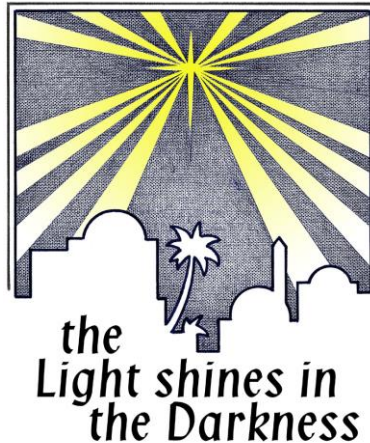


# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Missouri Synod*



## **The Epiphany of Our Lord, Transferred**

January 7, 2024

Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151

**8:00 & 10:30\*am, 5:00 pm**

\*livestreamed on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

## **AS WE GATHER**

### **The Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son**

The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a “thirteenth day” of Christmas, and yet it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. Where Christmas has focused on the incarnation of our Lord – that is, on God becoming flesh – the season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ.

For the Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1–2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth, not only to the Jews but also to the Gentiles (Eph. 3:8–10).

As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5–11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3–6).

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# ✠ ✠ ✠ GATHERING ✠ ✠ ✠

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* (arr. Georg Philipp Telemann)

## HYMN OF INVOCATION – LSB 378 – Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light



1 Break forth, O beau - teous heav'n - ly light, And  
 2 O dear - est Child, whom I a - dore, Whose  
 3 All bless - ing, thanks, and praise to Thee, Lord



ush - er in the morn - ing. Ye shep - herds, shrink not  
 grace sur - pass - es mea - sure, My Broth - er, whom I  
 Je - sus Christ, be giv - en: Thou hast my Broth - er



with af - fright, The day of grace is dawn - ing. This  
 cher - ish more Than earth with all its trea - sure: Haste  
 deigned to be, Thou Lord of earth and heav - en. Help



Child, though weak in in - fan - cy, Our con - fi -  
 from Thy man - ger to de - part, O come and  
 me through - out this day of grace To praise Thy



dence and joy shall be, The pow'r of Sa - tan  
 dwell with - in my heart; With joy will I re -  
 love and seek Thy face; And when I stand be -



break - ing, Our peace with God now mak - ing.  
 ceive Thee, A cra - dle there will give Thee.  
 fore Thee For - ev - er to a - dore Thee.

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**For parents with young children:**  
*It is our joy to serve you in this hour of worship!*

A special reminder of the resources available to help you in guiding your child through worship:  
 \***Pew cards** with suggestions and encouragement,  
 \***Library** with books to read and calm your child,  
 \***Children's bulletins, booster seats, and Worship Totes** to engage them in the service,  
 \***Cry room** in the preschool wing when a personal space is needed.

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

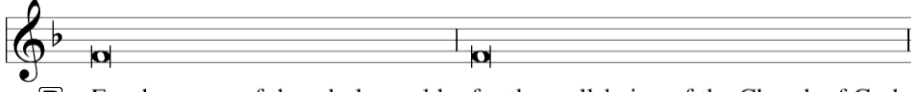




**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



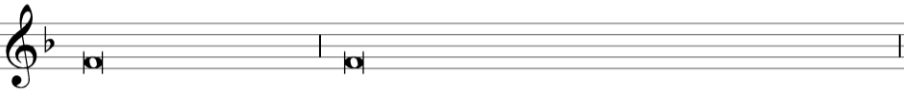
**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



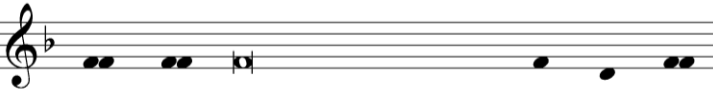
**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

**P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:  
 We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.  
 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:  
 You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
 You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.  
 For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,  
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

**FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 60:1-6** – Arise, shine, for your light has come.

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
 and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
 and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you,  
 and his glory will be seen upon you.  
<sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light,  
 and kings to the brightness of your rising.  
<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes all around, and see;  
 they all gather together, they come to you;  
 your sons shall come from afar,  
 and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.  
<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant;  
 your heart shall thrill and exult,  
 because the abundance of the sea shall be turned 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 bring good news, the praises of the Lord.



**A** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL** – *Psalm 117:1-2a; Psalm 96:8* - **The congregation sings all.**

Praise the Lord, all na - tions! Ex  
 tol him, all peo - ples! For great is his stead-fast love toward us, and the  
 faith - ful - ness of the Lord en-dures for - ev - er. As - cribe to the Lord the  
 glo - ry due his name; bring an of - fer - ing, and come in - to his courts!—

**SECOND LESSON** – **Ephesians 3:1-12** – The mystery long hidden has been revealed in Jesus Christ.

<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— <sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone 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 manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

### ALLELUIA and VERSE – Matthew 2:2

The congregation sings the Alleluias before and after the verse.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

*Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?  
For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.*

**HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 2:1-12** – The star leads the Magi to the place where Jesus Christ was born for all.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

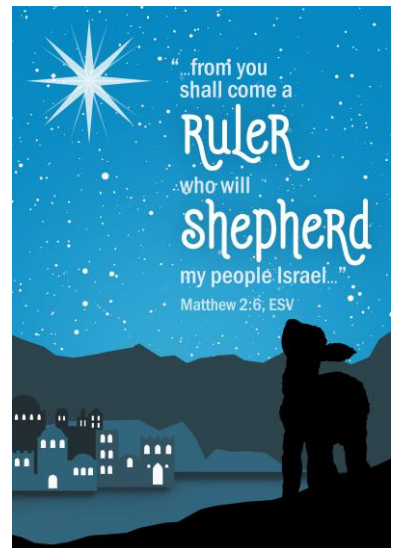
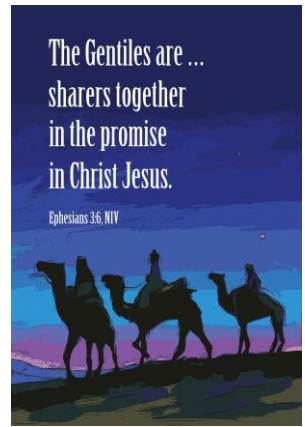


**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child,



and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.”<sup>9</sup> After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.<sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.<sup>11</sup> And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.<sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 395 – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's  
 2 Come, heav'n - ly Bride-groom, Light di - vine, And deep with - in  
 3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls  
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when



own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
 our hearts now shine; There light a flame un - dy - ing!  
 from God a - bove A ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
 not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -  
 In Your one bod - y let us be As liv - ing branch -  
 Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls  
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!  
 es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing.  
 with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!  
 here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,  
 Now, though dai - ly Earth's deep sad - ness May per - plex us  
 Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing





Rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
And dis - tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy You bless us.  
For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.  
Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

5 O let the harps break forth in sound!  
Our joy be all with music crowned,  
Our voices gladly 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!  
Great is He, the King of 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!

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## SERMON – “Behold!” – Matthew 2:1-12

### 8:00 am – NICENE CREED

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

### 10:30 am and 5:00 pm – APOSTLES' CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life  $\text{✠}$  everlasting. Amen.

## COMMISSIONING OF PPC, CHURCH OFFICERS, & MINISTRY TEAM MEMBERS

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**A** ...Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

**A** ...one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

### OFFERING – *The People That in Darkness Sat* (Johann Gottfried Walther)

#### OFFERTORY – LSB 159 – Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

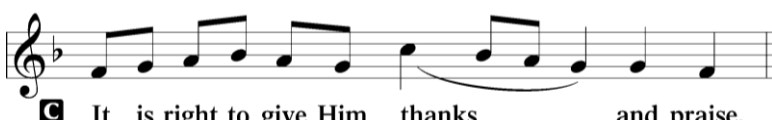
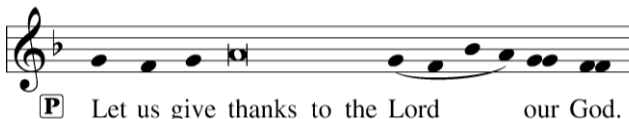
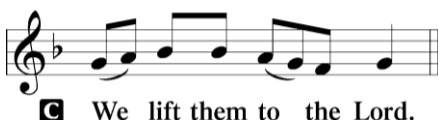
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10:30am & 5:00pm – Continues with the Lord’s Prayer (page 12)  
and concludes with the Benediction and Hymn to Depart (page 16).

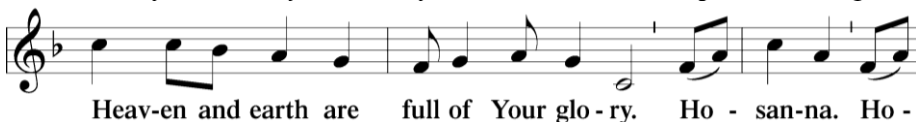
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8:00 am – LSB page 160

PREFACE



**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS – *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament**

As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that **in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is *truly* present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.**

Participation in this meal indicates that you **believe, have been baptized, and have been taught** according to our Lord’s command **and are in doctrinal agreement** with this confession.

- **If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith**, we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- **If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord’s Supper**, please speak with one of our pastors.

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P** ...one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

**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.

**WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**PAX DOMINI – The Peace of the Lord – John 20:19**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** Amen.

**AGNUS DEI – Lamb of God – John 1:29**

**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the

**Distribution Notes:**  
If you need **gluten-free wafers**, please let one of the pastors know.  
  
**Non-alcoholic** grape juice, containing a trace amount of wine, is available in the center of the tray.

sin of the world; grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION**

**LSB 396 – Arise and Shine in Splendor**

1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; Let night to day sur -  
 2 See earth in dark - ness ly - ing, The hea - then na - tions  
 3 The world's re - mot - est rac - es, Up - on whose wea - ry  
 4 Lift up your eyes in won - der— See, na - tions gath - er  
 5 Your heart will leap for glad - ness When from the realms of

ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near. A - bove, the  
 dy - ing In hope - less gloom and night. To you the  
 fac - es The sun looks from the sky, Shall run with  
 yon - der From sin to be set free. The world has  
 sad - ness They come from near and far. Your eyes will

day is beam - ing, In match - less beau - ty  
 Lord of heav - en— Your life, your hope— has  
 zeal un - tir - ing, With joy Your light de -  
 heard Your sto - ry; Her sons come to Your  
 wake from slum - ber As peo - ple with - out

gleam - ing; The glo - ry of the Lord is here.  
 giv - en Great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.  
 sir - ing That breaks up - on them from on high.  
 glo - ry; Her daugh - ters haste Your light to see.  
 num - ber Re - joice to see the Morn - ing Star.

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# LSB 411 – I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
I want to look at Je - sus.  
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.  
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,  
When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.  
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

## *Refrain*



In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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**LSB 412 – The People That in Darkness Sat**



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious  
 2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring  
 3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a  
 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -



light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In  
 na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their  
 Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All  
 last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.  
 har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.  
 pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.  
 God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.

5 His righteous government and pow'r  
 Shall over all extend;  
 On judgment and on justice based,  
 His reign shall have no end,  
 His reign shall have no end.

△ 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,  
 And make us Thine alone,  
 Who with the Father ever art  
 And Holy Spirit, one,  
 And Holy Spirit, one.

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**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – Nunc Dimittis – Luke 2:29-32**



Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



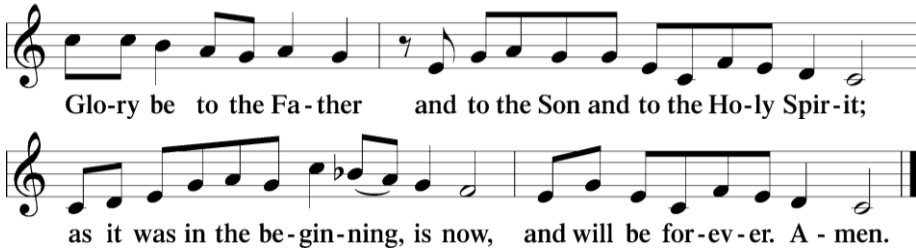
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

- P** We give thanks to You, almighty God ... one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

**BENEDICTION** – *Numbers 6:24-26*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

**HYMN TO DEPART – LSB 397 – As with Gladness Men of Old**

1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;  
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,  
 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,  
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;  
 5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;

As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;  
 There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;  
 So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,  
 And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last  
 Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;

So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.  
 So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.  
 All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.  
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.  
 There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

**SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POST-SERVICE MUSIC** – *Prelude on the Introit for Epiphany* (Maurice Duruflé)





The 2024 **Altar Flower chart** is posted on the narthex wall near the church office, *with instructions for donating*. For additional guidance or more information, please contact Altar Guild coordinator *Deanie Bently* (812-330-0328), or the church office.

### **TODAY, January 7**

**9:15am** – Sunday School + Confirmation + Bible study

**11:30am** – Voters' Meeting (sanctuary)

### **TUESDAY, January 9**

Circuit Pastors' Meeting

**10:00am** – Fellowship Ministry Team

**2:00pm** – Quilting resumes

**5:15pm** – First Steps in Music resumes

**6:15pm** – Children's Choir resumes

**6:30pm** – PPC

### **WEDNESDAY, January 10**

**5:45pm** – Children's Ministry Team

**6:00pm** – School Board

**7:00pm** – Senior Choir resumes

### **FRIDAY, January 12**

**6:30pm** – Ladies' Night Out (Grand Hall)

### **SATURDAY, January 13**

**9:00am** – Christmas UNdecorating

### **SUNDAY, January 14**

**3:00-4:30pm** Jesus Company



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