

## First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

<sup>1</sup>**ARISE, SHINE; FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME,**  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
<sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
<sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
<sup>4</sup>Lift 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.  
<sup>5</sup>Then 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.  
<sup>6</sup>A 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.

## Second Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>**THIS IS THE REASON THAT I PAUL AM A PRISONER FOR CHRIST JESUS** for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>In 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: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of 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. <sup>8</sup>Although 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, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so 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. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in

Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

## Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>**IN THE TIME OF KING HEROD, AFTER JESUS WAS BORN IN BETHLEHEM OF JUDEA,** wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, "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." <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>"And 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.'"

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then 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." <sup>9</sup>When 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. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On 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. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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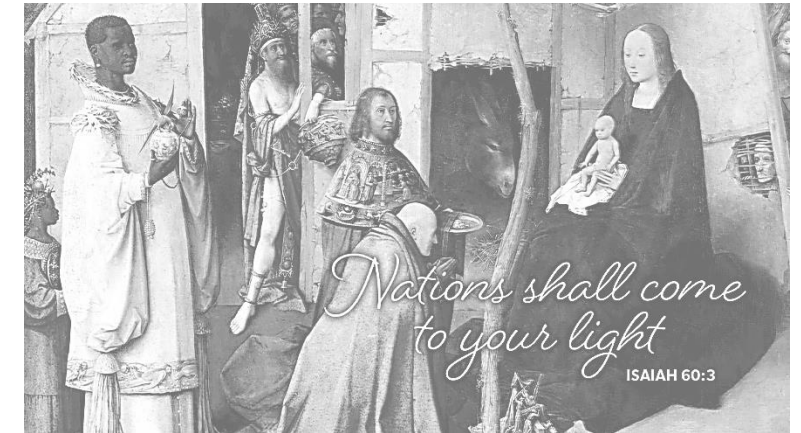
*Lutherans and Anglicans worshipping together*

We are a Christ-centered, welcoming community. We commit ourselves to modeling Christ's unconditional love in our worship, learning, fellowship, friendship, and service to others. Just as God welcomes and cares for us, so we welcome everyone to participate in all aspects of our community, without regard to sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race, culture or ethnic background, physical or mental abilities, family or economic status, gender, or age. We pledge to ourselves and all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world.

Thank you for sharing in worship here today.  
May God's abundant grace be a blessing to you,  
a source of strength and hope.

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## EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD January 8, 10:30 AM



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*Lutherans and Anglicans worshipping together*  
(A congregation of the ELCIC,  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada)

Worship at 10:30 am

YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCua4E9ZVxlZ4Wfmct0ZLnBA>



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EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

ELW - *Setting 2*

10:30 AM January 8, 2023

GATHERING

- Prelude
- Welcome
- Announcements
- Confession and Forgiveness, p. 116
- Gathering Song: **“Bright and Glorious is the Sky”** #301
- Greeting & Kyrie, p. 120
- Hymn of Praise: *Glory to God in the highest*, p. 121
- Prayer of the Day

THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6  
 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

- <sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the king’s son;
- <sup>2</sup>**that he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;**
- <sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.
- <sup>4</sup>**Let him defend the needy among the people,  
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**
- <sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.
- <sup>6</sup>**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.**
- <sup>7</sup>In his time may the righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall  
be no more.
- <sup>10</sup>**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute,  
and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**
- <sup>11</sup>May all kings bow down before him,  
and all the nations do him service.
- <sup>12</sup>**For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress,  
the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**
- <sup>13</sup>He has compassion on the lowly and poor,

and preserves the lives of the needy.

<sup>14</sup>**From oppression and violence he redeems their lives,  
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12  
 Children’s Message  
 Gospel Acclamation: **“This Little Light of Mine”** #677  
 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12  
 Meditation  
 Hymn of the Day: **“When a Star is Shining”** #915 (ACS)

- 1) When a star is shining, over eastern hills,  
when the air is silent, and the clamor stills,  
when the night is waiting, and the old hopes rise,  
then the time has ripened and the heart grows wise.

Refrain:

Lead us on, lead us on, to a morning where the promise shines.  
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- 2) Where the world is waiting for an unknown day,  
where a voice forgotten cries, “Prepare the way!”  
Where an earthly power make the heart turn cold,  
there the gifts are offered—incense, myrrh, and gold.  
[Refrain]
- 3) Lead us on, O Day-star, in the quiet night;  
guide us through the shadow with your gentle light;  
show us in a manger our redemption’s sign;  
bring us to a morning where the promise shines.  
[Refrain]

Prayers of the People: “God of grace . . . **hear our prayer**”  
 Sharing of the Peace, p. 128  
 Choral Anthem: *“Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year”*

SENDING

Epiphany Blessing  
 Leader: God of doors and gathering places,  
**All: Bless this house of worship this year and every year.  
 Bless all who come and go through this door,  
 both those who work here and those who gather to receive  
 your light.  
 May all who enter through this door come in peace and with  
 open hearts.**

**May all who come to this door find welcome and love.  
 May the love and joy in this place overflow and spread into the  
 community and the world. Amen**

(adapted from Valerie Taylor – www.lakeviewunited.ca)

Sending Hymn: **“All are Welcome”** #641  
 Dismissal  
 Postlude

*Thank you to our lector Bonnie Moser, musician Anna-Marie Skogsrud, ushers Edith & Lorne Carlson, and technical support Katie Otley for assisting in worship today. Thank you also to our choir for the special music.*

*Last Sunday’s attendance: 27*

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**PLEASE PLACE YOUR OFFERINGS IN THE PLATE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

**Offering & Income for January to date: \$3,005**  
 Rent \$1855.  
**January Expenses to date: \$1,462**

Our Parish Calendar

Tuesday	7:00 am	Spiritual Growth Group (Zoom)
Tuesday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Concordia Jr. Alpenrose Dancers
Wednesday	8:00 am	Men’s Book Club (Zoom)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	The Living Room NA Group
Thursday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir
Saturday	3:00 pm	The Tea Room AA Group
Sunday	10:30 am	Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Please stay for goodies and refreshments after the service and to meet Alhamad-Abduhlwaheed family (Nadia, Ibrahim, Rahma and Moses) who arrived in Canada on September 22nd.



Just a reminder to all committees and members submitting items for the 2022 Annual Report to have their reports emailed to the church office by **Tuesday, January 24th.**