

**The Season** The season of Epiphany highlights the revealing of the Son of God as the Savior of the whole world—both Jew and Gentile. God revealed the mystery of his person and his mission through the words and works of the Father, though the anointing and empowering of the Spirit, and through the preaching and miracles of Christ.

**The Sunday** Jesus appears as the light that shines in the darkness. Dark places remain covered in the shadow of sin and unbelief. Now there are, however, bright places, too, and there you find God’s children. Jesus shines his light by preaching repentance and the good news of the nearing kingdom, and he invites us to follow him to a life illumined by him. Following him means living in the joy of freedom (First Lesson) and walking in the light of love for God and brother (Second Lesson).

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Our mission is to

**Glorify God**  
as we

**Gather**

around the Gospel  
to help people

**Grow**

in the **Gospel**  
and

**Go**

with the **Gospel**

**Welcome!** We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

If your children need to leave worship, please take them to the basement. A TV broadcasts the service in the basement.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

Hymn

We Are Singing CWS 732

*Refrain*

We are  
sing - ing, for the Lord is our light, we are  
sing - ing, for the Lord is our light. We are  
sing - ing, for the Lord is our light, we are  
sing - ing, for the Lord is our light. We are  
sing - ing, Oh, we are  
sing - ing, for the Lord is our light. We are  
sing - ing, Oh, we are  
sing - ing, for the Lord is our light. (*Last time*)

Verses



1 The Lord is the strength of our lives; Of  
2 One thing have we asked of the Lord. Yes,  
3 When bur - dens are heav - y to bear. Our  
4 We walk in the strength of the Lord; God's

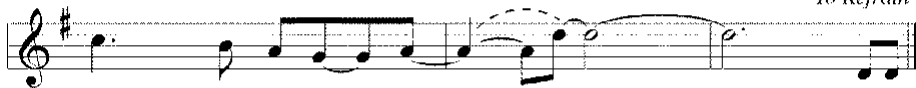


whom shall we be a - fraid? Though  
this is the thing we seek; To  
shel - ter is God a - lone. Our  
love is ev - er sure. We



foes may be near to de - stroy; The  
dwell in the house of the Lord, To  
feet are lift - ed high, Yes  
shout that the world may hear; We

*To Refrain*



Lord will be our light.  
live with God for - ev - er. We are  
high up - on a rock.  
sing a joy - ful song.

*With music based on the South African Freedom Song, this paraphrase of Psalm 27 underscores the confidence Christians have in God's deliverance from every trouble.*

Text: South African, tr. and original verses by Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933  
Tune: SIYAHAMBA (87 86 and Refrain) Zulu melody adapted by Hal H. Hopson.  
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*Stand*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Confession**

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.  
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,**

**For sins of habit and sins of choice,  
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,  
You should cast me away from your presence forever.  
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins, Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

**Absolution** (pronouncement of forgiveness)

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Lord, Have Mercy** *Kyrie*

*Mark 10:47*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C: Amen.**

**Glory Be To God** *Gloria in Excelsis* (sung)

*Luke 2:14*

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|---|--|
| 1. All glory be to God on high!<br>Your name, O Lord, we glorify;<br>We praise you for your peace and grace,<br>Your favor toward our fallen race.          | 3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray.<br>You take all human sin away.<br>Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;<br>From God's right hand, your mercy share. |
| 2. Our grateful thanks to you we bring,<br>For your great glory, heav'nly King,<br>For all, O Father, you have done<br>Through Jesus Christ, your only Son. | 4. You Christ, are holy—Lord alone;<br>The Father's glory you made known.<br>We by your Spirit sing again:<br>"All glory be to God!" Amen.             |

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## THE WORD

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M: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*Be seated*

### First Lesson:

**Isaiah 8:19-9:2**

Man cannot find his way through the darkness of the world except by inquiring of God. No spirit, no man, no other message brings light to those living in darkness. To the law and to the testimony! There you find the Word, the great light for those living in darkness.

<sup>19</sup> When someone tells you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living?

<sup>20</sup> Consult God's instruction and the testimony of warning. If anyone does not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn. <sup>21</sup> Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. <sup>22</sup> Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness.

**9** Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

<sup>2</sup> The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness  
a light has dawned. (NIV)

*Refrain*

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion — of whom shall I  
be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?

*Psalm tone*

Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;\*  
be merciful to me and answer me.

Do not hide your face from me,\*  
do not turn your servant away in anger;  
you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,\*  
O God my Savior.

*Refrain*

Though my father and mother forsake me,\*  
the LORD will receive me.

I am still confident of this:\*  
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD;\*  
be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

**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.**

*Refrain*

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**Second Lesson**

**1 John 2:3-11**

How can we be certain that we know God? John says, “Obey his commands.” The gnostic heretics that John combatted had little regard for laws and sin and the commands of God. They felt they knew God well enough without worrying about acts of obedience. How similar to modern unbelievers and even to

many Christians today! They think they know God, but they have little time for talk of sin, guilt, and obedience. John tells us that contrary to their opinion, they do not know God. Jesus, our Morning Star, has already come, and the light of his dawn is beginning to break over the world, and the time for deeds of darkness is fading fast. There are still places of deep darkness, but that is not the place to find God's children. They will be found walking in the light and shedding their own light on the darkness around them by living in love for God and brother.

<sup>3</sup> We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. <sup>4</sup> Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. <sup>5</sup> But if anyone obeys his word, love for God<sup>[a]</sup> is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: <sup>6</sup> Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. <sup>8</sup> Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

<sup>9</sup> Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister<sup>[b]</sup> is still in the darkness. <sup>10</sup> Anyone who loves their brother and sister<sup>[a]</sup> lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. <sup>11</sup> But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them. (NIV)

## Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia. (Matthew 4:23)

*Stand*

M: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 4.

**C: Glory be to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel:

## Matthew 4:12-23

The light of the world appeared and began to cast its beams. Fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy, the bulk of Christ's ministry took place in Galilee of the Gentiles which had been so oppressed. Galileans were the first to see the light of God's day breaking over the world. From that time on, Jesus began to preach, and we hear the first public words of Jesus Christ: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near. With those words the Holy Spirit describes Jesus shining his light into the shadowed nooks and crannies of the world. From fishing boats to synagogues, from workmen to lame men, Christ cast a beacon of light into the darkened world around him with his three-fold ministry of teaching, preaching, and healing. The kingdom of heaven drew near and called God's children to follow the light and live in the light.

<sup>12</sup> When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— <sup>14</sup> to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

<sup>15</sup> "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,  
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,  
Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup> the people living in darkness  
have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of the shadow of death  
a light has dawned.” [Isaiah 9:1,2]

<sup>17</sup> From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup> As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” <sup>20</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>21</sup> Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, <sup>22</sup> and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

*Be seated*

### Hymn of the Day

*O God from God, O Light from Light CW 85*



1 O God from God, O Light from Light, O Prince of  
2 Deep in the proph - ets' sa - cred page, Grand in the  
3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death of  
4 Sing to the Lord a might - y song; Sing to his



Peace and King of kings, To you in heav - en's  
po - ets' wing - ed word, Slow - ly, in type, from  
pain mid hate and scorn—These all are past, and  
name, his glo - ries tell! Sing, heav'n - ly hosts, your



glo - ry bright The song of praise for - ev - er rings.  
age to age The na - tions saw their com - ing Lord;  
now a - bove He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.  
praise pro - long, And all on earth, your an - them swell!



To him who sits up - on the throne, The Lamb once  
Till through the deep Ju - de - an night Rang out the  
Lift up your heads, O might - y gates! So sang the  
Wor - thy the Lamb for sin - ners slain! For - ev - er





slain but raised a - gain, Be all the glo - ry  
 song, "Good will to men!" Sung by heav'n's hosts in  
 an - gel hosts a - gain. Lift up your heads— your  
 let the song as - cend! Wor - thy the Lamb en -



he has won, All thanks and praise! A - men, A - men.  
 splen - dor bright, Re - ech - oed now, "Good will!" A - men.  
 King a - waits. We lift them up, A - men, A - men.  
 throned to reign; Glo - ry and pow'r! A - men, A - men.

Text: John Julian, 1839–1913, abr., alt.

Tune: O GROSSER GOTT (LM D) Johann Störks . . . Schlag-Gesang-Und Noten-Buch, Stuttgart, 1744.

## Sermon

Isaiah 8:19-9:2

*Stand*

## Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, 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.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. 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.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, 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.**

*Be Seated*

## Offering

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

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## THE SACRAMENT

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### Preface

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who comes with his Father to make his home in human hearts, working repentance and faith by his Spirit until he comes again. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### Holy, Holy, Holy (sung)

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

1. 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.
2. 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

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.  
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.  
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.  
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

### 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.

### Words of Institution

M: 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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

### Lamb of God *Agnes Dei*

*John 1:29*

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef. It begins in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "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." The score consists of six staves of music. The first staff covers the first line of lyrics, the second staff the second line, the third staff the third line, the fourth staff the fourth line, the fifth staff the fifth line, and the sixth staff the final line. The key signature changes to two sharps (D major) for the final line of the piece.

*Be seated*

**Communion** Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close communion. All WELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor or an elder before communing.

## Distribution

### Distribution Hymn

*Rise, O Light of Gentile Nations CW 577*



1 Rise, O Light of Gen - tile na - tions, Je - sus, bright and  
 2 Know - ing you and your sal - va - tion, Grate - ful love dare  
 3 May our zeal to help the hea - then Be in - creased from  
 4 Sav - ior, shine in all your glo - ry On the na - tions



Morn - ing Star; Let your Word, the glad - some ti - dings,  
 nev - er cease To pro - claim your ten - der mer - cies,  
 day to day, As we plead in true com - pas - sion  
 near and far; From the high - ways and the by - ways



Ring out loud - ly near and far, Bring - ing  
 Gra - cious Lord, your heav'n - ly peace. Let us  
 And for their con - ver - sion pray. For the  
 Call them forth, O Morn - ing Star. Guide them



free - dom to the cap - tives, Peace and com - fort  
 sound the gos - pel ti - dings To the earth's re -  
 man - y faith - ful work - ers, For the gos - pel  
 whom your grace has cho - sen Out of Sa - tan's



to the slave, That the hea - then, free from  
 mot - est bound That the sin - ner has been  
 they pro - claim, Let us all be cheer - ful  
 dread - ful thrall To the man - sions of your



bond - age, May pro - claim your pow'r to save.  
 par - doned And for - give - ness can be found.  
 giv - ers To the glo - ry of your name.  
 Fa - ther— There is room for sin - ners all.

Text: Herman Fick, 1822–85, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.  
Tune: O DU LIEBE MEINER LIEBE (87 87 D) *Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz*, Basel, 1745, alt.

*Stand*

**Song of Simeon** *Nunc Dimittis* (sung)

*Luke 2:29-32*

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|---|---|
| 1 O Lord, now let your servant<br>Depart in peace, assured:<br>For I have seen your promised<br>incarnate, saving Word—<br>A Light that will enlighten<br>All gloom where Gentiles dwell;<br>The brilliant, crowning glory<br>Of those in Israel! | 2 All glory to the Father,<br>All glory to the Son,<br>All glory to the Spirit,<br>Forever three in one;<br>For as in the beginning,<br>Is now, shall ever be,<br>God's triune name resounding<br>Through all eternity. |
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M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Blessing**

M: 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.**

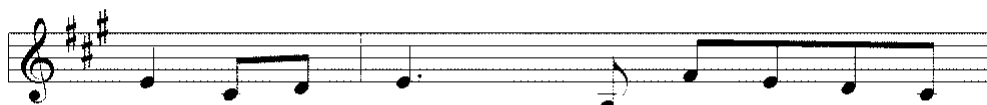
*Be seated*

Hymn

May the Peace of God CWS 745



1 May the peace of God our heav'n - ly Fa -  
peace which pass - es un - der - stand -



ther, And the grace of Christ the ris - en  
ing, And this grace which makes us what we



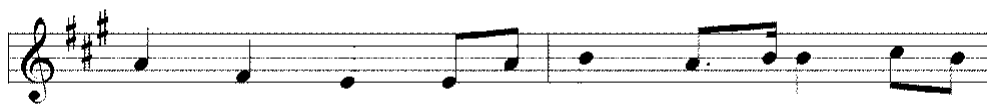
Son.  
are, And the fel - low-ship of God the  
And this fel - low-ship of his Com -



Spir - it Keep our hearts and minds with - in his  
mun - ion Make us one in spir - it and in



love.  
heart. *Refrain*  
And to him be praise for his



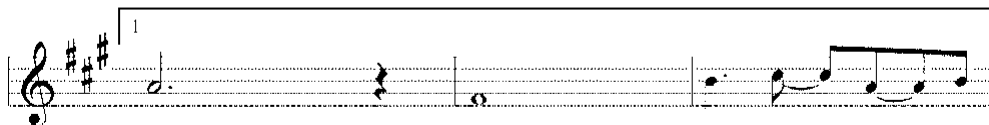
glo - rious reign From the depths of earth to the



heights of heav'n. We de - clare the name of the



Lamb once slain— Christ e - ter - nal, the King of



kings.



2 May this kings.

Time: MAY THE PEACE OF GOD (10 9 10 9 and Refrain)

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