

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 4, 2025

10:45 AM Praise Worship Service with Holy Communion

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church warmly welcomes people of any age, race, nationality, sexual orientation, life circumstance, and physical or mental capability

*You are invited to stand—please silence your cell phones

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

Praise Team

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity,  one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace. **C** Amen.

P Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection. (Stand or kneel)

P Reconciling God,

C we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace.

We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to embody your good news.

Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation.
Amen.

P God's grace upon grace flows over you.  Christ's presence redeems the whole creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

C Amen.

***GATHERING MUSIC "Light Of The World (Sing Hallelujah)"**

Words and Music by Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash and Scott Cash; © 2020 Angie Feel Good Songs | Bay19 | Capitol CMG Genesis | Capitol CMG Paragon | Scott Cash Publishing Designee | We The Kingdom Music

Verse 1

Light of the World Treasure of Heaven
Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky
Joy of the Father reach through the darkness
Shine across the earth send the shadows to flight

Verse 2

Light of the World from the beginning
The tragedies of time were no match for Your love
From great heights of glory You saw my story
God You entered in and became one of us

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Chorus

Sing hallelujah
Sing hallelujah
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done
Come and adore Him
Bow down before Him
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World

Verse 3

Light of the world crown in a manger
Born for the cross to suffer to save
High King of Heaven death is the poorer
We are the richer by the price that He paid
Chorus

*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.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. 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.**

WORD

FIRST READING

L A reading from **Isaiah**.

At conclusion of reading

L The Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Isaiah 60:1-6

Pew Bible, Page 676

SECOND READING

L A reading from **Ephesians**.

At conclusion of reading

L The Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Ephesians 3:1-12

Pew Bible, Page 1065

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL READING

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

At the conclusion of the reading.

L The gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to you, O Christ**

Matthew 2:1-12

Pew Bible, Page 877

***SONG OF DAY**

Words and Music by Dan Muckala, Darren Mulligan and Fionán De Barra; © Fionan De Barra Pub Designee | Darren Mulligan Publishing | Mike Curb Music | Remaining portion is unaffiliated

Verse 1

We three kings of orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain
Moor and mountain
Following yonder star

Verse 2

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever ceasing never
Over us all to reign

Chorus

Star of wonder star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light

***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.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The Assisting Minister will close each petition with the words, "Hear us, O God." Worshippers respond with the words, "Your mercy is great."

"We Three Kings"**Verse 3**

Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and Sacrifice
Halleluia Halleluia
Heaven to earth replies

Chorus 2

Star of wonder star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light
Westward leading still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light

Verse 1

*PEACE

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

(Please greet one another with a friendly word or non-contact gesture of God's peace.)

OFFERING

Please sign the "Who's Who in the Pew" pads and pass along as the offering is received. Please indicate if you are a visitor to Good Shepherd.

MEAL

"Light Of The World"

Words and Music by John Barnett

*OFFERING SONG

Praise Team

*OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*LORD'S PRAYER

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

COMMUNION/COMMUNION SONGS

"The First Noel"

Arr. Travis Cottrell; Arr. © 2012 Word Music

Verse 1

The first Noel, the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they
lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Chorus

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

Verse 2

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,

And so it continued both day and night.

Chorus

Verse 3

And by the light of that same star
Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went

Final Chorus

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King, Born is the King,
Born is the King of Israel.

"Trinity Song"

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Chorus

Holy Father Son and Spirit
Holy Communion Three in One
Holy Father Son and Spirit
Holy Communion Three in One

Verse

Come with Your peace with Your invitation
Bind us together in holy love
Come with Your peace with Your invitation
Bind us together in holy love

Repeat Chorus and Verse

"What A Beautiful Name"

Words and Music by Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood; © 2016 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia

Verse 1

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

For You are raised to life again
You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 1

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Final Chorus

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Bridge

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

¶ May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace
¶ Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

¶ Let us pray. Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us. ¶ Amen.

❖ SENDING ❖

*BLESSING

¶ The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter, + bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.
¶ Amen.

*SENDING SONG

"Children of Light"

Words and Music by Kristian Stanfill, Jesse Reeves, Jason Ingram and Joseph Pat Barrett

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Verse 1

It's a new day
Ev'rything changed
When Your love came into the darkness
You sent the light of the Son
You sent the light of the Son

Chorus

Wake up open your eyes
No longer dead we are alive
Rise up children of light
Open the doors go let it shine
Woah (4X)
Verse 1

*DISMISSAL

¶ Glory to God in the highest!
¶ And peace to God's people on earth!
¶ Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.
¶ Thanks be to God.

*SENDING MUSIC

PRAISE TEAM

MARTIN LUTHER KING - DAY OF SERVICE - MONDAY, JAN. 19TH

The Outreach Committee is planning several different service opportunities in our community. We will again be going to **Mostly Mutts Market and the Homeless Veterans Thrift Store**. There is also an opportunity planned for you to come to the church on Monday, the 19th, at 10 AM to help decorate and stuff gift bags for the first responders at the three fire stations, along Bell's Ferry that serve our area.

We are planning on assembling 99 bags for the three different fire stations in total. In those bags, we will include a thank-you note and some goodies. If you cannot come to the church, we are asking people to **make homemade cookies** to place in these bags. The cookies will need to be brought to the church on Sunday, January 18.

There is a **sign-up sheet at Sign-up Central** with times and details. If you have other questions, please contact Cathy Mattocks.

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