

The Epiphany of Our Lord

January 5, 2025

Soaked and Bloody: Our Lord and You

As We Gather - Have you ever received a surprise present, one that was out of your own price range to get? That, in a nutshell, describes Epiphany. The Wise Men came to give presents, and instead received one their wealth could not have bought. We are included in this. We are baptized for the forgiveness of sins by His blood on the cross that covers our sins, once for all. That water and blood give us the greatest—and most expensive—gift in the world. Here we see Jesus revealed, manifested, in a star, in the coming of the Magi and the gifts they bring.

Offering and Registry of Worship Cards: Please fill out a Registry of Worship Card found in the pew racks. We ask that you print the names of every person in your family, indicating if they take communion. One side of the card is for members and the other side for guests. As the offering is collected, pass the cards to the center aisle so our ushers can gather them.

Saturday Worship: Offerings and Worship Cards will be received in the offering plates at the rear of the church either upon entering or when leaving. Thank you for your gift to the work of the Lord.

About Protecting the Healthy: To protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases, individuals may choose to mask at any time. Appropriate hand washing by everyone is encouraged. People with symptoms of an infectious illness are highly encouraged to stay home. Symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Thank you for helping to keep everyone healthy as we receive God's gifts in worship.

GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.

Prelude and Meditation: Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in the hymnal); during worship God talks to us; after worship we talk to one another.

Prelude:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
The Greeting and Sharing of Peace *(stand)*

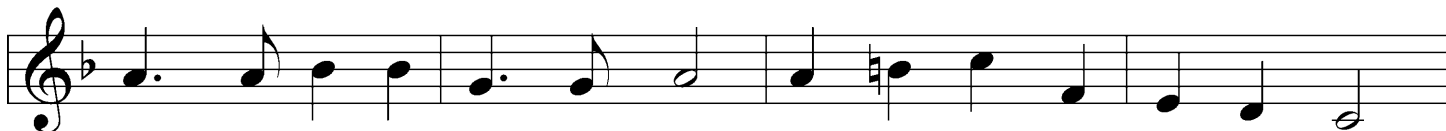
PREPARATION

Hymn of Invocation: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;
Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
Thou by all wilt be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–85, alt.

Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–93

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Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Colossians 1:15–20

- P** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
- C** **For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him.**
- P** And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.
- C** **And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent.**
- P** For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
- C** **and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.**

Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, I confess that I am by nature sinful and unclean. I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**
- P** Do you recognize the truth—that you have not loved God with your whole heart nor loved your neighbor as yourself?
- C** **I confess that I have failed to keep the two great commandments by what I have done and what we have failed to do. Heavenly Father, I don't deserve Your forgiveness, but ask for it because of the greatest love shown at the cross.**
- P** Hear the great news: God has used two common earthly elements—water and blood—to forgive your sins and make you His very own. Through the cross of Christ and the blood of Jesus shed there, and because you have been baptized, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Thank You, Lord, for revealing Your mercy and grace to me on this great day of Epiphany.**
- P** Lord Jesus, thank You for shedding Your blood and giving us the waters of Holy Baptism,
- C** **by which You sacrificed Your life for ours and made us a part of Your family forever. Amen.**

WORD

Introit

Psalm 45:6–8a; antiphon: v. 17

- P** I will cause Your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise You forever and ever.
- C** **Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of Your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;**
- P** You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.
- C** **Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness beyond Your companions; Your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.**

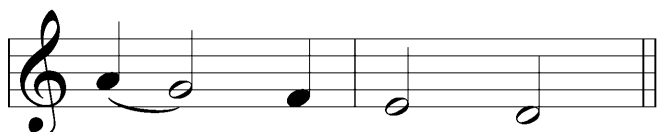
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

- P** I will cause Your name to be remembered in all generations;
- C** **therefore nations will praise You forever and ever.**

Kyrie

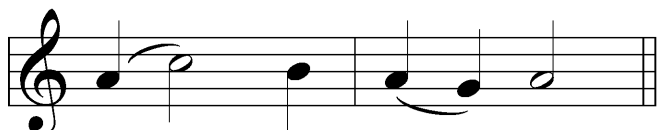
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- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- 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, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast

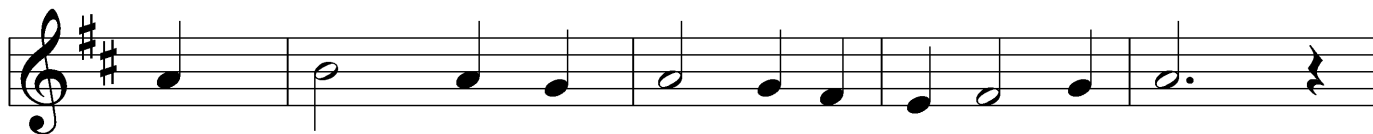
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A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



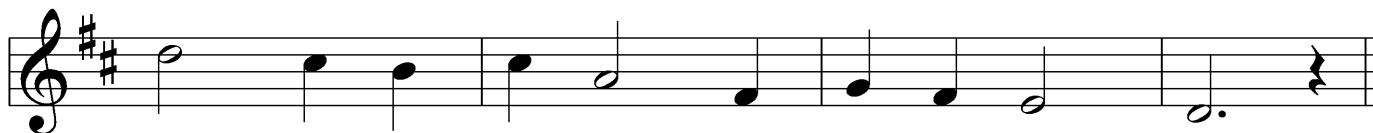
C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
Lord Jesus Christ, our great High Priest,
- C** **cleanse us by the power of Your redeeming blood that in purity and peace we may worship and adore Your holy name;**
- P** for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
- C** **one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

- ¹Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- ²For 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.
³And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
⁴Lift 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.
⁵Then 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.
⁶A 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Ephesians 3:1–12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—
²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me
for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly.
⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which 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. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow
heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through
the gospel.

⁷Of 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. ⁸To 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, ⁹and to
bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who
created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now
be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according

to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1–12

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, "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." ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶"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."

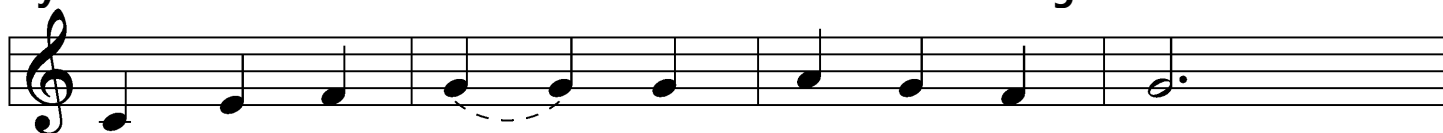
⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹After listening to the king, they went 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. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And 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. ¹²And 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.

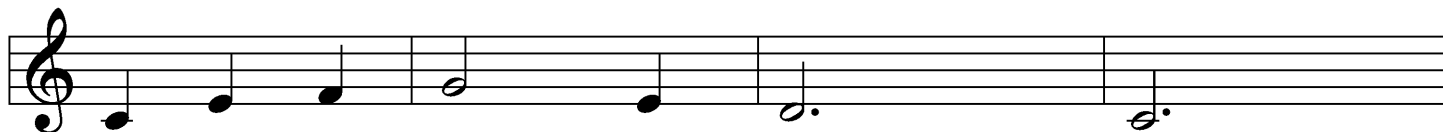
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon





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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Sermon:

“The Mystery Revealed”

Ephesians 3:1–12

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 † everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, You revealed Your Son to Gentiles on the day of Epiphany.

C Use us, we pray, to bring light and peace where there is none right now.

P Lord Jesus, You were willing to shed Your blood on the cross for our forgiveness and have given us the hope of salvation.

C Thank You for shedding Your blood and giving us the waters of Holy Baptism to make us Your own sons and daughters through faith in You.

P As You cared for the sick and still do, we remember before Your throne those among us who are sick and in need of Your care, [*especially...*].

C As You did in Your earthly ministry, continue to love, care, touch, and heal them according to Your will.

P For Your kingdom, invisible to human eyes yet so very real, we lift up our voices in prayer.

C We pray that You would use us by the working of Your Holy Spirit to open hearts and eyes to Your love and see Your kingdom.

- P** Merciful Father in heaven, You hold all authority and power in Your hands. Use those whom You have installed as rulers over us for our good and not our harm.
- C** **Use them to bring about blessing to those who are bringing justice and peace to our lands and to stop evildoers in their tracks.**
- P** We also remember those who are persecuted for Your name.
- C** **For those who have to endure torture and persecution, give them the hope of their eternal reward.**
- P** Almighty God, You are the fountain of all wisdom. You know what we need before we ever ask, even when we do not know what to ask or even how to ask.
- C** **We are but mortal men and women, but You are immortal, invisible, and wise. Look upon us with compassion, care for us, and meet our needs.**
- P** These things we ask, almighty God, in Your name, trusting that in Your mercy and according to Your will, You will not only hear our prayers but answer them.
- C** **Amen.**

Installation of Officers

Choir Anthem: (Sunday Only) "Arise, Shine!"

Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings (Sunday Only)

Registry of Worship Cards (Sunday Only)– Please pass your completed cards to the center aisle

SACRAMENT

Preface

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- P** The Lord be with you.



- C** And al-so with you.

- P** Lift up your hearts.



- C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

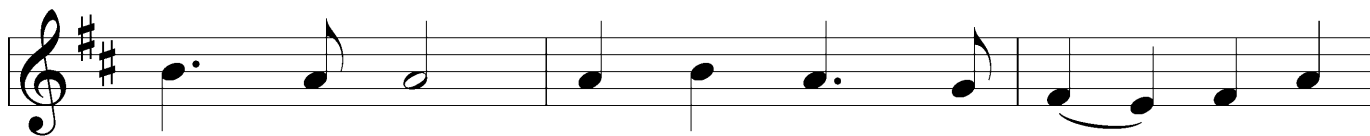
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. He is the long-awaited prophet and Savior, the Holy One who has destroyed the power of the devil and gives forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation by His sacrifice on the cross. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

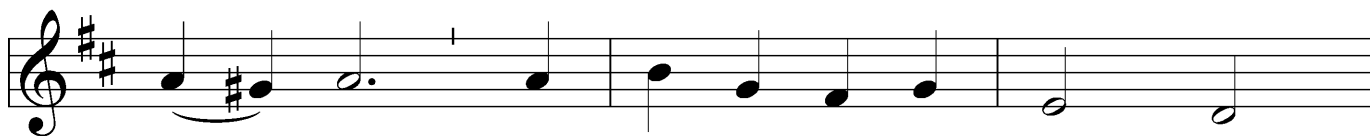
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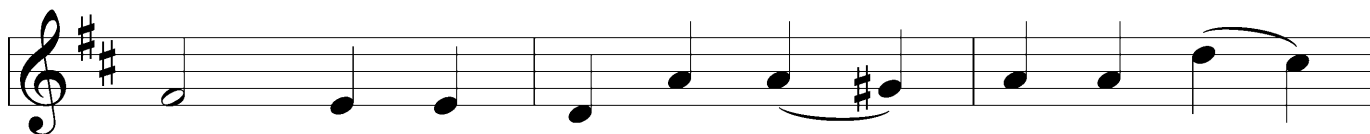
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. 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 Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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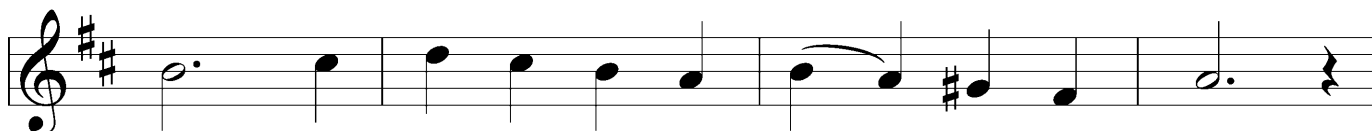
C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



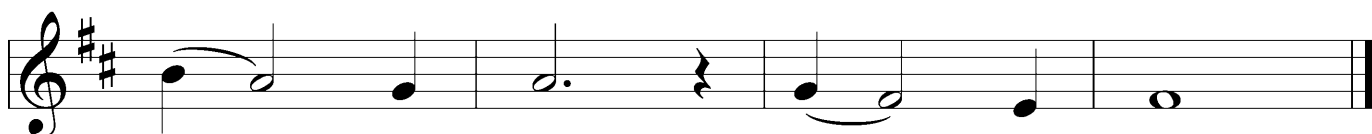
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution

Distribution Hymns (Sunday Only)

LSB 412 **The People That in Darkness Sat** sts. 1–5

LSB 395 **O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright**

LSB 400 **Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning**

Thank the Lord

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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what



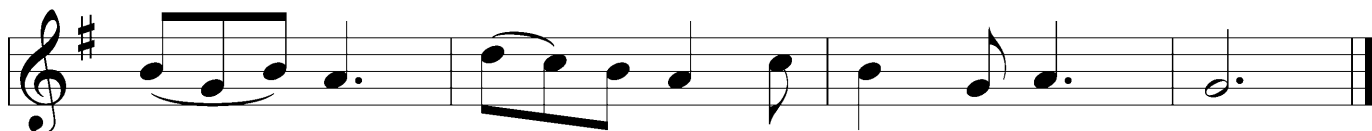
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -



joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-



es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -



giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

(Saturday)

P Let us pray together.

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

(Sunday)

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, by Your blood, You have redeemed us from sin, death, and Satan, and through the waters of Holy Baptism, You have made us Your own people. Continue to guide us by Your Holy Spirit that You would be revealed to us more each day through Your Word and Sacrament; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn:

As with Gladness Men of Old

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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.

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Postlude:

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LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor Pastor Christopher Hazzard
Organist Elena Miraztchiyska

Saturday

Elder Keith Kallstrom
Lector Gerie Slaten/Carlos Orellana
Audio Robin Fox

Sunday

Elder Steve Rosane
Lector John T. Doherty, Jr.
Greeter John T. Doherty Jr.
Audio Kim Kaniecki
Video Video TD: Kris Welch
GFX: / Stream: Roland Feickert
Altar Guild Cheryl Erwin and Charlene Rosane

LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Pastor Pastor Christopher Hazzard
Organist Elena Miraztchiyska

Elder Fred Sterns
Lector Kim Kaniecki
Greeter
Audio Judi Rudolph
Video Video TD: Josiah Hazzard
GFX: / Stream: Robin Fox
Altar Guild Cheryl Erwin and Charlene Rosane

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FROM LAST WEEK

Christmas Eve Service	164
Christmas Day Service.....	58
Saturday Worship Attendance.....	17
Sunday Worship Attendance.....	95
Envelope and Loose Plate Offerings	\$7,522.07
Simply Giving/Vanco.....	\$550.00
Paypal Offerings	\$0
Website (ShareFaith).....	\$0
Total of Offerings Received	\$8,072.07
Misc. Income, Memorials and Special Gifts.....	\$436.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH- Christmas II – No human life—and no human pregnancy—ever goes unplanned or unwanted by Almighty God. Ephesians’ first chapter makes clear the Heavenly Father conceived each precious person “before the foundation of the world” (Ephesians 1:4). And the coming of Christ Jesus incorporates male and female, old or young, into heaven’s household by adoption. Children come as Gospel gifts!

FLOWER SPONSOR – No Flower Sponsor this week..

BULLETIN SPONSOR – No Bulletin Sponsor this week.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (SUNDAY) – Team 1 is serving today. The Chili Cook-off is next week. Everyone is invited. There is no charge and a freewill offering is voluntary.

ELDERS MEETING – The Elders will meet today, Sunday, January 5th, after service.

OUTREACH MEETING – The Outreach Committee will meet this Tuesday, January 7th, at 5:30 pm.

TAKE DOWN THE DECORATIONS THIS WEEK– On Wednesday, January 8th, at 9am, volunteers are needed to help take down the Christmas decorations. Any help would be appreciated. Many hands make light work.

MARY MARTHA MEETING – The Mary Martha will meet this Wednesday, January 8th, at 9:30am. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED – The Church office will be closed this Thursday, January 9th, and Monday, January 13th.

T-SHIRTS - We would like to get new T-Shirts with the Church Logo on the front. They will be bright orange 100% polyester lightweight roomy and highly breathable moisture wicking crewneck long sleeve or short sleeve shirts. If you would like to purchase a new shirt, please add your name, phone number, etc. to the T-Shirt sign-up sheet in the Narthex by January 19, 2025. At that time we will determine the cost based on the number of shirts. A sample shirt will be available for everyone to look at. If you have any questions please contact Cheryl Erwin at 301-502-0389.

MARY MARTHA QUILTERS - CHANGED TO THURSDAY'S –Mary Martha Quilters meet each Thursday at 10am. All Ladies from the congregation are invited to come. You don't have to be a quilter or know how to sew as we need people who can cut, arrange, and tie.

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS FOR 2025 - The new Flower Chart has been posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers in the coming year, please write your name in the chart on the appropriate date. There is an instructional poster on the board next to the chart explaining what to do. The envelopes specially designated for your sponsor offering are in a pocket just below the Flower Chart.

ALTAR GUILD- HELP NEEDED - We are looking for two to four individuals willing to serve on a Communion service team -- men and couples also welcome! This is a low time-commitment role of roughly an hour combined each weekend for one month each year and a wonderful opportunity to serve God and church. Full training will be provided and completing a year of membership at Christ Lutheran Church is not a requirement. Please see Dawn Peters for more information.

HELP WANTED- The Church is in need of workers in several positions around the Church. These include Ushers, Offering Counters, Altar Guild, Lectors, Sound Board, Video Assistance, Elders (requires one year membership, and many other opportunities to serve. Please consider using your time and talents in some way here at Christ Lutheran.

ADOPT-A-BLOCK – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED– To reserve your spot on the team or if you have questions, please contact either Robin Fox or Pastor Chris.

TRUSTEE WORKDAY - The Trustee Workday is each Wednesday from 9am – 1pm. If you would like to help with the various needs of the church, come join us. A job, whether large or small can be found to help with. If you notice something you think needs attention, come let us know. Thanks for helping.

USED HEARING AIDS: Used hearing aids can be donated. Place them in the Munz mailbox in the church mailroom. Pastor Jerry Munz collects them and takes them to the Lakeland Hearing Center. If you want a tax receipt be sure to ask Pastor Jerry to get one for you.

DREAM CENTER VOLUNTEERS – Volunteers are needed to help check- in and sort items here at Christ Lutheran for the Dream Center. Please see or contact Robin Fox at 863-513-4774 to schedule a day and time to volunteer.

CHECK YOUR MAILBOX – Please check your mailbox in the narthex.

CHURCH DIRECTORY – For those that are not aware, our church member directory is now available online. Please see the flyer sheets in the narthex for more information or email Kim Kaniecki at stewardship@clclakeland.org.

NAMETAGS – We would like to encourage all our members to please wear their nametags to church. If you can't find your nametag or don't have one, please sign-up for one on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Matthew 2:11 – “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.” Worship and the giving of gifts go together. This makes sense because God is the great Giver of every good gift, and we worship Him and desire to grow into His image. We receive His gifts in worship and then, being conformed to the likeness of His image, we imitate His generosity.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Tuesday	Adopt-A-Block Outreach Meeting @ 5:30 pm
Wednesday	Dream Center @ Christ Lutheran Take Down the Decorations @ 9 am Trustee Workday @ 9 am Mary Martha Meeting @ 9:30 am Mary Martha Quilters @ 10 am Private Communion 1:30 – 2:30 pm Jr. Confirmation Choir @ 7 pm
Thursday	Bible Study @ 10 am Church Office Closed
Friday.....	Church Office closed, Pastor's Day Off
Saturday.....	Worship @ 5:30 pm
Sunday.....	Bible Study @ 8:30 am Worship @ 10 am Chili Cook-off