



# The Epiphany of Our Lord

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## EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

10:30 a.m.

The Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

The Welcome and Announcements

\*The Opening Hymn

*“We Three Kings”*

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\*The Apostolic Greeting

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.**

\*The Kyrie

*“Lord, Have Mercy”*

(Words David Eck)



The Hymn of Praise

“Glory be to God on High”

(Words David Eck)



Glo-ry be to God on high. Peace, good-will to all the earth. Let us sing a  
Love has come to dwell with us. Light now shines on ev - 'ry - one. Hope has lift - ed



joy - ful song to the Christ, the Liv - ing Word. Glo - - -  
up our hearts. Joy has made, in us, a home.



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\*The Prayer of the Day

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

The First Reading

-Isaiah 60:1-6

<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.

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

The Psalm

-Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

<sup>1</sup> Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

<sup>2</sup> **that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

<sup>3</sup> that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup> **Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup> May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

<sup>6</sup> **Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**

<sup>7</sup> In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

<sup>10</sup> **May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute, and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**

<sup>11</sup> May all kings bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

<sup>12</sup> **For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress, the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**

<sup>13</sup> He has compassion on the lowly and poor, and preserves the lives of the needy.

<sup>14</sup> **From oppression and violence he redeems their lives, and precious is their blood in his sight.**

The Hymn

*"Bright and Glorious Is the Sky"*

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The Second Reading

-Ephesians 3:1-12

<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 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.

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

\*The Gospel Acclamation      "*Celtic Alleluia*"      (Words David Eck)

### Gospel Acclamation *Celtic Alleluia*



*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

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\*The Holy Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 2:1-12

**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

<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 the Lord. **C: Praise to you O Christ.**

The Children’s Message

The Sermon

*“Seeking the Savior”*

The Hymn

*“Bright and Glorious Is the Sky”*

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\*The Nicene Creed

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\*The Prayers

\*The Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

God of might,

**we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.**

God in our midst,

**we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit receive the grace and forgiveness of God through Christ Jesus, whose day draws near. **Amen.**

\*The Sharing of Peace

The Offering      *"Your blessings are immeasurable"*      (Words David Eck)

Your bless - ings are im - mea - sura - ble. Our homes are warm, our  
praise you, God, for love, for life, for sav - ing us\_\_\_ from  
bel - lies full. We of - fer now our - selves to you. God,  
dark - est night. Now send us forth so we may tell the  
use us an - y way you choose. We  
good news of E - man - u - el.

\*The Epiphany Prayer

We give thanks on this holy day, adorned with epiphanies: for the star that led the magi to the manger,

**that the nations may see the light of Christ;**

for the water turned to wine at Cana's wedding,

**that the people taste the goodness of the Lord;**

for the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Jordan,

**that the Christ would save us all.**

This is the day that the Lord has made,

**we will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.**

\*The Lord's Prayer

\*Blessing

God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, bless and keep you now and forever. **Amen.**

\*Dismissal

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel. **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn

*“Shine, Jesus Shine”*

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The Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

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USHERS: Brad Bengtson, Kevin Hamilton, Tom Heyer & Rick Welsh

JR. USHERS: Tara Boekelman & Madelyn Trunkhill

GREETERS: Harold & Sandra Harms

LECTOR: Sandra Harms

ALTAR FLOWERS: Gloria Bartelt

JANUARY KITCHEN DUTIES: Marie Schutter

**THE OFFERING** today and next Sunday is for Current Expenses.

**PASTOR JOHN’S OFFICE HOURS: Mon, 9:30-12:30 at Immanuel,  
Tues. 9:30-12:30 at St. John’s, Wed. 9:30 to 12:30 at Good Hope.**

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Chris Heille (Pastor John’s uncle), Gabby Trunkhill, Jerry Harms, Lisa Tjaden, Avon Rurup, Our folks in the nursing homes, All active military (Brandon Bengtson and Seth Green).

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:** Jared Taylor, Emery Brandt, Pastor John, Heille, Marcia Baade, Sue Heyer, Kenn Larson, Samantha Bell, Andrew Beenken, and Bryan Schultz.

**REPORTS FOR THE 2024 Annual Report book are NOW DUE!!!! They will be printed Tuesday morning!!!**



**THE ANNUAL MEETING** will be held on **Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will follow the morning services and the meeting will begin immediately after dinner.  
**It is important that everyone attend the meeting!**

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE**

Mon., Jan. 6	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study at Immanuel
Tues., Jan. 7	9:00 a.m.	Quilting
Wed., Jan. 8	3:00 p.m.	Titonka Care Center Worship Service
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
Thurs., Jan. 9	9:15 a.m.	Morning Circle
Sun., Jan. 12	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Senior Choir Practice
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/Communion
	4:30 p.m.	Youth Night (meet at church and go to The Summit House in Britt)

**THANK YOU TO** those of you who so graciously donated poinsettia plants for our Advent and Christmas worship services! Please feel free to take your poinsettia with you today if you want it.