

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026  
8 & 10:15 AM  
EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD  
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



## *TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH*

Enabled by the Holy Spirit, we boldly proclaim the Good News of Christ,  
sharing God's love with all through worship, education, and service.

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# Welcome

Welcome to our worship today: If you are visiting with us, or if you are seeking a faith community and desire to be a part of our ministries, we encourage you to follow the contact information at the bottom of this page and give us your address, telephone number and/or e-mail address so that we may contact you.

## **Offering:**

Offering may be placed in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary or in the basket near the elevator. The offering will be carried to the front at 10:15 worship and presented during the offertory.

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## **Prayer List:**

The clipboard to add people to the prayer list is on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please be sure to include your name, their name, your relationship, and the prayer request.

## **INTRODUCTION**

The feast of Epiphany ("manifestation") concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.

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+GATHERING+  
(Singing at 10:15 only)

## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*The church bell is rung three times to proclaim that we gather to worship in the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

*Brief pause for reflection*

P: Reconciling God,

C: **we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace. We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to embody your good news. Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation. Amen.**

P: God's grace upon grace flows over you. ☩ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

C: **Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

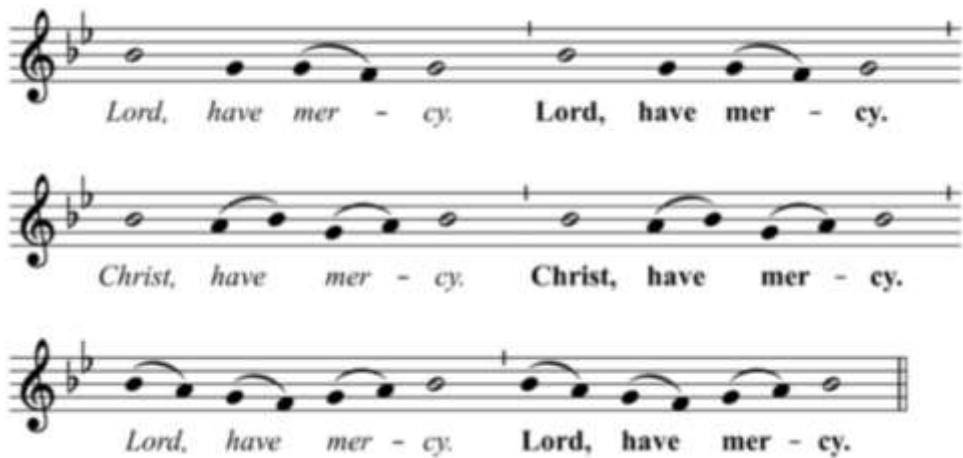
ELW 270

## THE GREETING

P: 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.**

## KYRIE (10:15 only)



## HYMN OF PRAISE (10:15 only)



1. Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2. Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3. Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you, Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might- y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a-bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all;



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift up our thanks and praise.  
on the cross, you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fath - er's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer, re - store, for - give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo-ry be to God on high.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## KIDS TIME (10:15 only)

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 in 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: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

## 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 in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

*Pause for Reflection*

## INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL

P: The following people have been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership.

*Carol Anderson, Kevin Kramer, Stacey Zeller, John Hocker, Jim Smith,  
John Wise, Deb Hartman, Dennis Burkhard, Koen Thomas*

P: We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

P: A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.



You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

P: On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:  
Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

**Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.**

*The assembly stands.*

P: People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

**Response: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

P: I now declare you installed as council members of this congregation. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ. Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“What Child is This”

ELW 296

## APOSTLES' CREED

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith

C: **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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

A: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## PRAYER RESPONSE



O Lord, hear our prayer we of-fer up to you; O Lord, hear our prayer.

## THE PEACE

A: The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

A: Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

*8:00 Please remain standing. 10:15 Please be seated.*

## MUSICAL OFFERING (10:15 only)

*Please stand and sing as the offering is brought to the front.*

## OFFERTORY (10:15 only)

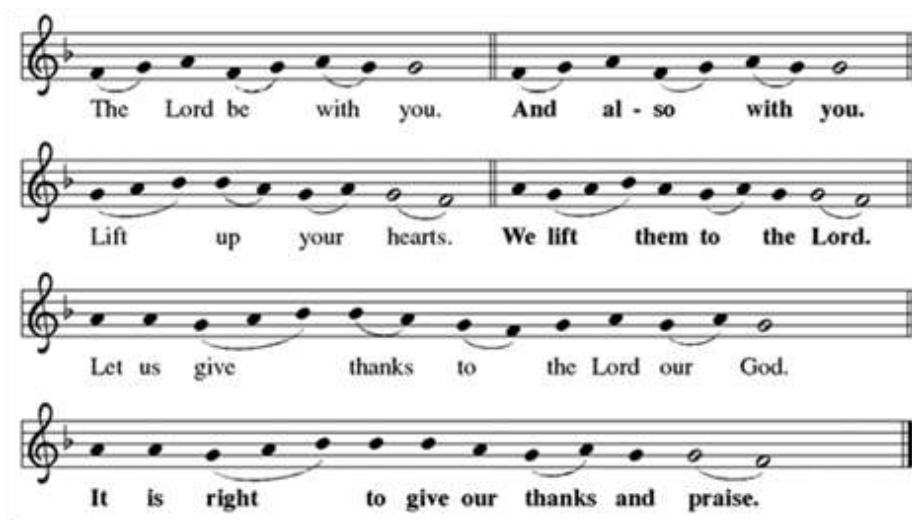


Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

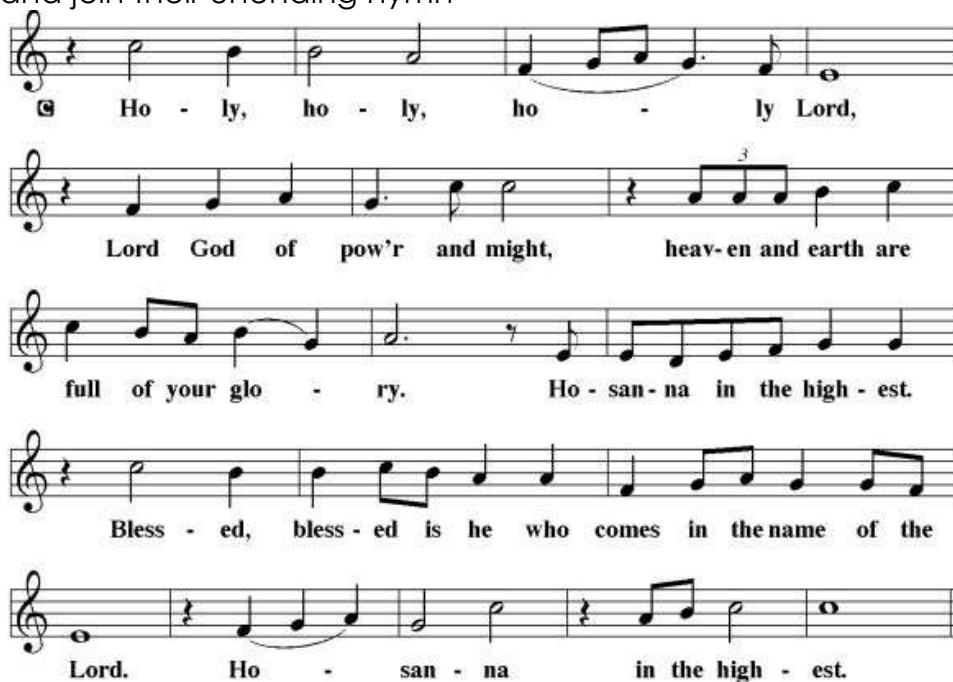
## THE OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. **God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

# GREAT THANKSGIVING



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn



## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy One, the beginning, and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks ...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: God is now in flesh appearing. **Come to the feast of joy!**



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

## COMMUNION

*All baptized believers are welcome at the Lord's table. We trust in faith that the real presence of Christ is present in the bread and the wine. You will be invited to come to the front to receive bread from the pastor. You may dip the bread into the chalice of red wine, or receive an individual cup of red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available. Please ask at the time of communion. Those who are not communing today may come forward and request a blessing from the pastor.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

"Love Has Come"

ELW 292

## COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

A: Let us pray. Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us.

C: **Amen.**

+SENDING+

## BLESSING

P: The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter, ✠ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

C: **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

"The First Noel"

ELW 300

## DISMISSAL

A: Glory to God in the highest!

C: **And peace to God's people on earth!**

A: Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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## Prayers:

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*Names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks; if they should remain on the prayer list for longer, please contact the office via phone or email.*

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH: JANUARY 4, 2025

Sun, 1/4	8 & 10:15 am, Worship with Holy Communion & Installation of Officers 8:45 am, Snax n Study
Tues, 1/6	6:30 pm, Women at the Well Book Study
Wed, 1/7	7:30 pm, Bible Study
Thurs, 1/9	1pm, Staff Meeting 7 pm, Church Council Meeting