

Trinity Lutheran Church



Epiphany Sunday
We Too Have a Star to Guide Us

FIRST PROCESSIONAL READING: Isaiah 60:1-3

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

FIRST PROCESSIONAL HYMN: ELW 308, 1-2

1 O Morning Star, how fair and
bright!
You shine with God's own truth
and light,
aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's line, King David's son,
our Lord and Savior, you have won
our hearts to serve you only!
Lowly, holy!
Great and glorious,
all victorious,
rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!

2 Come, precious diamond, light
divine,
and deep within our hearts now
shine;
there light a flame undying!
In your one body let us be
as living branches of a tree,
your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily
earth's deep sadness
may perplex us and distress us,
yet with heav'nly joy you bless
us.

SECOND PROCESSIONAL READING: Isaiah 60:4-5

⁴Lift 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.

⁵Then 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.



SECOND PROCESSIONAL HYMN: ELW 308, 3-4

- 3 Lord, when you look on us in love,
at once there falls from God above
a ray of purest pleasure.
Your word and Spirit, flesh and
blood
refresh our souls with heav'nly food.
You are our dearest treasure!
Let your mercy
warm and cheer us!
Oh, draw near us!
For you teach us
God's own love through you has
reached us.
- 4 Almighty Father, in your Son
you loved us, when not yet begun
was this old earth's foundation!
Your Son has ransomed us in
love
to live in him here and above:
this is your great salvation.
Alleluia!
Christ the living,
to us giving
life forever,
keeps us yours and fails us
never!

THIRD PROCESSIONAL READING: Isaiah 60:6

⁶A 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.

THIRD PROCESSIONAL HYMN: ELW 308, 5-6

- 5 Oh, let the harps break forth in
sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
our voices gaily blending!
For Christ goes with us all the
way—
today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation! Exultation!
Tell the story!
Praise to Christ, who reigns in
glory!
- 6 What joy to know, when life is
past,
the Lord we love is first and last,
the end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious
grace,
transport us to that happy place
beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
for the day of your returning.



WELCOME

LITANY

The star shone bright in the Bethlehem sky.

We too have a star to guide us.

The shepherds ran to see the babe.

We too have a star to guide us.

The magi knelt at the child's feet.

We too have a star to guide us.

Christ shines with God's own truth and light.

We too have a Star to guide us.

GATHERING HYMN:

Angels, from the Realms of Glory (ELW 275)



- 1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
- 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
- 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
- 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God who sent the Light into our world,

who shone in the Bethlehem manger,

and who spreads the Spirit's rays,

be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray together.

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.

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

- 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 hills, in righteousness.
⁴ **Let him defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**
⁵ May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.
⁶ **Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**
⁷ In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no
more.
- ¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute,
and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.
¹¹ **May all kings bow down before him,
and all the nations do him service.**
¹² For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress,
the oppressed, and those who have no helper.
¹³ **He has compassion on the lowly and poor,
and preserves the lives of the needy.**
¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their lives,
and precious is their blood in his sight.

READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

¹ 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Bright and Glorious Is the Sky (LBW 75)



1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the

6 As a star, God's ho - ly word, leads us to our



heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.

King and Lord; bright - ly from its sac - red pag - es



All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to

shall this light through - out the ag - es shine up - on our



heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.

path of life, shine up - on our path of life.

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ 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.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Christ, Be Our Light* (ELW 715)



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone,
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Guided by the star, together with the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

O Splendor of God's glory, shine your radiance within our world. Remove the barriers that divide us, and teach us to love with all our might. Lead us, O God: **lead us by your light.**

True Dawn from on high, set us free from the power of guilt and grave. Shine your light in our lives and grant us your grace. Lead us, O God: **lead us by your light.**

O living Spring of light from light, renew the strength of all who suffer: the poor, the sick, and those who mourn (*especially*). Lead us, O God: **lead us by your light.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of light, into your hands we place all for whom we pray, trusting in your radiant mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Please place offering in one of the Bulletin Stand offering plates at the end of worship as you leave the church.

OFFERTORY: *As with Gladness Men of Old* (ELW 302)



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;

6 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;

so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.

all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ to thee, our heav'n - ly king.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

INVITATION

The light of Christ came into our world and shines in the darkness.
Come now to feast at Christ's table.

COMMUNION

White grape juice is available, and all altar bread is gluten-free..

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Now the Silence (ELW 460)

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime (ELW 284)

This Little Light of Mine (ELW 677)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

O Lord, you look upon us in love and refresh our souls through the gifts of bread and wine. Send us out, reflecting the light of your grace, to tell the story of Jesus Christ, our bright morning star. Amen.

BLESSING

Beloved children of God, what came into being in Christ was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. May the light of Christ shine on you with grace and mercy and fill you with joy and peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

Bright and Glorious Is the Sky (ELW 301)



2 On that ho - ly Christ-mas night through the dark - ness
3 Sa - ges from the East a - far, when they saw this
4 Him they found in Beth - le - hem, yet he wore no



beamed a light; all the stars a - bove were pal - ing,
won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions
di - a - dem; they but saw a maid - en low - ly



all their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing as the Christ-mas
and to of - fer their ob - la - tions un - to him as
with an in - fant pure and ho - ly rest - ing in her



star drew nigh, as the Christ-mas star drew nigh.
Lord and King, un - to him as Lord and King.
lov - ing arms, rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.

5 Guided by the star, they found
him whose praise the ages sound.
We too have a star to guide us
which forever will provide us
with the light to find our Lord,
with the light to find our Lord.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, guided by the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship

LIGHTBEARERS

Jennie Lawrence, Lukas Rabie, Emma June Rabie

TODAY — Jan 12, 2024

Altar: Lori Johnson

Reader: Molly Bredehoff

Communion Assistant:

James Apronti

Fellowship: Kim & Eileen Johnson

NEXT SUNDAY — Jan 19, 2024

Altar: Lori Johnson

Reader: OPEN

Communion Assistant:

OPEN

Fellowship: OPEN

Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Jan 12:	9:00am 9:00am 10:15am	Epiphany Sunday Worship Sunday School in Gruver Rm Un-decorating in Sanctuary!
Mon, Jan 13:	9:00am	"Becoming" in Gruver Rm
Tue, Jan 14:	7:00pm	Church Council in Gruver Rm
Wed, Jan 15:	10:00am	Women's Bible Study in Gruver Rm
Thu, Jan 16:	11:45am	NO MUGG Campus Meeting
Sun, Jan 19:	9:00am 10:15am	Baptism of Our Lord Worship Fellowship in Gruver Rm

*You are my Son,
the Beloved.*



Baptism of Our Lord Worship
January 19, 2025 * 9:00am

Mon, Jan 20:	9:00am 5:30pm	NO "Becoming" in Gruver Rm NO TheologyPUB
Wed, Jan 22:	10:00am	Women's Bible Study in Gruver Rm
Thu, Jan 23:	11:45am	MUGG Campus Meeting @ Rendezvous Café
Sun, Jan 26:	9:00am 10:15am	Epiphany Three Worship Fellowship in Gruver Rm

*Please bring your coffee and help us take
down the Christmas decorations!*

*TODAY,
after Worship*



Church Office closed,
Monday January 20th.

ANNUAL
MEETING

SAVE THE DATE!



AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

FEB 9TH

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COME!





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