

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



*When they
saw the star,
they rejoiced
exceedingly
with great joy.*

Matthew 2:10, ESV

WHAT CHILD IS THIS:
A LIGHT FOR ALL PEOPLE
Epiphany of Our Lord

ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH | *Wisconsin Rapids, WI*

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If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. We are happy you are here. If you have any questions, just ask an usher or other volunteer. Please also fill out our blue Connect Card found in the pew rack to let us know how we might continue to serve you.

SERVICE NOTES FOR TODAY



The twelve days of Christmas are over. Likewise, our worship series—What Child Is This—comes to an end today with the Festival of the Epiphany, a celebration of the first time non-Jewish believers worshiped the newborn Savior. They were guided by a special light in the sky to a child who would be a light for all people. We live in a world where sin can divide people along so many lines: ethnicity and race, rich and poor, red states and blue states, etc. The only dividing line Jesus cares about is the one that separated sinful mankind from a holy God. By his death and resurrection, he removed that line and united all believers into one kingdom. For that, we offer him our finest gifts.

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EVENING PRAYER

Starting on page 215 of the blue hymnal

Please understand that there have been some unexpected delays with the release of the Service Builder. This software would help us create a more complete service folder like we have grown used to. Until we have access to that, we will be producing service folders that rely much more heavily on using the hymnal as part of the worship experience.

All hymns and page numbers, unless otherwise noted, correspond to the blue hymnal.

OPENING HYMN

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star | 370

WELCOME

Stand

OPENING SENTENCES

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HYMN OF LIGHT

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PRAYER

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Beginning "Lord God..."

Be seated

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 72 (in the front of the hymnal)

Pastor will sing the verses; please join in the refrain and the "Glory be to the Father..."

PRAYER

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FIRST READING

1 Kings 10:1-9

A queen from Africa visits King Solomon and comes to learn of the eternal love that the Lord has for all his people.

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND LESSON

Acts 13:46-49

God desires salvation to be brought to the ends of the earth.

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. "Where is he who has been born King of the Jews?"

"We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." Alleluia! (Matthew 2:2 EHV)

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

In his grace, God used a special light to lead foreigners to the Light of the world.

After the reading of the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

As with Gladness Men of Old | 372

The Rule of the Righteous King

Heading

By Solomon.

The King's Justice

¹God, give your authority to judge to the King.
Give your righteousness to the Son of the King.
²He will judge your people with righteousness.
He will judge your afflicted ones with justice.
³The mountains will deliver peace to the people.
The hills will produce righteousness.
⁴He will obtain justice for the afflicted among the people.
He will save the children of the poor,
but he will crush the oppressor.

The King's Eternal Reign

⁵They will fear you as long as the sun remains,
and as long as the moon endures, through all generations.
⁶He will come down like rain on a mown field,
like showers, like a downpour on the earth.
⁷In his days the righteous will flourish,
and peace will be plentiful till the moon is no more.

The King's Universal Reign

⁸He will rule from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
⁹Those who dwell in the desert will bow before him,
and his enemies will lick the dust.
¹⁰The kings of Tarshish and of the sea coasts will bring tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba will offer him gifts.
¹¹All kings will bow down to him.
All nations will serve him.

The Blessings of His Rule

¹² He will certainly deliver the poor person who cries out,
as well as the afflicted, and the one who has no helper.

¹³ He will take pity on the weak and the poor.

He will save the lives of the poor.

¹⁴ From oppression and violence he will redeem their lives,
because their blood is precious in his sight.

A Prayer for His Blessings

¹⁵ May the King live!

May gold from Sheba be offered to him.

May people always pray for him.

May they bless him all day long.

¹⁶ Let there be an abundance of grain in the land.

Let it wave on the top of the mountains.

Let its fruit trees be like the cedars of Lebanon.

Let people from the city flourish like the grass of the land.

¹⁷ May his name endure forever.

May his name flourish as long as the sun.

They will be blessed through him.

All nations will call him blessed.

Closing Doxology

¹⁸ Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel,
who alone does marvelous deeds.

¹⁹ Blessed be his glorious name forever.

May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

Amen and Amen.

²⁰ This ends the prayers of David son of Jesse. (EHV©)

Stand

SONG OF MARY

Be seated

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OFFERING

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Guests, please don't feel obligated to take part in the offering. We're just happy you're here as our guest to hear and take to heart the message of Jesus. If the gospel message has moved you to give and you would like an electronic option, you can scan this QR code with your mobile phone. It will connect you with our website's giving page.



MUSICAL OFFERING

Stand

LORD, HAVE MERCY

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, by the leading of a star you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith, to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

PRAYER

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Beginning "Abide with us, Lord..."

LORD'S PRAYER

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♪ Let us praise the Lord.

♪ **Thanks be to God.**

BLESSING

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Be seated

CLOSING HYMN

Arise and Shine in Splendor | 375



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