

MATTHEW 2:10,11

WHEN THEY SAW  
THE STAR, THEY  
WERE OVERJOYED.

ON COMING TO THE HOUSE, THEY SAW THE CHILD WITH  
HIS MOTHER MARY, AND THEY BOWED DOWN AND  
WORSHIPED HIM. THEN THEY OPENED THEIR TREASURES  
AND PRESENTED HIM WITH GIFTS OF GOLD,  
FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH.



Epiphany

January 8, 2023

Advent Setting

*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.*

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**GATHERING**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING PRAYER**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

**C** **Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

**P** God for whom we wait,

**C** **in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.**


**P** God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, ☩ your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

**C** **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Shall We Gather at the River*

**ELW423**



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,  
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,  
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;  
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;




with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

*Refrain*



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

## 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

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 is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first system has two lines of lyrics. The second system has two lines of lyrics. The third system has two lines of lyrics. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass line.

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 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.

**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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please stand as you are able.*



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.*

SERMON

PR. ANDREW PATTY

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

ELW 310

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

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 weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;  
4 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;  
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;  
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,

an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

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 With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

*A brief silence.*

A Guide the whole church with your wisdom, revealing God. Nurture ecumenical and interreligious understanding around the globe, especially in places of ethnic and religious strife. We pray for Lutheran World Relief and other organizations that provide humanitarian aid, disaster relief, and health care. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Restore your glory to the earth, creating God. Protect fragile ecosystems: rain forests, coral reefs, wetlands, prairies, and shorelines. Guide us to treasure the rich variety of animals and plants that share the world with us, especially those that are endangered. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Come to the aid of vulnerable people across the world, especially those affected by the war in Ukraine. Provide safety and assistance for those in need. Guide families as they lose their homes and loved ones. Particularly, let us pray for the German Evangelical-Lutheran Church in the Ukraine and our partner synod of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia and the Far East as they face times of conflict. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Bring the nations into the way of justice and peace, righteous God. Strengthen those who work for human rights, equality, and the protection of the most vulnerable. We pray for all in public office, that they may serve with honesty and honor. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Help those who have no helper, delivering God. Rescue any who suffer from abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Deliver adults and children who are caught in cycles of poverty. Transform social systems that enable racism and discrimination of any kind. Wherever possible, bring healing and comfort to those in need, especially Mike Jackson, Walt Laughlin, Peggy Buchholz, Linda Longren, Don O'Brien, and Martha Nemeth. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Accompany the ministries of this congregation and that of Christ Lutheran in Wichita, Excelsior Lutheran in Wilson, and Mision San Juan de Dios Ministry in Wichita, Kansas so we are strengthened for your service. Inspire those who lead worship, teach, visit, pray, administer, and serve. Keep us mindful of the needs of others in our communities and neighborhoods. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Bring joy to Kendall Horton as she remembers her baptism, God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Reveal your promise by the witness of those who died trusting in you, redeeming God. Receive our thanks for their witness and faith, and guide us by their example until we are gathered with them into your eternal presence. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.

**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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## MEAL

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### OFFERTORY SONG

*Please stand as you are able.*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

C **Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

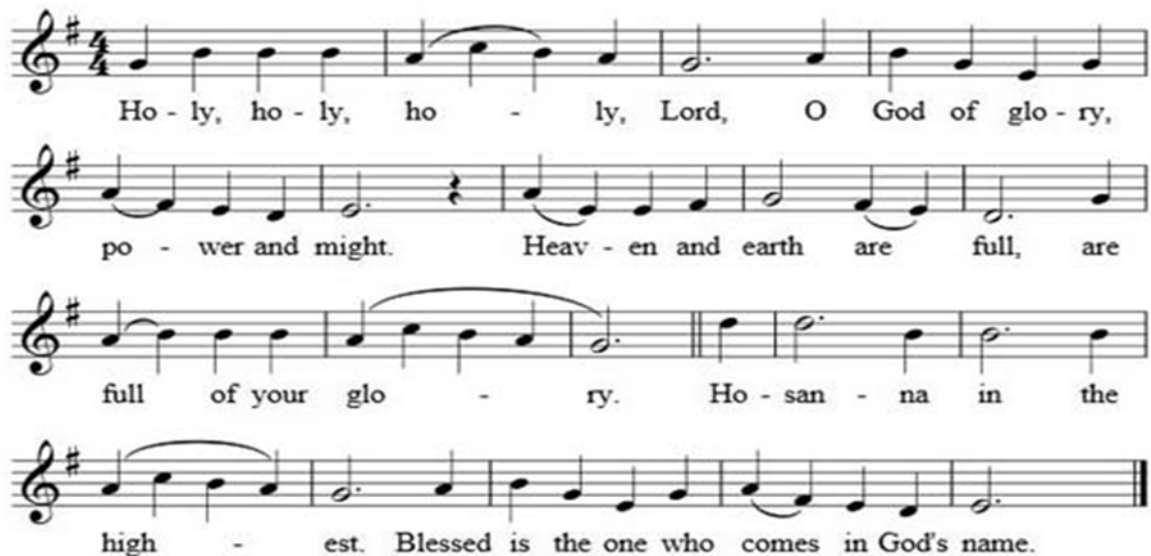
P Lift up your hearts.

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.**

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 Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

### LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, Take away our sins.  
A - men, A - way our men.

Have mer - - - - - cy on us. 2 times  
A - - - - - men.

### COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

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## SENDING

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### BLESSING

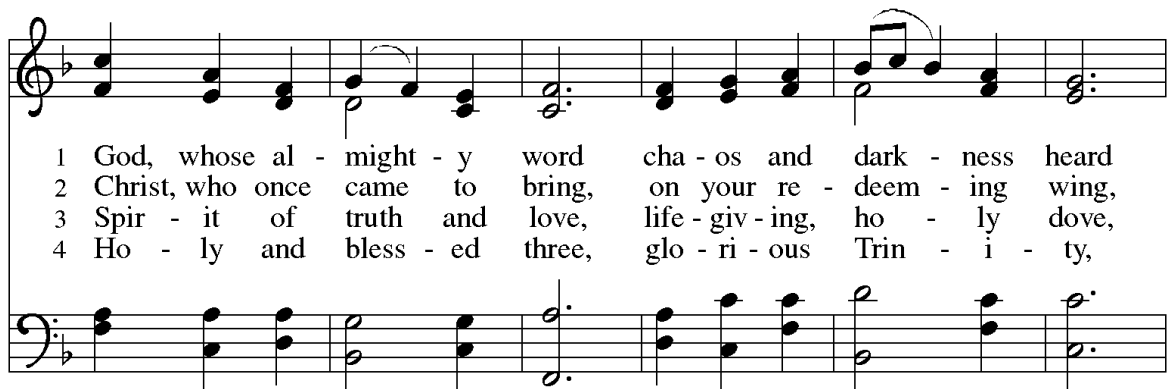
P God bless you and keep you, ☩ Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

C Amen.

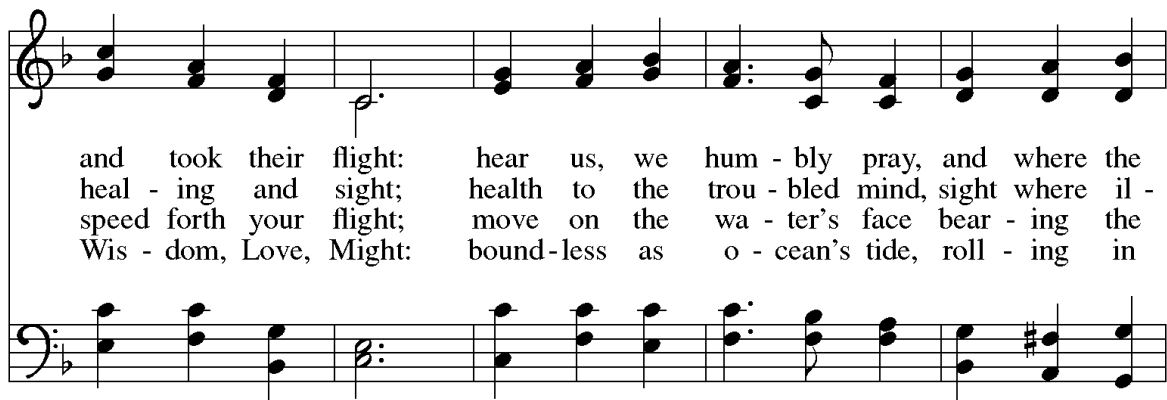
SENDING HYMN

*God, Whose Almighty Word*


ELW 673



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.  
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

#### DISMISSAL

A Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

C Thanks be to God.

#### POSTLUDE

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

***Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you 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***

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY**

Today, Jan. 8 .....Adult Sunday School ..... 9:45 AM  
 ..... Worship with Holy Communion..... 10:30 AM  
 ..... Coffee Hour .....after worship  
 ..... Congregational Life committee mtg. ....after worship  
 ..... PFLAG meeting ..... 2:00 PM  
 Mon., Jan. 9 ..... Church Council..... 6:00 PM  
 Tues., Jan 10 ..... Quilters ..... 9:00 AM  
 Sun., Jan. 15..... Worship with Holy Communion..... 10:30 AM  
 ..... Coffee Hour .....after worship

**Worship Assistants**

Date	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts
Jan. 8	Howard Reece, Curt Lewis	Mitchell Bean	Duane Pomeroy	Cindy McGinnis & Team 1	Bob Horton	Pr. Andrew Patty	Marcy Carlson & Janelle Meredith
Jan. 15	Marcy Carlson, Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	Loni Reece	Cindy McGinnis & Team 1	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty	Dean McGinnis
Jan. 22	Duane Pomeroy, Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Shelley Andrews	Cindy McGinnis & Team 1	Bob Horton	Pr. Andrew Patty	Annual Meeting





## **BACH BASH ORGAN RECITAL**

featuring musicians of  
Topeka American Guild of Organists

**Sunday, February 19, 3:00 P.M.**

**First Lutheran Church  
1234 SW Fairlawn Rd.**

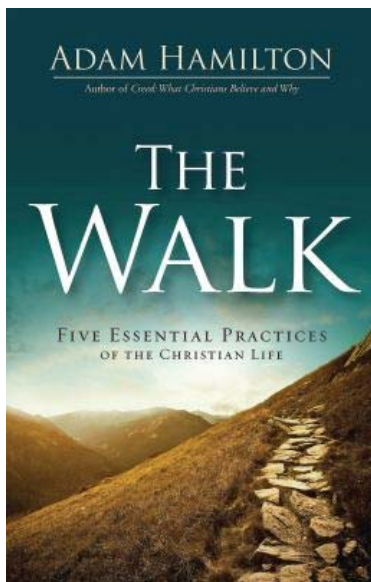
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Join us for an afternoon of  
some of the best music of  
J.S. Bach!

- Organ plus instruments
- Free will donation

### **Sunday School for the New Year**

Our adult Sunday school class began this morning at 9:45. We are reading and discussing **“The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life”** by **Adam Hamilton**. For today we read and discussed the Introduction and Chapter 1.



If you would like to join us for the next class, you can order the book on Amazon or borrow from the public library (physical copy and ebook), or contact Pastor Andrew if you are having trouble getting a copy.

**For Children’s Sunday School, we will meet in the new Youth Room in Trinity Hall. We will do a lesson plan from Messy Church that is fun and interactive for the children.** Parents are welcome to not only attend but to join in the fun! We will also have a children’s sermon that Sunday during the regular worship service.





## TIME TO REGISTER!

The countdown to summer camp has begun, and so has our Early Bird registration! Luckily you don't have to wait until summer to join in on Tomah Shinga activities, so check out our calendar on the website for events coming up in the spring.

Invite a friend and join Camp Tomah Shinga for a fun-filled, Spirit-led camping experience!

Camperships are available, please contact [jvalentine@camptomahshinga.com](mailto:jvalentine@camptomahshinga.com) to inquire.

We are excited to welcome back campers for a full summer to Explore Creation, Build Community, and Grow in Faith.

## Want to be part of the legacy of Camp Tomah Shinga? Here are a few options for you!

**Amazon Wish list** - We have started an Amazon Wish list to help us be better

prepared for our campers! Sports equipment, co-op items, kitchen gear, and so forth are included and will be added to throughout the month of May.

**Rooted Monthly Giving Club** - We are always looking to grow our Monthly Rooted Giving Club and without it, we wouldn't be able to do all that we have accomplished. As little as \$10 a month or as much as \$150, it will be pulled automatically from your account each month.

**Make a Gift** - Of course, we welcome one-time donations as well! This can look like a monetary donation, a needed-item donation or if you are a Thrivent member, using your Thrivent Action Grant to apply for a CTS need and further the ministry out at camp.

Contact Jordan at [jvalentine@camptomahshinga.com](mailto:jvalentine@camptomahshinga.com).



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### OFFICE HOURS

10:00AM-3:30PM, Monday through Thursday

**Together in Community**

**Living with Christ's Love**

**Caring for Neighbors**

### **Living with Christ's Love**

As Lutherans, we believe that we are justified by faith alone through the grace of God (*Ephesians 2:1-9*). As our namesake Martin Luther made clear, we are both sinners and saints as we live our lives of faith. Together as Christians, we are called to allow God into our lives everyday and to do our best to live according to Christ's love. We do this through being a community of faithful that welcomes all people to join us in prayer, service, study, and worship as we journey together in learning how to live out the Great Commandment.

## **Congregation Council**

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