



St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 5, 2025 | 10:30am

Welcome to St. John's. We invite you to join us as an active participant in the worship of God.

The prelude signals a time of silent prayer and reflection.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as
ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Holy Name.**

Amen.


Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

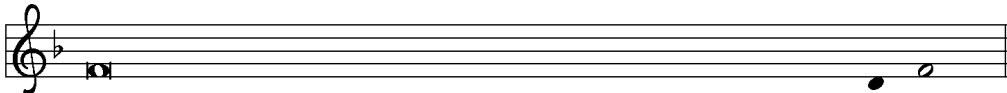
GREETING

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.


KYRIE AND GLORIA




In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



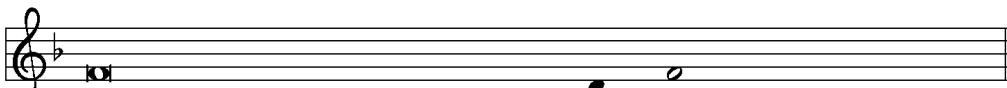
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy.



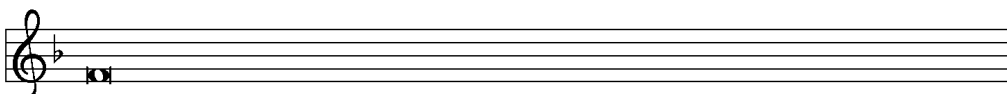
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Assisting minister

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All

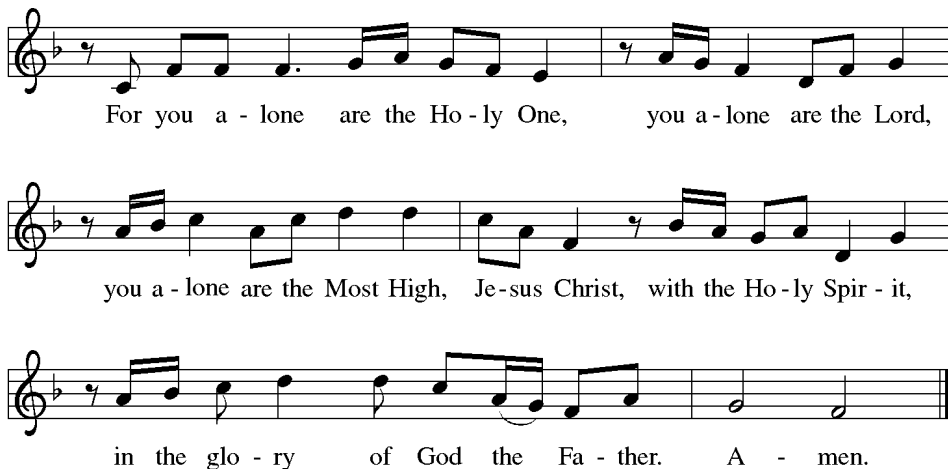
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Everlasting God, the radiance of all faithful people, you brought the nations to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the world through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

We sit.

WORD

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 60:1-6

A reading from Isaiah.

ARISE shine; for your light has come,
 and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

² 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.

³ Nations shall come to your light,

and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ 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.

⁵ 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.

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 proclaim the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL PSALM

PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14

Sung by the choir.

- ¹ Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
² That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
³ That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
⁴ He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
⁵ He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
⁶ He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
⁷ In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall
be no more.
¹⁰ The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

- ¹¹ All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.
- ¹² For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- ¹³ He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- ¹⁴ He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 3:1-12

A reading from Ephesians.

THIS is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵ 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: ⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ 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. ⁸ 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, ⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

SEQUENCE

Sing verse 3.



1 The Son of God, our Christ, the Word, the Way,
2 In ev - 'ry test, in tri - als man - i - fold,
3 To - day, as then, Christ sum - mons us to dare
4 In cit - y street, in town, or on the soil,
5 Wher - e'er we find our wit - ness should be made,



shared hu - man life and toiled through - out the day;
these ser - vants wit - nessed, by their faith made bold;
to fol - low bold - ly and his work to share,
may each serve Christ in faith - ful dai - ly toil,
what - e'er our task, be thou, O Christ, our aid,



from com - mon folk he called the twelve to be
and with the gifts and tal - ents which they brought
to help and heal the sick, the blind, the lame,
and in each thought and kind - ly word and deed,
that we may glad - ly give for thee our best



co - work - ers in his sa - cred min - is - try.
the church was found - ed and God's mes - sage taught.
de - clar - ing to the world his ho - ly name.
o - bey Christ's call and go where he shall lead.
and find each task di - vine - ly sent and blest.

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

IN the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² 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.” ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ ‘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.’”

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ 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.” ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ 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. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

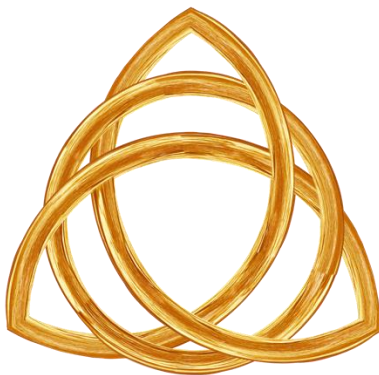
SEQUENCE

Sing verse 5.

We sit.

SERMON

PASTOR GRORUD



We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Brightest and best

HYMN 303

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

We kneel or sit.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each intercession ends with these words:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We stand.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

We sit.

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY HYMN

A Present for the Future L'ESTRANGE (Contemporary)

We stand.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

MERTON

Honor, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son

With the everlasting Spirit while unending ages run!


GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**



Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

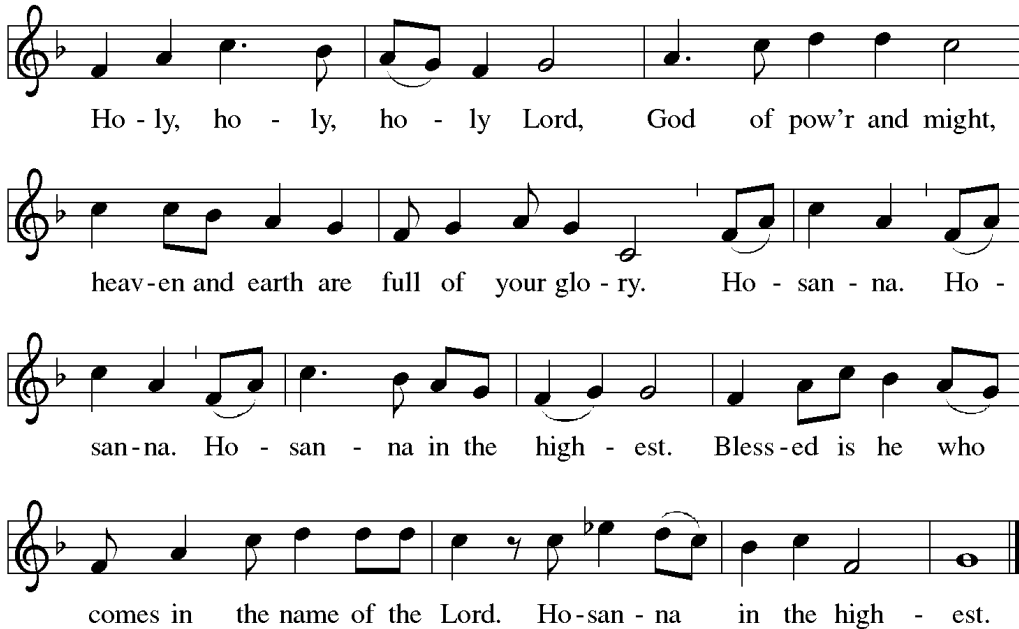


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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 -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All who believe that Jesus is present in the bread and wine, forgiving sin and promising eternal life, are welcome to the Table of the Lord. Gluten-free wafers are available if requested.

We sit.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN

What Feast of Love

HYMN 487

We stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal, we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

As with gladness

HYMN 302

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Worship Leaders Today

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Mark A. Grorud
Organist	Cantor Nathan K. Lively-Greyling
Worship Assistant	Pat Fisher
Reader	Teresa Moses
Communion Assistant	Lois Coffin, Teresa Moses
Acolytes	Charlotte Dianis
Usher	Eric Lane
Altar Committee	Janet Segerdell
Counters	Lois Coffin, Pat Fisher, Gary Esposito

Coffee/Fellowship Time

Fellowship time following worship today in the Welcome Room.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 7

Choristers - 5:15 pm Choir Room

Sneak Peek Bible Study - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 8

Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm Choir Room

Sunday, January 12

8:30 am & 10:30 am Worship

5:00 pm Evensong

Sunday, February 2

Single Worship service 9:30 am

Annual Meeting 11:00 am

Christmas Decoration and Music Contributions are Given

In MEMORY of

Her Parents given by Kathy Caraballo
Marie & David Bryant given by Marie Sweglar
Anna M. & Carl A. Swenson given by Gary Swenson
Nathan Newhall given by Amy Newhall
All Their Department Loved Ones
given by Cathy & Mike Mahler
Emma Christensen & Margaret Ryle given by Inger Ruffles
Manfred Barke given by The Weinseiss Family
John Sadlon, Jr. given by Carol & Jack Sadlon
Beverly & Roland Hendrickson
given by David Hendrickson
Opa Manfred & Opa Hannes given by Kaete Weinseiss
Mike Zboray, Anne Budner, Debbie Piper
given by Jeanette Zboray
Anne Budner, Sophie Vojt given by Andrea Budner
Gail & William Brandt, Laura Hancock, Brian & Spiro Lambros,
given by Karen, Sue, & Emily Brandt
Grandpa & Grandma Hendrickson, Grandpa & Grandma Dunn
Given by Paul, Joan, & Robert Hendrickson
George & Helen Gleckler
given by their daughter, Barbara Gleckler
Mattie Moses, Bertha Nelson given by Teresa Moses
Christen Joseph Grorud
given by Pastor Mark & Caryl Grorud
Their Parents: Antoinette & Harold Schaefer,
Clara & Floyd Coffin given by Lois & Pete Coffin
Segerdell & Williams Families
given by Ken & Janet Segerdell
Richard Bartlett & All Deceased Family Members
given by Pam Bartlett
Erik Wahlberg given by Camilla Medeiros

In HONOR of

The Rev. & Mrs. Albrecht given by their Family
Robert Hendrickson, Courtney Whiting & Tom Arning
given by Paul & Joan Hendrickson

Margot Barke & Heidi Grubes

given by The Weinseiss Family

Zachary Jordan given by Nanette & Tom Jordan

Rev. Mark A. Grorud & Caryl Grorud, Joan, Paul & Robert Hendrickson, Julie,
Courtney, Craig, Pierce & Jackson Whiting, Tammis Rehill Lazarus

given by David Hendrickson

St. John's Music given by the Bartels Family

*Thank you to all who provided special gifts
to beautify our sanctuary for Christmas.*