

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

First Sunday of Epiphany



WELCOME FAMILIES!

We are glad that you are worshipping with your children and want you to feel welcome.

There is a “**Pray Ground**” for quiet play in the front right of the sanctuary. We ask that families stay with their little ones and try to keep noise to a minimum.

If you or your little one needs “a break” or “louder play”, there is an “**Active Worship**” room on the West side of the sanctuary. You can see and hear the service from this room.

GATHERING



The Holy Spirit gathers us together during this time of worship

Inviting All to Live the Gospel through Faith, Love, and Compassion

Welcome to Family of Christ

You are welcome to participate in worship this morning
the way you feel comfortable.

All Are Welcome, No Exceptions!

Everybody Is Somebody Here

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Children of God, we enter the new year as we ended the last:
gathered together for worship!

All: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.

L: The prophet Isaiah calls to us from deep in the past: “Arise,
shine; for your light has come.”

All: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.

L: The magi followed a star to find a small child who is the
Light of the world.

All: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.

L: So, let us receive the call of Isaiah and follow the example of
the magi as we begin this new year turning our faces to God
whose glory shows up among us as a vulnerable child, a poor
carpenter, and a foot-washing servant who is the salvation of
the world.

**All: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light today
and every day. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”

ELW #314

CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess our sins against you and one
another, and pray that you will fill us with your light,
that we may live our lives as true disciples in your name,
without counting the cost. In the name of Christ, the one
who showed us the way, we pray. Amen.

SONG OF CHRISTMAS

“What Child Is This”

ELW #296

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN’S TIME

All young and young at heart are invited forward during the Children’s time.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. 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. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

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. 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. 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 our Lord **C: Thanks Be to God**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 12:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 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.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘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.’” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 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.”

THE WORD

God speaks to us through scripture reading, preaching, and song.



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. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

L: The Gospel of our Lord C: Thanks Be to God

MESSAGE

Pastor Brent Erler

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Christ, Be Our Light”

ELW #715

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOISY OFFERING

Feed My Starving Children

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord, in Your Mercy

C: Hear our prayers

HOLY COMMUNION

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THE MEAL

God feeds us with the forgiveness and presence of Christ.

All are invited to receive these gifts of God.

No Exceptions!

Children are welcome to come forward and receive communion or a blessing and Goldfish Crackers.



THE SENDING

We are blessed and sent out into the world to share God's Love with all people.



Serving Today

Pastor

Brent Eler

Musician

Ann Mikiska

Sound and Video

Nathan Blilie

*Thanks to all those who helped make worship possible.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

Lord God, you have called your servants
to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet untrodden,
through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with good courage,
not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us
and your love supporting us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CLOSING HYMN

“This Little Light of Mine”

POSTLUDE

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