

Epiphany of Our Lord— January 4, 2026

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Sermon

Epiphany with Puppets!

Opening Hymn

First Noel

ELW 300

Apostolic Greeting

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L 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.

Gathering Song

Angels We Have Heard on High

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Prayer of the Day

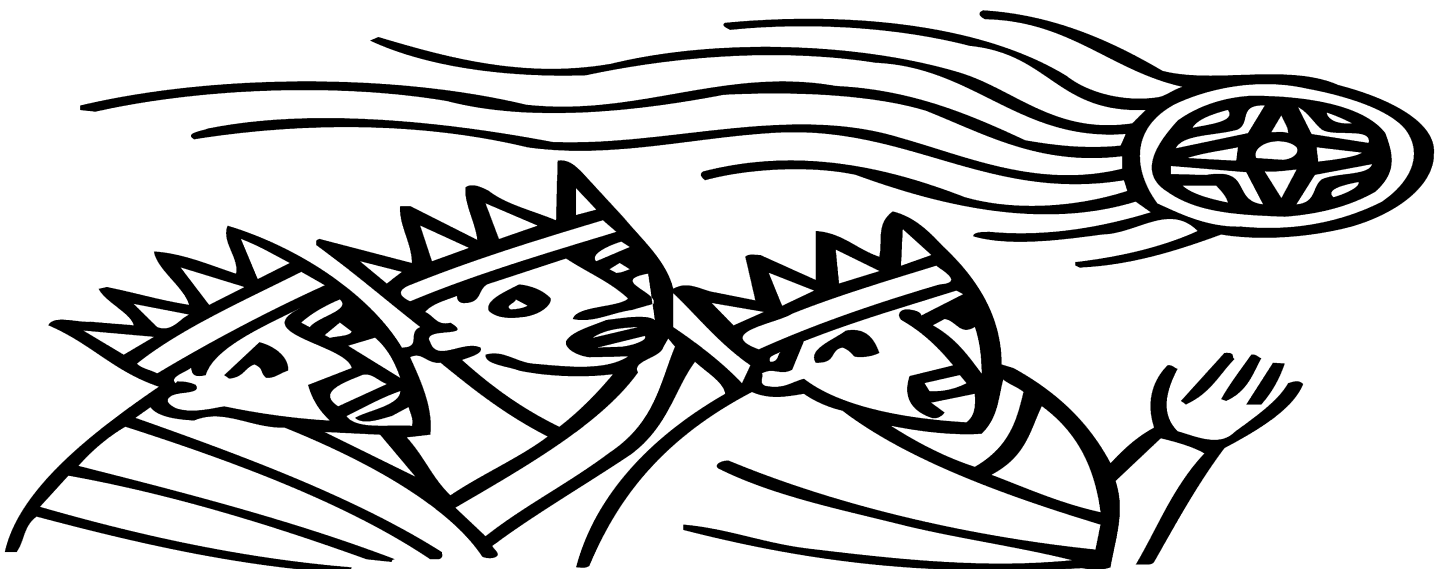
L The Lord be with you

C And also with you

L 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. **C Amen**

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

¹ 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 in 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. Holy Wisdom, Holy Word **C Thanks be to God!**



Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14 *spoken*

- 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.**

Second 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 in boldness and confidence through faith in him. Holy wisdom, holy word. **C Thanks be to God**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel according to Matthew in the 2nd Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi 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 in the east 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 magi 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 in the east, 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. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Brightest and Best of the Stars

ELW 303

Sacrament of Baptism

Lilliana Boscarino

Pg. 227-231

Prayers of the Church

L: Rejoicing in the revelation to all people of the Grace and glory of Christ, we eagerly lift our prayers for all in need. We begin by praying for those on our prayer list.

AM & L alternate reading the first names off the prayer list

AM: For all these, let us pray,

People: Lord, have mercy.

AM: For all the baptized, especially today, Lilliana, that their lives may be filled with peace and joy, let us pray,

People: Lord, have mercy.

AM: For all the nations, that the revelation of Christ may bring blessings and peace, let us pray,

People: Lord, have mercy.

AM: For the earth itself, that we may always see in it a blessing from God, let us pray,

People: Lord, have mercy.

AM: For ourselves, that as the Body of Christ, we may be faithful, gracious, and generous, let us pray,

People: Lord, have mercy.

L: For any other needs, let us pray, **People: Lord, have mercy. Amen**

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The offering is received

**Anthem: God Whispers Love Words Herb Frombach Music: Jean Sibelius
Arr. David Lantz III**

God whispers love and Mary greets an angel. God whispers love and shepherds see the light. God whispers love, his Son is now among us. God whispers love this silent, holy night. Receive his gift which comes upon the midnight. Receive his gift, this gift of love and light. The word made flesh, Emmanuel is with us. The word made flesh, God now in human form. The word made flesh, as promised by Isaiah, the word made flesh, the King of kings is born. Receive his gift which comes upon the midnight. Receive his gift, this gift of love and light. Christmas is here, prepare your heart for Jesus. Christmas is here, a precious baby boy. Christmas is here; A lowly manger holds him. Christmas is here; it brings us hope and joy. Receive his gift which comes upon the midnight. God whispers love and gives to us his light.

Offertory Hymn

What Child is This?

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Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving – page 152

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Proper Preface is chanted.

L It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus Pg. 152

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Great Thanksgiving



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

Agnus Dei Pg. 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.
Communion is distributed.

Communion Music

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace **C** Amen.

Closing Hymn

As With Gladness Men of Old

ELW 302

Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

C Thanks be to God

Postlude

Thank you for coming.

May God's peace be yours today.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Ben, Sheryl & Nik Ahrens
 Connie Aparo
 Phil Bascetta
 Charlie Blakeslee
 Kathleen Bowler

David Little
 Rebecca Little
 Amy & Dave Louen
 Kari Machowski
 Mary Ellen Mackinnon

Tom Sterling Sr.
 RuthAnn Stone
 Patricia Switzer
 Gloria Thibault
 Andy Thomas

Cherie Brown
 Sharon Cable
 Kathy Ann Campbell
 Angelo & Nicole Capasso
 Carol Cianciolo

Jerry MacManus
 Irene Madore
 Audrey Marquard
 Abigail Marine
 Richard Marine

Julia Thompson Carroll
 Susan Tycienski
 Lucille Videtto
 Carol Vrlík
 Eveyln Walters

Leif Dallaire
 Emily Decker
 Linda Dellano
 Carla Derrickson
 Winifried Diorio

Janis Martin
 Gil & Marilyn Martin
 Gladys Medina
 Michael Meyers
 Kate Merrow

Steve Warner
 Sue Watkins
 Kim Weissman
 Renee Woodard
 Bruce Yauney

Irene Douglas
 J.J. Eby
 Judy Elliott
 Walt Esker
 Jan Eucalitto

Colin Moore
 Brigitte Mueller
 Bob Murphy
 Barbara Nalette
 Karen Ness

Clayton Young
 Clarence & Priscilla
 Ed
 Jen O.
 Jaiden

Jennifer Ezzo
 Weston Faith
 Bruce & Liz Falls
 Tommy Fitzpatrick
 Bob Frantz

Tom O'Brien
 Lea Orriola & family
 Karen Pagano
 Russell Palmer
 Maria Payne

Steve
 Lou W.
 Steve
 Todd
 Robert K.

Ashley Friday
 John Fox
 Joan Gerard
 Danise Hall
 Jack & Barbara Heintz

Lisa & Dennis Polzun
 Caroline Quintal
 Ed & Susan Regner
 Jonathan Richard
 Louise Roche

Terry
 Joe
 Carol G.
 Kristen & Jared
 Vinny

Brayden Herzberg
 Renate Higgins
 Charles Hilton
 Kathleen Hilton
 Shannon Hilton

Baerbel Roehl
 Patricia & Richard Sawitzke
 Holly Schaff
 Rosemary & Otto Schibi
 Denae Seelye

Hagbard
 Carolina
 Robert P.
 Peanut
 Colleen

Jake Hoadley
 Sven Holmgren
 Erma Horn
 Eunice Jones
 Rusty Judd

Sara Seelye
 Matt Simpson
 Lori Sola
 Dana Steele
 Sigrid Smitley

Ken
 Kathy
 Jaxson
 Gail
 F.C.H.

Colin Keeley
 Marilyn Killingbeck
 Jason Lashbrook
 Gail Lavoie
 John Lewis

Paul Smith
 John Sproat
 Dana & George Steele
 Jennifer Stella
 Deb & Jon Sterling

Stephan
 Jason R.
 Diane L.
 Holly L.
 Al & Mary

Our Nursing Home Members

Dee Gammon
 Midge Rosenbeck
 Judy Schaller
 Ernest Marquard
 Mae Fay
 Francine Ahrens
 Betty Hilton
 Walter Joray

Our Military Friends

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Tyler Quinn
 Eric Beyus
 Major Zachary Fulton
 Brandan Holbrook
 Jonathan Connell
 Tom Gregg, Jr.
 Eric Bremer
 Peter Hutchinson
 SPC Dominic Boscarino
 PVT Noah Braatz
 PVT 2 Christian Braatz
 Aiden Avenia USCG
 2nd Lt. Ben Speaker
 Pvt. Noah Roy

Around the Church

Event	Date	Time
Evangelism Meeting	1/3	9:30 am
Blood Drive	1/3	9-2
Chris. Ed Meeting	1/5	6:30 pm
Council	1/19	7:00 pm
WELCA Game Night	1/23	6:00 pm

Bible Study

Tuesday via Zoom 6:00 pm

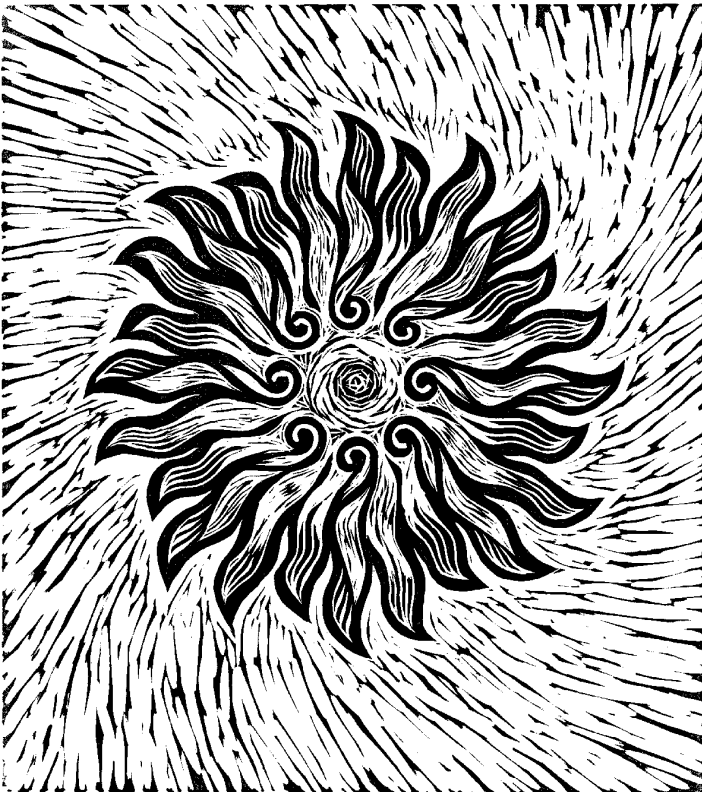
In person Bible Study Wednesdays

10:00 am

Wednesdays

Tai Chi 11:00 am

Quilting Group 1:00 pm



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Reading of the Holy Gospel

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Baptism

Prayers of the People

Peace

A Capella Choir Anthem

The Offering is received

Offertory Hymn ELW 296

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

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Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) pg. 174

Communion is Distributed

Post-communion prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Dismissal

Postlude

In other news...

Please fill out commitment sheets if you have not done already.

If you can share food for those in need, we would be grateful. The food will be distributed between the social service agencies in our area.

Sunday helper rotation for 2026- Anyone who would like to do any of the roles - Asst Min, Comm Asst, usher, slides, healer - should contact Pastor via email, text, or sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Those interested in becoming official members please fill out a form found in the Narthex. We will find a convenient date early next year to welcome you during worship.

Our new website is up. Please check it out. It should help you stay informed. If you have suggestions for any improvements, please let us know. We are working on adding a calendar with all the meeting dates of committees, groups and other events that are happening.

Bulletins - The full text bulletin is intended for those who have trouble following the service with only the monitors. The abbreviated bulletin is sufficient for most members. Also, there is a milk carton under the desk near the right hand exit door. Please recycle either bulletin there unless you are taking it to someone who would like it. The prayer list, for example, is on both the full and abbreviated bulletin.

Don't forget Name Tags are in the Narthex!

