



Nations will come to
your light, and kings
to the brightness
of your dawn.

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...rooted in the word, growing in faith, reaching out to our uprooted world.

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The Epiphany of Our Lord (observed)

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COME, LET US WORSHIP THE KING!

“We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.”

A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entryway of the church or on the coat rack downstairs. The bathrooms are located in the basement of this building. Before you go home today, please sign our guest book located on the podium in the entryway. Also, refreshments are served in the basement after our service this morning. We invite you to join us for something to eat and drink.

Our lower level is wired for sound. If you need to take your child out during the service, you won't miss any of the sermon.

In the unlikely event of an emergency during this morning's service, you can exit the building using the main entryway or the exit to the right of the chancel. Our building does have a fire alarm system that is wired directly to the fire department.

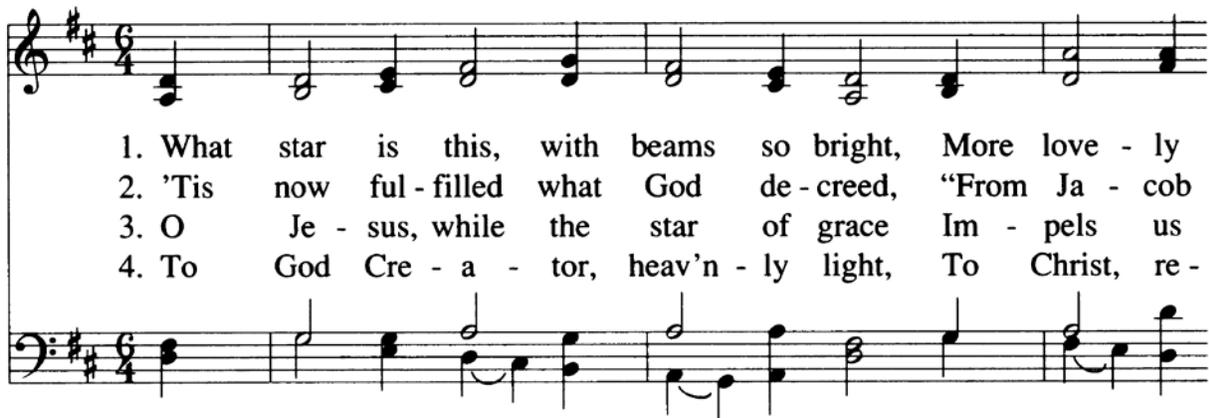
Before Service Prayer: It is not new or strange, blessed Jesus, that sinners should want to see You and bring their gifts of gratitude to You. The wise men did it many years ago. Give me such a grateful heart also. Let me carry the message that You have showed Yourself as Savior. In this season of Epiphany, warm my heart through the power of Your Word, that I may witness to Your grace and confess You before the world as the only Savior from sin. Let the Gospel be the bright beacon that leads beyond Bethlehem to the very home You have promised to all who receive You in faith. Amen.

WORSHIP EMPHASIS TODAY: The word *epiphany* means “manifestation” or “visible display” and refers to the “revealing” of Jesus as Savior, not only of the Jews but of all the peoples of the world. The Eastern Christian churches celebrate Christmas when we celebrate Epiphany – January 6, the Twelfth Day of Christmas. This Festival of the Epiphany of Our Lord is the celebration of Christ our King to whom the Magi (the Wise Men) offered gifts and worshipped. The Magi were Gentiles (non-Jewish) who worshiped the King of the Jews. The Magi represent the end of God's separation of His chosen people, the Old Testament Israelites (Jews) from the Gentiles. Israel's Lord is God of all. We, most of whom are also

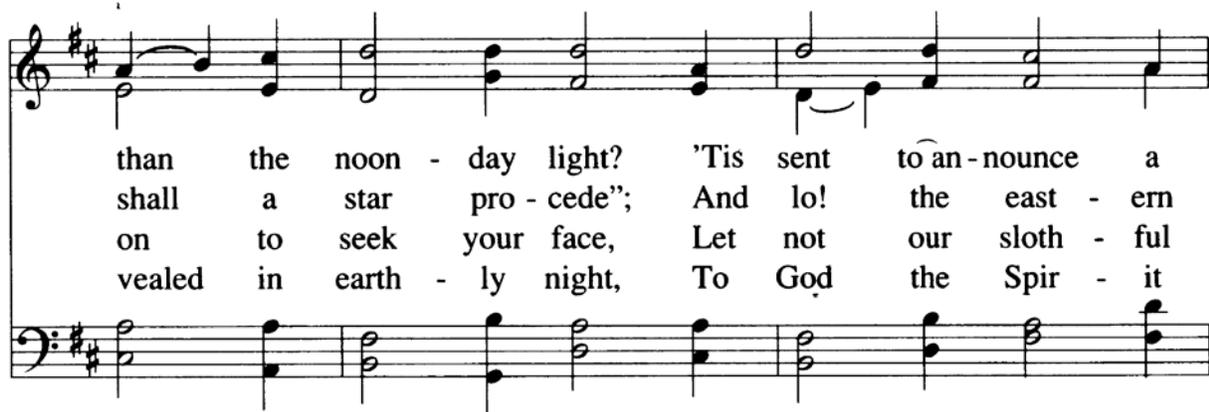
Gentiles, give praise to the God of all, who revealed His love and light in the One whom the Wise Men worshiped.

PASTOR'S WELCOME

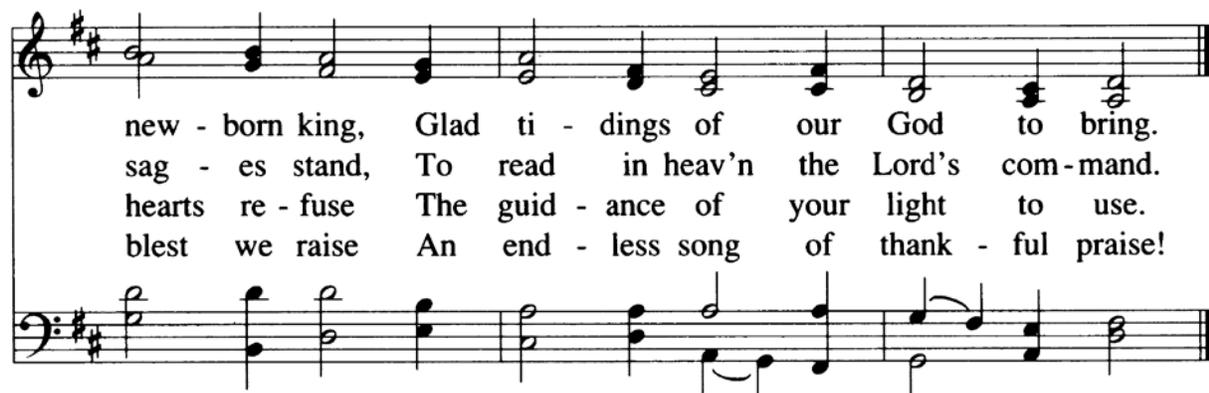
OPENING HYMN: "What Star is This?" (tune CW 53)



1. What star is this, with beams so bright, More love - ly
2. 'Tis now ful - filled what God de - creed, "From Ja - cob
3. O Je - sus, while the star of grace Im - pels us
4. To God Cre - a - tor, heav'n - ly light, To Christ, re -



than the noon - day light? 'Tis sent to an - nounce a
shall a star pro - ceed"; And lo! the east - ern
on to seek your face, Let not our sloth - ful
vealed in earth - ly night, To God the Spir - it



new - born king, Glad ti - dings of our God to bring.
sag - es stand, To read in heav'n the Lord's com - mand.
hearts re - fuse The guid - ance of your light to use.
blest we raise An end - less song of thank - ful praise!

INVOCATION AND ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

Pastor: In the name
of the Father, who is the “Father of the heavenly lights,” and
of the Son, who is the “Light of the world,” and
of the Holy Spirit, who reveals that light to us through the gospel.

Congregation: *Amen. (spoken)*

P: Arise! Shine! Your light has come and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

C: The darkness of sin surrounds the earth. Nations upon nations are turning away from the Lord.

P: But you are honored to live in the light of the Lord.

C: His glory and grace are shining on us.

P: The Lord is present.

C: Look! We are standing on holy ground!

P: Let us reflect the light of God’s love

C: so that others may live in His light!

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: God invites us to come into His presence and worship Him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask Him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: Having heard your confession, I share with you the blessing of God’s mercy through Jesus. As His called servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Forgiven, the Lord sends you and me into the world with His Word, the light of Truth, to be His representatives.

C: Savior, empower us; Spirit, enlighten us to represent You well!

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us worship our King!

**What child is this who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet With anthems sweet while shepherd's watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the Son of Mary!**

**Why lies He in such mean estate Where oxen now are feeding?
Good Christians fear; for sinners here The silent Word is pleading
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through; the cross He'll bear for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the Son of Mary!**

**So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh; Come, peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings Salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high; the virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the Son of Mary! (CW 67)**

P: Let us pray.

Lord of light, You created light to reflect Your glory and sent forth Your Son to bring light to the world made dark by sin and death. We give You thanks for His light, uniting all the peoples into one people in Christ, who is the Light of the World. As the Magi followed the light of the star, guide us by the light of Your Word to know Christ, the only true light, and to proclaim Him to those still captive to darkness, sin, and death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

COME, LET US WORSHIP THE KING!

OUR KING REVEALS HIMSELF AS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

²See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and His glory appears over you.

³Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴“Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip.

⁵ Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come.

⁶ Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD. (NIV 2011)

Hymn: “Arise and Shine in Splendor” (tune CW 587)

**Arise and shine in splendor; Let night to day surrender.
Your light is drawing near. Above, the day is beaming,
In matchless beauty gleaming; The glory of the Lord is here.**

**The World's remotest races, Upon whose weary faces
The sun looks from the sky, Will run with zeal untiring,
With joy Your light desiring. That breaks upon them from on high.**

OUR KING IS WORTHY OF HONOR AND PRAISE

Revelation 5:11-14

¹¹ Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹² In a loud voice they were saying:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!”

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

“To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power,
for ever and ever!”

¹⁴ The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped. (NIV 2011)

Hymn: CW 227 “Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Song”

**Come, let us join our cheerful songs With angels round the throne.
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues, But all their joys are one.**

**Let all creation join in one To bless the sacred name
Of Him who sits upon the throne, And to adore the Lamb.**

Stand

OUR KING IS WORSHIPED AS KING

Matthew 2:1-12

¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.”

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd My people Israel.”

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find Him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship Him.”

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. (NIV 2011)

Sit

HYMN: CW 83 “As with Gladness Men of Old”

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED (*Read Responsively for Epiphany-tide*)

P: We believe in God,

C: the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

P: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

C: the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made.

P: For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven,

(Silence for meditation.)

P: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,

C: and became fully human.

(Silence for meditation.)

P: For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

C: He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

P: We believe in the Holy Spirit,

C: the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: CW 87 (vs 1,3) "Hail, O Source of Every Blessing"

**Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing, Father of our human race!
Gentiles now, Your grace possessing, In Your courts obtain a place.
Grateful now, we fall before You, in Your church rejoice to live,
See Your glory and adore You, Thankful for the grace You give.**

**Hail, O all inviting Savior! Gentiles now their off'rings bring,
In Your temples see Your favor, Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.
May we, body, soul and spirit, Live devoted to Your praise,
Glorious realms of bliss inherit, Grateful anthems ever raise.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you. (spoken)

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS (*Latin for "Holy," tune CW 78*)

(Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9)

**O holy, holy, holy
Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in Your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.**

**Hosanna in the highest!
How truly blest is He
Who in God's name is coming
To set His people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with His blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage—
Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*Jesus took bread and “gave thanks” (Matthew 26:26).*)

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.

P: Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

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

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

© 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 your peace. A - men.

Please be seated.

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

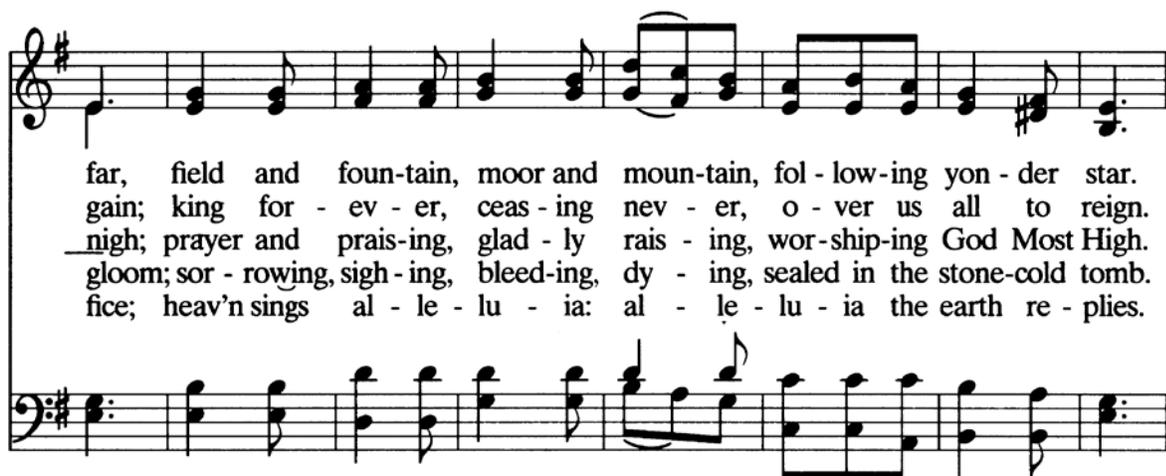
New Life Lutheran Church practices "close communion." We ask that only members of New Life or other WELS or ELS churches partake of the sacrament. We ask our visitors to please respect our communion practice.

DISTRIBUTION

During the distribution the congregation will sing "We Three Kings."

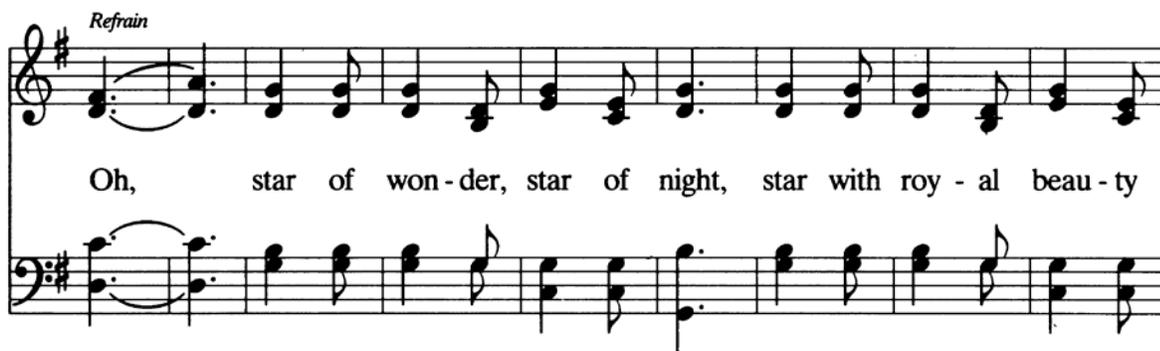


1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a -
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a -
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri -

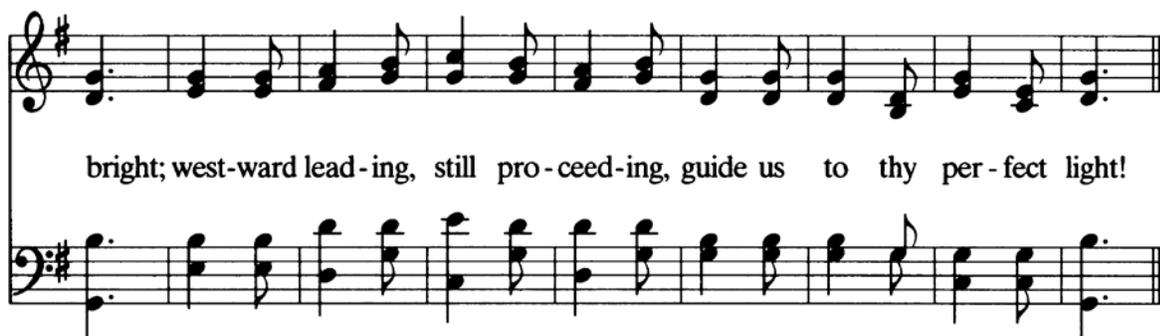


far, field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
gain; king for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
nigh; prayer and prais - ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
fice; heav'n sings al - le - lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty



bright; west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Please stand.

NUNC DIMITTIS (*Latin for “Now Dismiss,” tune CW 78*)

(Luke 2:29-32)

**O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen Your promised
Incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel!**

**All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever three in one;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God’s triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

PRAYER

P: O Christ, our Savior, Redeemer, and King, we give You thanks for coming to us humbly in, with, and under the bread and wine with Your body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. Continue to come to us as King of glory as we depart in forgiveness and faith. In Your name, we pray,

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: Amen (*spoken*)

CLOSING HYMN: CWS 771 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Berg / Bolzman

Today— The Epiphany of Our Lord (Observed)

Communion Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM

Lunch at Noon

SAA Workshop from noon to 1:30 PM

Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

Tuesday—Branch Connection at 7:00 PM

Wednesday—Men's Bible Class at Noon

Next Sunday—Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class at 10:45 AM

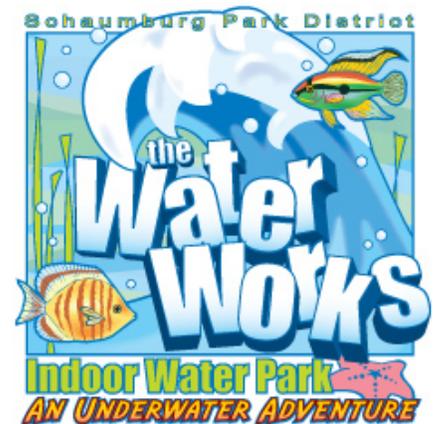
Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

Volunteers are needed to bring something to eat and drink for fellowship on Sunday mornings. Please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the lower level.

Offering Envelopes for 2017 are located on the table in the entryway and are ready for pick up. Included with the envelopes is an updated Endowment Fund flier.

The Sunday School and Preschool children will be singing during our service next Sunday. Please have your child/ren here at 9:15 AM to warm-up.

A swimming outing at the Schaumburg WaterWorks has been scheduled for Sunday, January 29th at Noon for the entire family. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the basement. Lunch will be served that day before heading to the waterpark.



**Our Faithfulness to God's Word
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