

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Epiphany Sunday

December 31, 2023

10:00 AM

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME by Jubilee (*Invite people to download bulletin from the website – stlukesbloomington.org*)

+OPENING SONG

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

B. Doerkson/M. Cole

Chorus

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time
to give your heart

One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now

Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are
before your God Come

Chorus

Verse

Verse

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God

Chorus

Ending

Come Come Come

+PRAYER OF THE DAY {*Front Center*} (*Mollee Erickson*)

L: 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.

C: Amen.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (*Mollee Erickson*)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome those around us with a greeting. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat. Most all as we go out into the world may we greet others as people of peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS {*Front Center*}

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE {*On Floor Pulpit Side*} (*Emily*)

FIRST READING {*Lectern*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. 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. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. 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. 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. 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

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-15

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 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.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told

him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "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." ' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 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.' 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. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Rob Norris-Weber, Pastor

+SONG OF THE DAY

"We Three Kings"

John Henry Hopkins Jr.

Verse 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

Verse 2

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever ceasing never
Over us all to reign

Chorus

Verse 5

Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and sacrifice
Heav'n sing Halleluia
Halleluia earth replies

Chorus

+THE APOSTLES' CREED {*Front Center*} (*Mollee Erickson*)

Screen

C: 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.

+THE PRAYERS {*Front Center*} (*Mollee Erickson*)

Screen

After each petition:

L: Christ, our light,

C: **we pray to you.**

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Mollee Erickson*)

C: 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. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE {Center} (*Mollee Erickson*)

L: Please be seated. In this time of reflection and response you are invited to fill out your welcome card. Share any reflections, questions, or prayers on the back. Also, take this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered the collection plates are in the front and back, and there is a QR code in the bulletin to give electronically. For those on-line please go to our website stlukesbloomington.org there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

MUSIC

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
Jubilee Praise Team

*Wesley, Mendelssohn
Ingram, Baloché/Galbraith*

SENDING

+BENEDICTION

L: May the eternal light of God guide you in the way of the peace, through the power of Holy Spirit now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

+SENDING SONG

“Unto Us”

Fielding, Ligertwood, Brooke, Smith

Chorus

Unto us a Son is given
Unto us a Savior is born
Unto us a King delivered
Unto us this Christmas morn

Chorus

Verse 1

Let the earth lift high His praise
The Holy One Ancient of Days
The Son of God is flesh is born
King of kings and Lord of lords

Chorus

Chorus

Verse 2

Worship now the newborn King
Within His hands salvation brings
Come exalt the Sacrifice
Born of God to give us life

Bridge

So let the Earth lift high His praise
The Holy One, Ancient of Days
The Son of God in flesh is born
The King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

Chorus

Ending

Unto us this Christmas morn.
Unto us this Christmas morn.

+DISMISSAL {*Front Center*} (*Mollee Erickson*)

L: Let your light shine before others.

C: Glory be to God.

REPRISE