

# Epiphany of Our Lord



Epiphany Sunday

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## Welcome to Worship...

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 50 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion and commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

Children are always welcome in worship services;  
however please know  
a nursery is provided for children under 4 years of age.

### Introduction

*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.*

## Welcome to Worship

### Confession and Forgiveness

*Please stand as you are able.*

*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.

**All Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**All 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.

**All Amen.**

## Opening Song

# Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

1 Joyous light of heav'nly glory, loving glow of God's own face,  
you who sing creation's story, shine on ev'ry land and race.  
Now as evening falls around us, we shall raise our songs to you.  
God of daybreak, God of shadows, come and light our hearts anew.

2 In the stars that grace the darkness, in the blazing sun of dawn,  
in the light of peace and wisdom, we can hear your quiet song.  
Love that fills the night with wonder, love that warms the weary soul,  
love that bursts all chains asunder, set us free and make us whole.

3 You who made the heaven's splendor, ev'ry dancing star of night,  
make us shine with gentle justice, let us each reflect your light.  
Mighty God of all creation, gentle Christ who lights our way,  
loving Spirit of salvation, lead us on to endless day.

Text: Greek hymn, 3rd cent., para. Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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## Greeting

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

***All* And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

*P* O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading  
of a star.

***All* Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us  
at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and forever. Amen.**

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## A Reading from Isaiah, the 60<sup>th</sup> chapter

*Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.*

- <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.

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

*L* Word of God, Word of Light.

**All Thanks be to God**

## A Reading from Ephesians, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter

*What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.*

- <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 <sup>10</sup>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.

*Ephesians 3:1-12*

*L* Word of God, Word of Life.

**All Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand as you are able.*

♪ ♪ Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel ♪ ♪  
God with us revealed in us. His name is called Emmanuel

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Gospel Reading

*P* The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

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

*God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.*

<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 our Lord.

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

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Sermon

Pr. Debra Jimenez

## Love Has Come

- 1 Love has come—a light in the darkness!  
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;  
hear how their song of joy arises:  
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!  
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.
  
- 2 Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.  
Love is God now asleep in the hay.  
See the glow in the eyes of his mother;  
what is the name her heart is saying?  
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers;  
Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.
  
- 3 Love has come and never will leave us!  
Love is life everlasting and free.  
Love is Jesus within and among us.  
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.  
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas;  
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

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## Nicene Creed

*P* Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith  
with the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*\*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.*

## Prayers of the People

*L* 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.

**♪ ♪ O Lord, hear our prayer we offer up to you;  
O Lord, hear our prayer. ♪ ♪**

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*(each prayer petition ends with)*

*L:* Merciful God

***All:* You hear our prayer.**

## Sharing the Peace

*In our continued physical distancing out of love for the health of one another, we will share the peace of our risen Lord by “speaking” that peace through sign language.*

*P* Christ become Peace with you.

***All* And also with you.**

## Offering

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*While we still will not physically pass the offering plates we will continue to have the plates available at the entrance to receive your offerings and will lift them up in thanksgiving before the throne of grace.*

**♪ ♪ We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, ♪ ♪  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**

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

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## Offertory Prayer

*P* Gracious God,  
your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth.

***All* 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.**

## The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

*P* The Holy One be with you

***All* And also with you.**

*P* Lift up your hearts

***All* We lift them up to our God.**

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

***All* It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*P* Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.

Verse 1 (Presider)

♪ ♪ On the night You were betrayed You took the bread. ♪ ♪  
After giving thanks You broke it and said,  
“This is My body broken for you, and as you eat it remember Me.  
This is My body broken for you, and as you eat it remember Me.”

Verse 2 (Presider)

On the night You were betrayed You held the cup.

After giving thanks You lifted it up

“This is My blood poured out for you, and as you drink it remember Me.

“This is My blood poured out for you, and as you drink it remember Me.

Verse 3 (All)

So we thank You for the wine and for the bread;

For we see the life You gave and the blood You shed.

And we remember Your wondrous love

You gave Your body You shed Your blood.

And we remember Your wondrous love

You gave Your body You shed Your blood.

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## The Lord's Prayer

*P* As we kneel in awe at the manger of Love,  
let us approach the throne of grace, praying as Jesus taught:

**All 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.**

## The Invitation

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

## Communion Songs

### Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

- 1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung,  
it came, a flow'r so bright, amid the cold of winter,  
when half-spent was the night.
  
- 2 Isaiah had foretold it, the rose I have in mind;  
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior,  
when half-spent was the night.
  
- 4 O Savior, child of Mary, who felt our human woe;  
O Savior, king of glory, who dost our weakness know:  
bring us at length, we pray, to the bright courts of heaven  
and into endless day.

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, sts. 1-2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845-1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876-1948, st. 4

### Be Still and Know

#### Verse 1

Be still and know that He is God. Be still and know that He is holy.  
Be still oh restless soul of mine, bow before the Prince of Peace,  
Let the noise and clamor cease. Be Still.

#### Verse 2

Be still and know that He is God. Be still and know that He is faithful.  
Consider all that He has done. Stand in awe and be amazed,  
And know that He will never change Be still.

### Verse 3

Be still and know that He is God. Be still and know He is our Father  
Come rest your head upon His breast, listen to the rhythm of  
His unfailing heart of love, beating for His little ones  
Calling each of us to come. Be still... be still.

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### Post Communion Blessing *and* Prayer

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

**All Amen**

*P* We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus,  
God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.

**All As we have shared this feast of love,  
strengthen us to share your love with all the world.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## *Stewardship of Life and Ministry Announcements*

### Benediction

[Please stand in body or spirit.](#)

*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.

**All Amen**

## Sending Song

# Shine Jesus Shine

Verse 1

Lord the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness shining  
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us  
Shine on me shine on me

Chorus

**Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth Your word Lord and let there be light.**

Verse 2

Lord I come to Your awesome presence  
From the shadows into Your radiance  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness  
Search me try me consume all my darkness  
Shine on me shine on me Chorus

Verse 3

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story  
Shine on me shine on me Chorus

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## Dismissal

*P* Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

**All Thanks be to God.**

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Readings for next Sunday,  
January 9<sup>th</sup>  
Baptism of Our Lord

**First Reading:**

Isaiah 43:1-7

**Psalm:**

Psalm 29

**Second Reading:**

Acts 8:14-17

**Gospel:**

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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