

Zion Lutheran

**Mission: Creating Community Through
God's Love and Guidance**



The Epiphany of Our Lord
January 5, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

(The assembly speaks the bold print)

PRELUDE

Please respect this time before worship for those who want to pray quietly in the sanctuary. Once the prelude begins, please use that time to listen to the music and prepare for worship. Thank you for your cooperation.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN#270 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting.
Amen.

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

God-with-us,
**we confess that we have turned away
those seeking shelter,
claiming there is no room when we have plenty.
We have made power and wealth our idols,
while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger.
We have overlooked the shepherds,
expecting good news in prettier packaging.
Too often, we have valued violence
instead of your peace.
Turn us from our ways to your ways.
Grant us the grace to begin again.
Free us from all that keeps us bound,
and forgive our sin,
through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us.
Amen.**

Hear the good news and rejoice!
You are God's chosen ones,
holy and beloved,
forgiven in Christ,
and freed to respond in joy.
Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

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.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift 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. ⁵Then 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. 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 proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14

Read Responsively

¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

²**May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.**

³May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

⁵May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

⁶**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.**

⁷In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

¹⁰**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.**

¹¹May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

¹²**For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.**

¹³He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

¹⁴**From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:1-12

A reading from Ephesians.

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles — ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In 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: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of 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.

⁸Although 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, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so 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. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting 5



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "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." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶And 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 wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then 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." ⁹When 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. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On 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. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE EPIPHANY PROGRAM

HYMN OF THE DAY#292

"Love Has Come"

APOSTLES' CREED

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

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

God of heaven and earth,
from the beginning, you have called forth life,
in which you take delight.
The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy.
Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty,
that we may join the chorus of creation
to tell of your salvation from day to day.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

Epiphany of Our Lord, Baptism of Our Lord

Setting 5
see insert

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Setting 5

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

LAMB OF GOD

Setting 5

☩ 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

A child has been born for us, a Son given to us.
 Come, receive the gift of Jesus.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN#487

“What Feast of Love”

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
 strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful God,
 we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food.
 Strengthened by this goodness,
 send us forth to announce your peace,
 comfort the afflicted,
 and share the good news of great joy.
Amen.

BLESSING

The God of love,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
lavish you with grace,
illumine your path,
and increase your joy,
today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN #275

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

**Creating Community through God’s Love and Guidance —
thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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Welcome!

We invite visitors to complete the card in the pew and put it in
the collection basket. Thank You!

Attendance: Christmas Eve 4pm: 167
 Christmas Eve 6pm: 40
 Last Week: 62
 Last Year: 92

Announcements!

Today after the service there will be a catered Epiphany Brunch in the fellowship hall for anyone that signed up for it.

If anyone would like a poinsettia, you may pick one up after the service. Please do not choose one of the artificial poinsettias.

A thank you goes out to all the volunteers that helped set up, clean up & baked desserts for the Advent Soup Suppers during the month of December. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Each week a Daily Discipleship, which is a take home Bible Study, will be on the tables at the back of sanctuary for you to take with you. It will also be on the website in the section where the weekly bulletin is.

Lynn has gift cards for sale today. They are Fleet Farm, Kwik Trip, Pick N Save, Target & Walgreens. She is also available to take any other gift card orders you may need. The list of what gift cards are available is in the narthex.

The annual meeting for Zion will be Sunday, Feb. 9th after the service. Some of the committees you can be a part of are: Council, Nominating Committee, Zion's Foundation/ Endowment Committee & Zion Place Committee. We also need delegates to attend some local conferences. They are East Central Synod of Wisconsin Synod Assembly, East Central Synod Appleton Conference, Crossways Camping Ministries, Linwood Community Appleton, Miravida Living-Oshkosh & Bethany Home-Waupaca. If you are interested in any of these please let one of the council members know.

If you have a business and are interested in purchasing an advertisement to appear in the annual directory book, please contact Kimberly in the office for more information.

Linwood Community at 425 N. Linwood Ave. Appleton is sponsoring an event on Thursday, January 16th at 2 pm. Their Wellness Coordinator Yon will present some ideas on how to set attainable goals for 2025. It's a tradition for many people to make resolutions for the New Year, but the fact remains that most resolutions are made without much thought and usually thrown to the wayside. There is a better approach that we can take as we face the coming year.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, January 5

Isa 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-7, 10-14

Eph 3:1-12; Matt 2:1-12

No Choir Rehearsal

Worship Service 9:00 am

followed by

Epiphany Brunch

Epiphany of Our Lord/Baptism of Our Lord

Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer

Assisting Minister: Grace Van Eyck

Acolyte: Freya Budde

Musician: Heather Watney

Opens: Greg Pettigrew

Closes: Tammy Mossholder

Wednesday, January 8

Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15pm

Sunday, January 12

Isa 43:1-7; Ps 29

Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

No Choir Rehearsal

Worship Service 9:00 am

Followed by

Coffee Hour

Sunday School & Confirmation

Second Sunday of Epiphany

Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer

Assisting Minister: Tricia Staedt

Acolyte: Lily Gruselle

Musician: Heather Watney

Opens and Closes: Gwen Schwandt

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

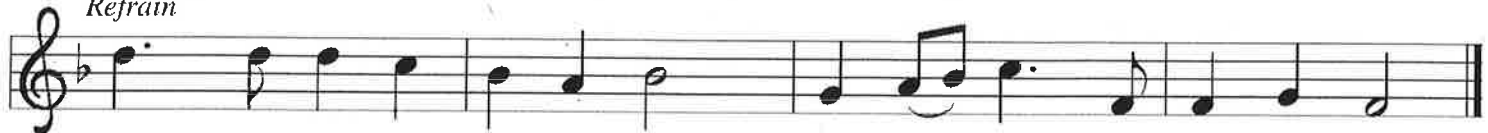


Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831-1915

Love Has Come



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, *Recueil de noëls composés en langue provençale*, 1856

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It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all na - tions;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your be - lov - ed Son,
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he re - vealed your glo - ry.
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

What Feast of Love



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

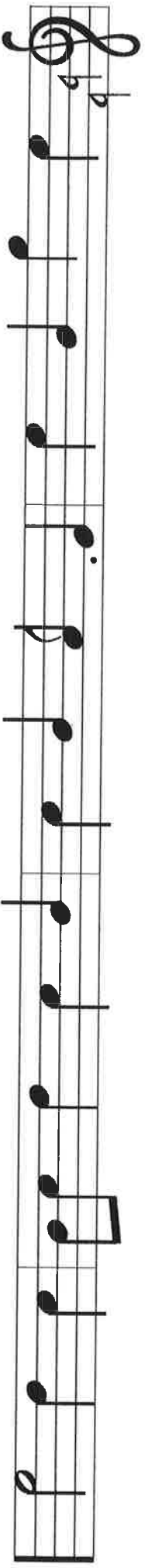
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Angels, from the Realms of Glory



1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

