



*Matthew 2:1-12*  
*January 2, 2022*

**Epiphany**

*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**

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**GATHERING**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING PRAYER**

*Please stand as you are able.*

P God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder our love of you, that when Christ comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more.

**C Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who sends the word with angels, who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth.

**C Amen.**

P In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Holy God,

**C we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition. We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive. We have not put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us. Amen.**

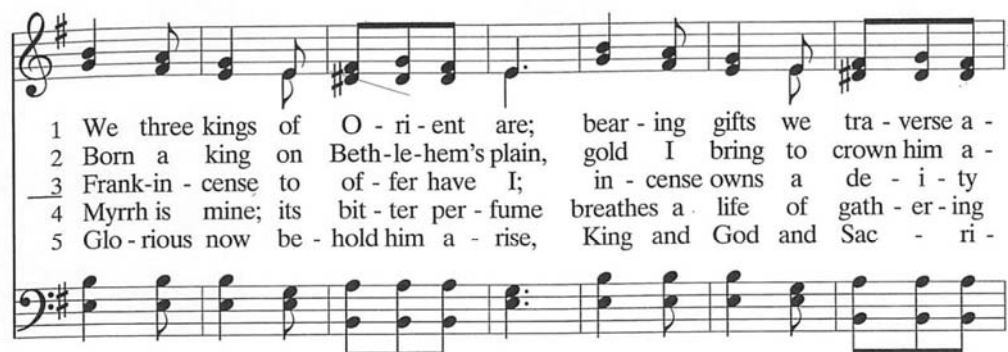
P I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord. ☩ In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace.

**C Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

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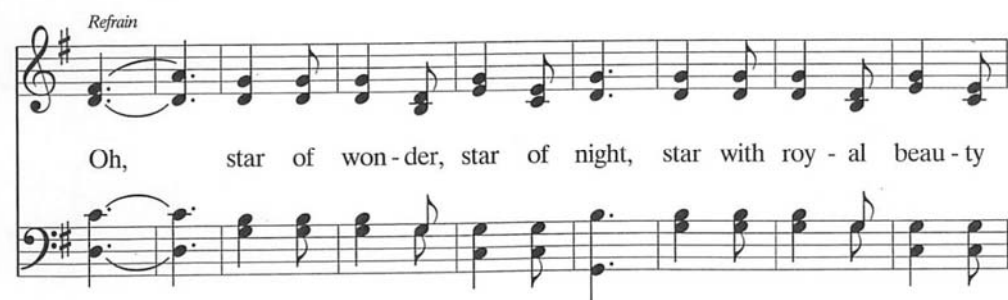


1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a -  
 2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a -  
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty  
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing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

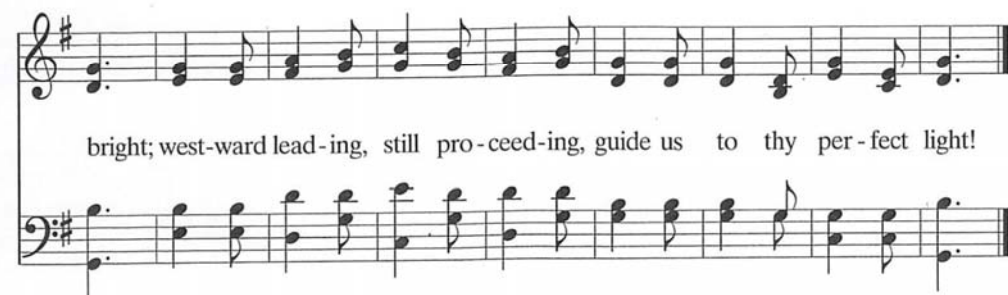


far, field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
 gain; king for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.  
 nigh; prayer and prais - ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.  
 gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing,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

## GREETING

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.

## KYRIE

The musical score for the Kyrie is written in 4/4 time and consists of four systems of vocal and piano accompaniment. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are as follows:

Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!

Hail in the time ap - point - ed his reign on earth be - gun!

He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,

to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

The musical score for 'Hymn of Praise' is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

Lift up your heads, you might - y gates; be - hold, the  
Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
So, come, my Sov - 'reign, en - ter in; let new and

King of Glo - ry waits; the King of Kings is  
tem - ple set a - part from earth - ly use for  
no - bler life be - gin; the Ho - ly Spir - it

draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
guide us on, un - til our glo - rious goal is won.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

### Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

*Sung responsively*



<sup>1</sup>Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,  
and your righteousness to | the king's son;  
<sup>2</sup>**that he may rule your | people righteously**  
**and the | poor with justice;**  
<sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,  
and the | hills, in righteousness.  
<sup>4</sup>**Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,**  
**rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor.**  
<sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,  
from one generation | to another.  
<sup>6</sup>**Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,**  
**like showers that wa- | ter the earth.**  
<sup>7</sup>In his time may the | righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.  
<sup>10</sup>**May the kings of Tarshish and of the | isles pay tribute,**  
**and the kings of Sheba and Seba | offer gifts.**  
<sup>11</sup>May all kings bow | down before him,  
and all the nations | do him service.

**<sup>12</sup>For the king delivers the poor who cry out | in distress,  
the oppressed, and those who | have no helper.**

**<sup>13</sup>He has compassion on the low- | ly and poor,  
and preserves the lives | of the needy.**

**<sup>14</sup>From oppression and violence he re- | deems their lives,  
and precious is their blood | in his sight.**

**SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a vocal staff (treble clef) and a bass staff (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The melody is simple and repetitive, with the vocal staff featuring a single line of music and the bass staff featuring a single line of music. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff.

P The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the second chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." <sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*



*Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.*

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C 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 to the dead.  
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.**

**THE PRAYERS**

A Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

A God of wanderers, you sent the magi from afar to witness the mystery and majesty of your birth. Send us into the world with your will in our hearts and on our lips. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A You created heaven and earth. Through your Spirit send your all-encompassing love over the cosmos. Bless the stars that guide our way and the night sky that invites the earth into slumber. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A You sent the magi to follow the star into an uncertain future. May all leaders and peoples seek your face, especially when paths are not clear, conflicts rage, tyrants oppress, and fear abounds. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P You sent your Spirit to dwell with Paul in prison. Send your Spirit to those who are imprisoned and enslaved. Give courage and wisdom for building roads that lead to justice and freedom. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P You sent the holy family to seek safety in a new land. Protect all who make similar journeys. Send your guiding Spirit to asylum seekers, refugees, and all who journey toward safety. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

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 - a - ted 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.

P You sent your Son to dwell with us. Send your Spirit to all who are unwell, or in any need this day, especially Keith Springer, Peggy Buchholz, Helen Laughlin, Linda Longren, Don O'Brien, Linda Stone, Liz Utech, Susan Fitz, and Martha Nemeth. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P You sent prophets and teachers to lead your church. Be with our sister congregations in their missions. Today we pray for Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Springfield, Missouri, Arab Fellowship - SAWC Exploration in Lenexa, Kansas, St. Paul Lutheran Church in Lohman, Missouri, and the Southern Sudanese Worshiping Community in St. Joseph, Missouri. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Your glory is shown to the saints. We give thanks for those whose earthly journey has ended and now dwell with you forever. Give us signs of your continual presence until that day when we arise in you. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C Amen.**

### **The Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*Let us greet one another with God's peace.*

*Please be seated.*

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## **PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

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**OFFERTORY**


*What Child Is This*

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### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior.



**C Amen.**





1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.


Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?  
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.  
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.

This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;  
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!



# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

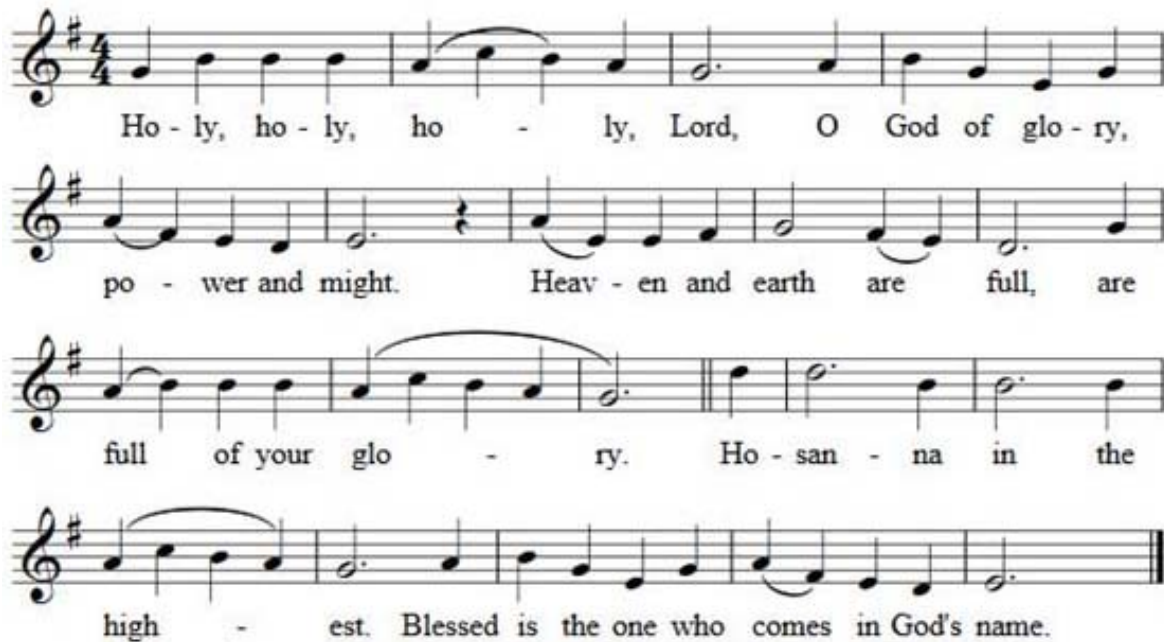
P Lift up your hearts.

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.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

**C Come among us.**

P Bless this meal.

**C May your Word take flesh in us.**

P Awaken your people.

**C Fill us with your light.**

P Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P In Christ's manger, at Christ's table, come, see what God makes known for you.  
*Please be seated.*

### LAMB OF GOD



### COMMUNION BLESSING

*Please stand as you are able.*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray.

C **Amen**

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## SENDING

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### BLESSING

P The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

C **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*Cold December Flies Away*

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### SENDING

A Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE



1 Cold De - cem - ber flies a - way at the rose - red splen - dor.  
2 In the hope - less time of sin shad - ows deep had fall - en.  
3 Now the bud has come to bloom, and the world a - wak - ens.



A - pril's crown-ing glo - ry breaks while the whole world won - ders  
All the world lay un - der death. Eyes were closed in sleep - ing.  
In the lil - y's pur - est flow'r dwells a won - drous fra - grance.



at the ho - ly un - seen pow'r of the tree which bears the  
But, when all seemed lost in night, came the sun whose gold - en  
And it spreads to all the earth from the mo - ment of its



flow'r. On the bless - ed tree blooms the red - dest flow'r. On the tree blooms the  
light brings un - end - ing joy, brings the end - less joy of our hope, high - est  
birth; and its beau - ty lives. In the flow'r it lives, in the flow'r, and it



rose here in love's own gar - den, full and strong in glo - ry.  
hope, of our hope's bright dawn - ing, Son be - lov'd of heav - en.  
spreads in its heav'n - ly bright - ness sweet per - fume de - light - ful.



***Welcome to worship at Trinity!***

***Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you, members and visitors, found the Spirit of God in our midst.***

***If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please contact the church office at 785.233.0767***



Pr. Andrew will be on vacation January 13 through January 26. Upon his return, he will limit contact for several days due to travel.

During his absence, Pr. Bob Dealey will serve as presiding minister on January 16 and Pr. Gary Teske will be here on January 23.

### **Church Committee Meetings for January 2022**

**January 2 — Nominating Committee**  
**Finalize positions**

**January 9 — Maintenance Committee**  
**Management plan**

**January 30 — Annual Meeting**



*Mark your calendar!*

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Jan. 2 ..... Worship & Communion ..... 10:30 AM  
 ..... Nominating Committee meeting ..... after worship

Tues., Jan. 4 ..... Quilters ..... 9:00 AM

Sunday, Jan. 9..... Worship & Communion ..... 10:30 AM  
 ..... Maintenance Committee meeting ..... after worship

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Dec. 12	\$1,730.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,730.00	-\$2,211.54	\$518.46	36
Dec. 19	\$2,692.00	\$1,071.73	\$3,763.73	-\$2,211.54	\$1,552.19	25
Dec. 24	\$525.00	\$0.00	\$525.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$1,686.54	65
Dec. 26	\$165.00	\$110.00	\$275.00	-\$2,211.54	-\$1,936.54	22
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		Nov. 2021	\$8,795.60	-\$14,581.58	-\$5,785.98	
		Jan. - Nov.	\$114,918.13	-\$126,496.10	-\$11,577.97	

### *Remember our shut-ins!*

Peggy Buchholz     Keith Springer  
 Marlene Hassan     Naomi Walker  
 Ron Owensby



Worship Assistants						
Date	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
Jan. 2, 2022	Dean McGinnis, Diane Bottorff	Mitchell Bean	Linda Longren	Charlotte Blenden & Team 3	Vickie Jacobs	Pr. Andrew Patty
Jan. 9, 2022	Howard Reece, Curt Lewis	Laurie Jackson	Shelley Andrews	Charlotte Blenden & Team 3	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty



Work on the annual report booklet has begun. If you have a report to submit, please do so immediately. You may review the index of previous reports to see what reports are needed, or call the office, 233-0767.



The mission of  
**Trinity Evangelical  
 Lutheran Church**  
 is to

- worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

**T**ogether in Community • **L**iving with Christ • **C**aring for Neighbors

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