

WEDNESDAY SERVICE

JANUARY 9, 2019 5:00 PM

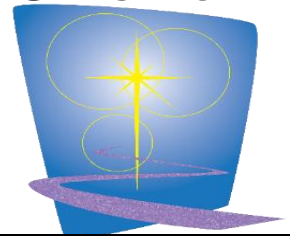


IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



***Making known
by Word and Action
the Healing Presence of
God in Christ Jesus with
Us and with the World.***

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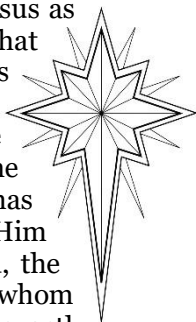
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The star that once led the Magi to the Christ Child is a type of the light that God has caused to shine so that all of us may know Christ Jesus as Savior and Redeemer. We would not have known Him except that the Lord made the light to shine in our darkness to reveal Jesus Christ to us and to lead our fearful hearts to faith. The star still shines through the light of God's Word and leads us into the presence of Him whom the Father sent to be our Savior. The glory of God is His steadfast love and mercy, which He has revealed in Jesus Christ. In Him we have been bidden, and in Him we come. Like Luther put it in the explanation of the Creed, the faithful response is to serve, praise, thank, and obey the Lord whom God has sent. And by the power of the Holy Spirit, that is exactly what we have come to do today—worship Christ, the Lord of the world.



OPENING HYMN

“Rise, Shine, You People”

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1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.
He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing.
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are
To all the world go out and tell the
Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

INVOCATION *and* OPENING SENTENCES

- P** In the Name of God —the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.
- P** Arise, shine, for your light has come,
C and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
- P** Great is the steadfast love of the LORD toward us,
C and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
- P** Nations will come to His light,
C and kings to the brightness of His rising.
- P** The star that guided the Magi to the infant Jesus was the first light to come from the manger.
- C** It was the Brightest and Best Light—a Light to dispel darkness ... a Light to shatter the darkness of sin, our sin!



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination...*
- P** Almighty God, thick darkness covers the whole earth, and the darkness of sin is on us, Your people.
- C** We confess that we have walked in darkness instead of Your light. In our thoughts, words, and actions, we have turned away from Your face and have broken Your commands.
- P** You alone, O Lord, invite all nations to come to Your light. You beckon those who are broken to find wholeness in the brightness of Your rising.
- C** Guide us again to the mercy of our Savior Jesus Christ, that He may dispel the darkness of our sin and renew us in the light of Your presence. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

SONG “We Three Kings”

1 We three kings of Orient are
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder Star.

Chorus: O... Star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to Thy perfect light.

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign.

3 Frankincense to offer have I —
incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
worship Him, God on high. ...

4 Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. ...

5 Glorious now behold Him arise:
King and God and Sacrifice;
“Alleluia, alleluia!” sounds through the earth and skies. ...



THE COLLECT PRAYER

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

P O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



OLD TESTAMENT

EPISTLE

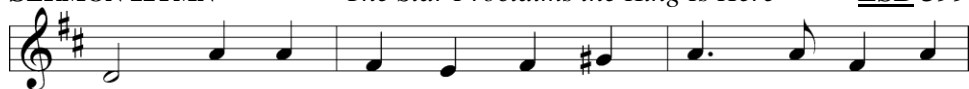
GOSPEL LESSON



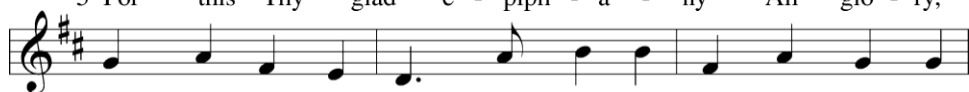
Isaiah 60:1–6

Ephesians 3:1–12

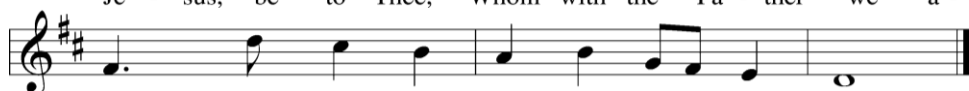
st Matthew 2:1–12

SERMON HYMN*"The Star Proclaims the King Is Here"***LSB 399**

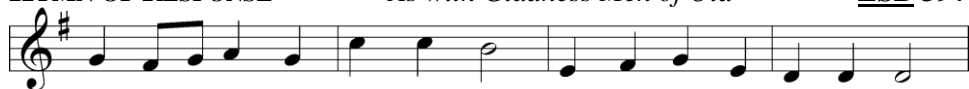
1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,
 2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far And fol - lowed
 3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood The heav'n - ly
 4 And oh, what mir - a - cle di - vine, When wa - ter
 5 For this Thy glad e - piph - a - ny All glo - ry,



why this sense - less fear? For He who of - fers heav'n - ly
 on His guid - ing star; And, led by light, to light they
 Lamb in meek - ness stood That He, of whom no sin was
 red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it -
 Je - sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -



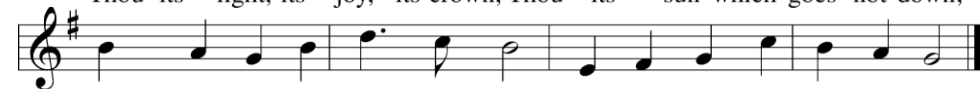
birth Seeks not the king - doms of this earth.
 trod And by their gifts con - fessed their God.
 known, Might cleanse His peo - ple from their own.
 flowed In streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.
 dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

*Public domain***MESSAGE***"Wise Guys OR Wise Men"***HYMN OF RESPONSE***"As with Gladness Men of Old"***LSB 397**

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.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER 1

RESPONSE, LORD'S PRAYER, APOSTLES' CREED

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P Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,

C have mercy and hear us.

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.

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.

RESPONSORY FOR EVENING

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L Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,

C and grant us Your salvation.

L Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness;

C and let Your saints shout for joy.

L Lord, keep this nation under Your care,

C and guide us in the way of justice and truth.

L Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C for You judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon the earth.

L Let the peoples praise You, O God;

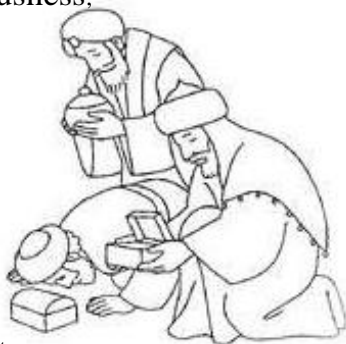
C let all the peoples praise You!

L For the needy shall not always be forgotten,

C and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.

L Create in me a clean heart, O God, **C** and renew a right spirit within me.

L Hear my prayer, O Lord; **C** let my cry come to You.



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

{each petition ends "...Lord, in Your mercy:"}

response: "*hear our prayer!*"}

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER, BENEDICTION

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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.

L Let us bless the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

L The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil,
and bring us to everlasting life. **C** Amen.

SONGS BY REQUEST ...

