknowledgment of my own sinfulness recognizing my absolute dependence upon Christ as the only source of forgiveness for my sin. Scripture further instructs that our participation in Christ’s Body and Blood together is the most profound and powerful way for Christians to acknowledge their unity in the faith. That is to say, when we share in the Body and Blood of Jesus at this altar, we are thereby indicating our common commitment to all of the doctrines of God’s Word as they are taught in this congregation. Because of these Biblical convictions, we respectfully request that visitors, who wish to join us in receiving the Body and Blood of Christ and thereby identify with our confession of Bible truth, speak with one of our pastors before attending the Lord’s Supper.

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## *Adult Bible Classes & Sunday School Options for All:*

### 8:15 AM

**Genesis: The Beginning of All Things** – A study of Creation in Scripture, chapters 1-11 (Pastor White - Bible Class Room)

### 10:45 AM

**Thru the Bible in One Year – A Personal Commitment to the Faithful Study of the Word of God:** We will continue our study on the Scripture readings the congregation is working on together this year. (Pastor White - Bible Class Room)

**Lutheran Confessions:** Our Lutheran Confessions were developed out of a genuine concern with false teachings obscuring the glory and merit of our Savior. These unconditional affirmations are as understandable and poignant today as when they were written. Learn their history and development, as well as their relevance in the daily life of a Christian. Through discussion, you will see how others are asking the same questions and how Scripture offers solid, reliable answers. (James Kriegel, C101)

**Bethel Bible Series:** The Bethel Bible Series will begin its study of the Old Testament. Someone once said, “The devil is not afraid of the Bible that has dust on it.” Another person said, “If all the neglected Bibles were dusted simultaneously, we would have a record dust storm and the sun would go into an eclipse for a whole week.” If your Bible is a little dusty, why not dust it off in the Bethel Class? No assignments and no homework. (Herb Peterson, C102)

**Women’s Bible Study:** This season of Advent, we will be looking at ways God is renewing, connecting, surprising, and abiding with us. Our study is written by Sarah Baughman as a companion to her and Heidi Goehmann’s Advent Devotional Make Ready. (Family Room, Church)

**Applying Scripture to Current Events:** This class for young adults will focus on today’s headlines and current events and discuss these topics in light of scripture and how the verses covered each week apply to everyday life. (Adam White, C106)

**The Early Church:** The history of the first four centuries of the early Church, exploring how God guided and sustained the first Christians, and what it means for us today. (Karl Baughman, Cafeteria)

### **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS AS LISTED –**

High School - Youth Room	4th - 5th Grade – C113	Kindergarten – B107
8th Grade Confirmation – C105	3rd Grade – C116	3 & 4 yrs – B108
6th - 7th Grade – C103	1st - 2nd Grade – C115	18 mos. – 3 yrs – B111

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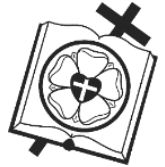


The flowers are given to the glory of God by Allison & Chad Symcox in celebration of their wedding anniversary on the 5th.

The 2022 Flower Chart is available to sponsor the church flowers for your special occasions! Each flower arrangement is \$45. You will find the flower clipboard on the hutch in the narthex. Remember to write a “W” if you want the flowers, or “S” to send them to the sick. Thank you!

**UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION:** Remember to log in to your Breeze account, and make sure all your contact information is correct – phone numbers, address, email accounts, etc. You can even add your own PHOTO. Call the church office if you need help: 713-290-9087.

**Monday Evening Adult Information Class – Resuming on JANUARY 10!** Adult Information Class is on Mondays @ 7:00 PM. The class covers the most important teachings of the Bible as they are believed, taught and confessed in this Lutheran Congregation. Babysitting and refreshments are provided.



**WEEKLY MEN’S BIBLE STUDY** – We are studying the book of Acts. All men are invited on Wednesday mornings in the Bible Class Room, at 6:30-7:30 a.m. Contact Channing Wood at [channing@toddyblends.com](mailto:channing@toddyblends.com).

**PASTOR WHITE’S WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** is from 10:00-12:00, and we are studying *Romans, Chief Part of the New Testament and the Very Purest Gospel*. Make Bible study a regular part of your schedule every week. Food and fellowship provided of course!



**Annual Family Bus Trip to Austin For LIFE!** We are chartering a bus to Austin to participate in the annual march on the Texas State Capitol. Please consider joining us to make a stand for life, on **January 22**. Seating on the bus is limited so please register early: <https://osl.cc/austin-life-march> or 713-290-9087 ext 209.

**BLANKET ALERT!** Why not join the blanket ministry in 2022?! All hands are needed as more girls are coming onto the BUS for our help. Can you sew? We need hemmers. Can you cut? We have 2 faithful, join them? Can you crochet? We will teach you. If you have a surger, we need you also. Please contact Ethelene 713-849-9266.



**CART CREW DRIVERS NEEDED!** Please consider joining a Cart Crew Team! We need more drivers. You must be 16 or older and have a valid driver’s license. Please contact the church office to add your name to the list.

**GREETERS NEEDED to serve the Lord with gladness!** Get to know your fellow church family. Call Terry Tomchesson for information: 281-777-4879.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for audio-visual ministries:** If you would like to learn from a “hands on” perspective, call 713-290-9087, leave your name, number, and we will contact you. No experience needed.



**STAMPS** – Cheerful Helpers are collecting stamps trimmed to ¼". Please put them in the mailbox in Pastor White’s Bible Class Room. – Sandi Hall, Human Care Chairman.

**RECYCLE** Paper in the bin which is now in the back parking lot to the north.

**BOX TOPS for Education** – Please place the trimmed box tops in an envelope marked for the school on the narthex table.

**Greeting Cards are available in the Bible Class Room.** Each box is \$6 or \$7. Make checks payable to OSL, with Circle of Grace in the memo.

**AMAZON SMILE & OSL** – Now enjoy everything Amazon offers while supporting OSL School. Amazon will donate .5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Our Savior Lutheran School. How? Visit Smile.Amazon.com, search “Our Savior Lutheran Church and School, Houston” and select us as your preferred charity. Who knew supporting your school could be so easy?

**KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM** — Please make sure your account has our new NPO account number, **XB926**. Log in to your account at Kroger.com, place the cursor on the Savings & Rewards link at the top left-hand side, and click on Kroger Community Rewards. Choose the “View Details” button under “I’m a Customer”. Verify that the Organization Number is **XB926**. You should also see “You are contributing to Our Savior Lutheran School” at the bottom of your grocery receipt.

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES** – Toddy, Inc. Winery, Distillery, Brewery and Event Venue is currently hiring for the following positions: Daiquiri Store Attendants, Bartenders, Bar-Backs, Servers, Drivers, Salesmen and Cooks. Send resume to [recruiter@toddyoaks.com](mailto:recruiter@toddyoaks.com), located at 20120 Franz Rd, Katy, TX 77449.



## Through the Bible in One Year, A Personal Commitment to the Faithful Study of the Word of God in 2022

Look for your copy in the mail, pick one up at church, or download it from our website: [www.OSL.cc](http://www.OSL.cc).

*Don't forget to tithe!*

Use the OSL app from Subsplash! It is free in the App Store.

No monthly fee - No set up fee - No hidden fees - Lowest processing rates that continue to drop as your giving increases. All credit and debit cards (including AMEX) are processed at 2.3% + .30 cents per transaction. All ACH donations are 1% with no cents. There is also a “GIVE” link at the top of our website: [www.OSL.cc](http://www.OSL.cc)





**MEASURE OF DEVOTION:** Last Sunday, we had 298 people in attendance (last year 256), 500 viewed our service online. New Year's Eve, we had 98 (last year 119) 3300 views online.

### Our Ministry Challenge

Tithes & Offerings for last week .....	\$ 54,454.44
Tithes & Offerings to date – week 52A .....	\$ 1,862,244.01
Tithes & Offerings needed each week .....	\$ 35,365.00
Tithes & Offerings needed to date – week 52A .....	\$ 1,838,980.00
General Fund Income to date .....	\$ 3,927,916.42
Special Contributions to date .....	\$ 286,573.11

*“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.” Malachi 3:10*

*Please use your assigned envelopes which are mailed to you, and have your number on them. That way we can be sure you are properly credited for ALL your contributions. Thank You!*

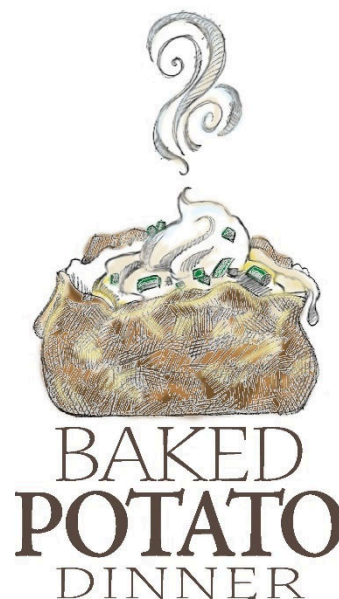
### 2021 Contribution Notice:

*2021 contributions will be received though January 9, 2022. Your check must be dated 2021. Please note it is a 2021 donation on the envelope.*

### Those To Serve:

	<b>Today, January 09, at 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Next Sunday, January 16, at 9:30 AM</b>
<b>ELDERS:</b>	Brad Whiting / Garry Stuhr / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson	Brad Whiting / Garry Stuhr / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson
<b>USHERS:</b>	Lehr Team	Hall Team
<b>SOUND:</b>	Whiting	Witt
<b>CARTS:</b>	Gerard Team	Adams Team
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	Alexia Gonzales / Lorenzo Gonzales	Heidi Nitsch / Aryana Reyes
<b>ALTAR GLD:</b>	Vickie Nitsch Team	—
<b>COMM.ASST:</b>	Brad Whiting / Garry Stuhr / Glenn Frazier / Ken Thompson	—
<b>EVANGELISM:</b>	Team 3 James	Team 4 Karl
<b>GREETERS:</b>	—	—
<b>MUSIC:</b>	Carillon Ringers / Ethel Hikal	—
<b>VIDEO:</b>	Amélie Boerger / Chad Greenwood / Mitchell Stephens / Aiden Sullivan / Adam White	

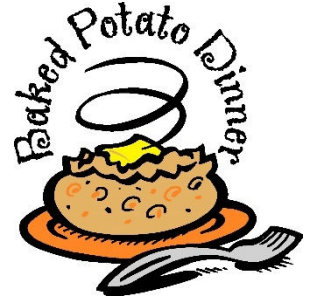
**TODAY!** *Please come by after church and Sunday school and purchase your baked potato lunch to go.* All proceeds will benefit the OSL 8th grade class trip to Washington DC in May. We will have baked potatoes with all the fixings and brownies boxed up and ready to eat when you get home! Free will donations. *Thank you for your support!*



# OSL at a Glance

## Sunday, January 9, 2022

<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Bible Class	8:15 AM	Bible Class Room
<b>Communion-Baptism</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Church &amp; online</b>
Sunday School	10:45 AM	
8th Grade To-Go Box Fundraiser	11:00 AM	Outdoor Parking
Laudate	12:00 PM	School Music Room
Middle School Youth Meeting	4:30 PM	Youth Room



## Monday, January 10, 2022

Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML	9:00 AM	LWML
Potter's Vessel	6:30 PM	Family Room
Adult Information Class-BC	7:00 PM	Bible Class Room

## Tuesday, January 11, 2022

<i>Braille</i>	<i>8:30 AM</i>	<i>Concordia LCMS</i>
Parish Ed mtg-YR	7:00 PM	Youth Room

## Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Men's Bible Study-BC	6:30 AM	Bible Class Room
Bible Class-BC	10:00 AM	Bible Class Room
Bulletin Deadline	12:00 PM	Church Office

## Thursday, January 13, 2022

Prayer Request printing deadline	3:00 PM	Church office
Carillon Ringers	6:15 PM	Choir Loft
Jubilate Choir	7:00 PM	Choir Loft

## Friday, January 14, 2022

Joseph's Guild of Colors-LWML	9:00 AM	LWML
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## Saturday, January 15, 2022

Newsletter Deadline		
LWML - BC	3:30 PM	Bible Class Room

## Sunday, January 16, 2022

Bible Class	8:15 AM	Bible Class Room
<b>Matins</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Church &amp; online</b>
Sunday School	10:45 AM	
Exultae	12:00 PM	Church Music Room