

January 2, 2022

Epiphany Sunday



*“We Preach Christ Crucified...”*

- 1 Corinthians 1:23

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They named him **Obed**;  
he became the father of **Jesse**,  
the father of **David**.



**Ruth 4:17, NRSV**

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## Today's Worship

The Festival of the Epiphany is 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.

*[Today's hymns are printed on pages 14-17 of the bulletin.]*

## ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

### Hymn

WS 718 – O Jesus, King of Glory

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Opening Sentences

Based on John 1 & 8

**P** In Jesus Christ is life, and the life is the light of men.

**C** **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

**P** There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.

**C** **He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.**

**P** The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

**C** **Jesus Christ is the light of the world. Whoever follows Him will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.**

### Confession and Absolution

**P** Jesus Christ is the light of the world and through him God has manifested the fullness of his saving glory.

**C** **But we have loved the darkness instead of the light, and we are afraid of the light, because it exposes our sin.**

- P** Let us confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.
- C** **Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**
- P** You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession by Baptism and faith, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of the darkness of death and sin into His marvelous light of forgiveness and life. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## ✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

# Kyrie

# Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the Highest



**P** Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo-ple on



earth. **C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



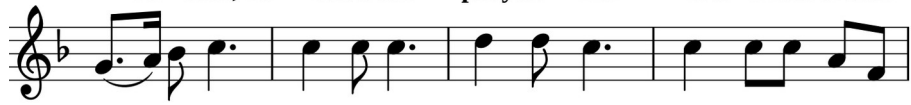
Lamb of God: You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the



Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the



Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the



## Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray...  
... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Epistle Reading

Acts 13:46-49

<sup>46</sup> And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, “It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. <sup>47</sup> For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, “ ‘I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’ ” <sup>48</sup> And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. <sup>49</sup> And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region.

## Psalms of the Day

Psalm 72:1, 5-7, 11, 15, 17-19

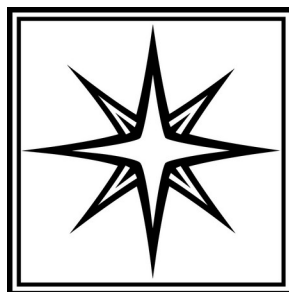
- P** Give the king your justice, O God,
- C** and your righteousness to the royal son!
- P** May they fear you while the sun endures,
- C** and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
- P** May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
- C** like showers that water the earth!
- P** In his days may the righteous flourish,
- C** and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
- P** May all kings fall down before him,
- C** all nations serve him!
- P** Long may he live;
- C** may gold of Sheba be given to him!
- P** May prayer be made for him continually,
- C** and blessings invoked for him all the day!

- P** May his name endure forever,  
**C** **his fame continue as long as the sun!**  
**P** May people be blessed in him,  
**C** **all nations call him blessed!**  
**P** Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
**C** **who alone does wondrous things.**  
**P** Blessed be his glorious name forever;  
**C** **may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!**

## Gospel Reading

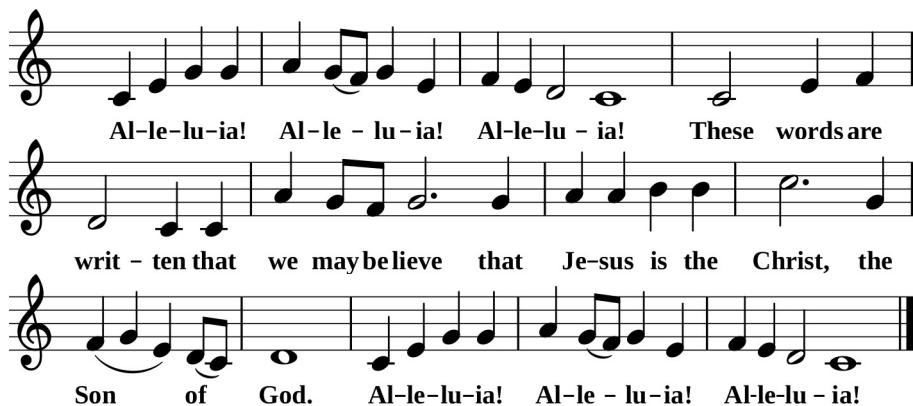
Matthew 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> “ ‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’ ” <sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” <sup>9</sup> After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup> And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.



## Alleluia

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! These words are  
writ - ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the  
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

## Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead And the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Hymn

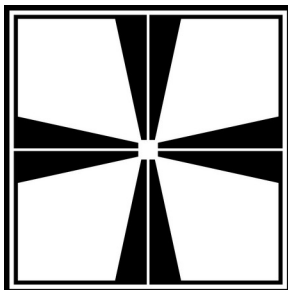
TLH 126 – Arise and Shine in Splendor

<sup>1</sup> In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. <sup>2</sup> The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup> But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup> These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup> and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. <sup>6</sup> Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup> So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah...  
<sup>13</sup> So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son. <sup>14</sup> Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel!" <sup>15</sup> He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him."  
<sup>16</sup> Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her lap and became his nurse.  
<sup>17</sup> And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.



*Sermon*

**Emptiness Gone!**





## Offertory



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O  
God. Re - new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me  
not a - way from Your pres-ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
Spir-it from me. Re - store to me the joy of Your sal-  
va - tion. Up - hold me with Your free Spir - it.

## Hymn

TLH 129 – Hail, Thou Source of Every Blessing

## General Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

### ✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

#### Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them up to the Lord.
- P** It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God...  
...Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,



heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-



san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high est.



Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-



san - na in the highest, ho - san-na in the highest

## Words of Institution

### Pax Domini

Peace of the Lord

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C** Amen.

**PAX**  
PEACE

# Agnus Dei

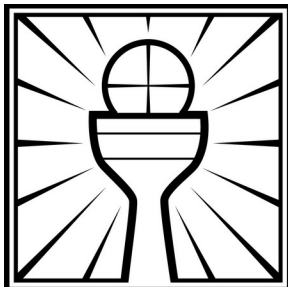
Lamb of God

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy up - on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy up - on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It consists of five lines of music. The first line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second line contains a measure with a fermata over a whole note. The third line contains a measure with a fermata over a whole note. The fourth line contains a measure with a fermata over a whole note. The fifth line contains a measure with a fermata over a whole note. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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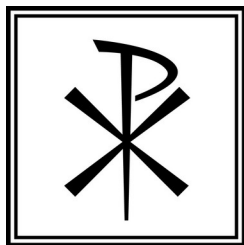
*Holy Communion is rightly called a ‘Sacrament’ because it is a “Sacred act;” not in what WE do for Christ, but in what Christ does for US! Because God’s Word presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:16-17 Romans 16:17-18), we ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or another CLC church come forward at this time. This is not a judgment of anyone’s faith, but rather an expression of ours. Please speak with pastor if you are seeking a church home or have any questions. We’d love to have you!*



# Thanksgiving



Thank the Lord; sing His praise; tell ev'ry one what  
He has done. Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and  
bear Christ's ho - ly name. Thank the Lord;  
sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.  
Send us with Your prom-is - es, Lord; lead Your peo - ple  
forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv-ing. Thank the Lord;  
sing His praise; tell ev'ry one what He has done. Al-le - lu - ia, al le-  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



## **Benediction**

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

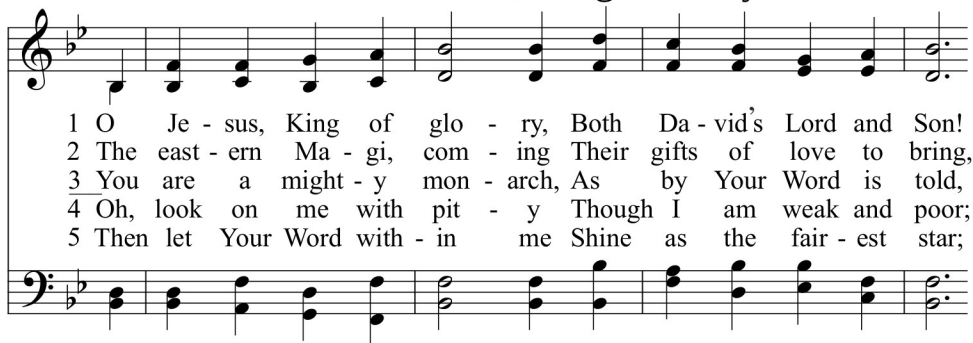
**C** Amen.

## **Hymn**

TLH 127 – As with Gladness Men of Old

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## WS 718 – O Jesus, King of Glory



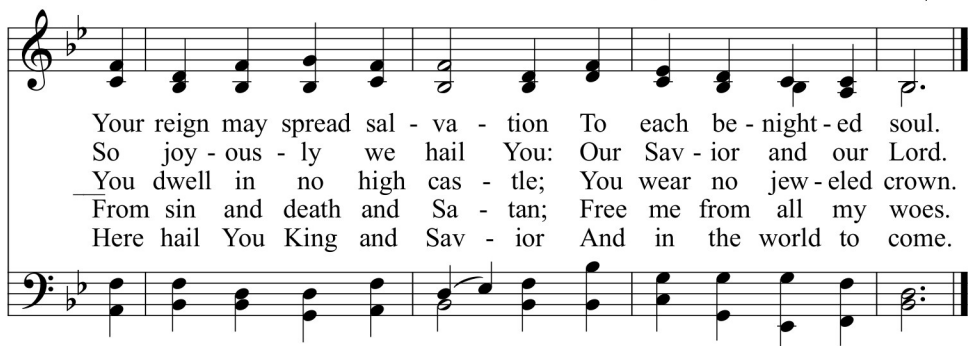
1 O Je - sus, King of glo - ry, Both Da - vid's Lord and Son!  
 2 The east - ern Ma - gi, com - ing Their gifts of love to bring,  
 3 You are a might - y mon - arch, As by Your Word is told,  
 4 Oh, look on me with pit - y Though I am weak and poor;  
 5 Then let Your Word with - in me Shine as the fair - est star;



Your rule en - dures for - ev - er; In heav - en is Your throne.  
 Bear wit - ness to Your glo - ry And wor - ship You, their King.  
 And yet You care but lit - tle For earth - ly goods or gold.  
 Ad - mit me to Your king - dom To dwell there, blest and sure.  
 Keep sin and all false doc - trine For - ev - er from me far.



Help that in earth's do - min - ions, From pole to farth - est pole,  
 To You the star is point - ing And the pro - phet - ic Word;  
 You do not come dis - play - ing Your pow - er and re - nown.  
 I pray, Lord, guide and keep me Safe from my bit - ter foes,  
 Help me con - fess You tru - ly And with all Chris - ten - dom



Your reign may spread sal - va - tion To each be - night - ed soul.  
 So joy - ous - ly we hail You: Our Sav - ior and our Lord.  
 You dwell in no high cas - tle; You wear no jew - eled crown.  
 From sin and death and Sa - tan; Free me from all my woes.  
 Here hail You King and Sav - ior And in the world to come.

Text: Martin Behm, 1557-1622, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, st. 1-2, 4-5, alt.;

Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal, Columbus, OH, 1880, st. 3, alt.

Tune: Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635, alt.

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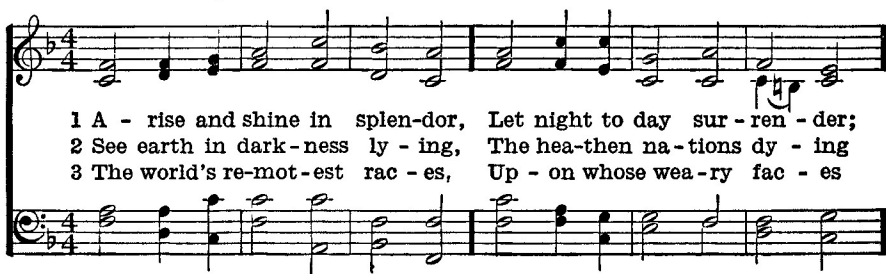
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# TLH 126 – Arise and Shine in Splendor

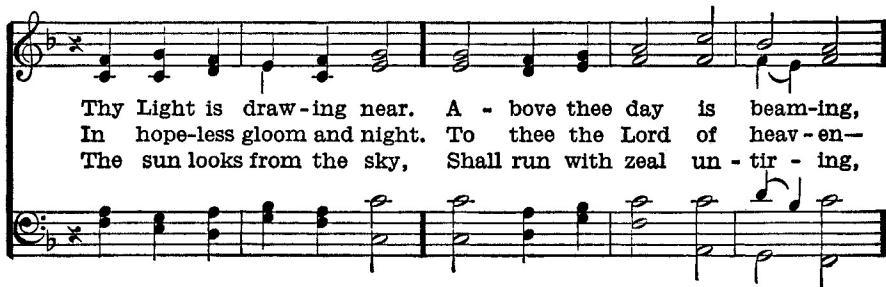
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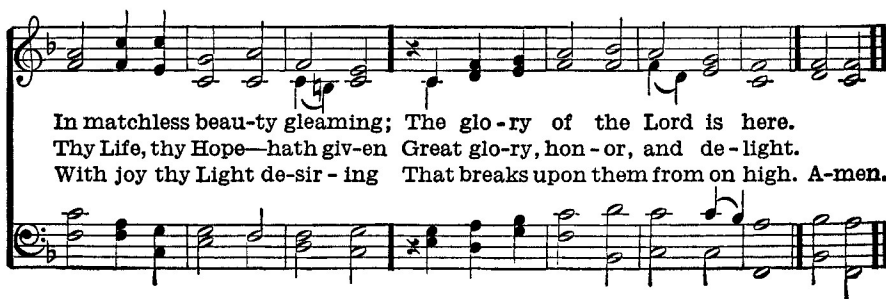
O Welt, ich muss dich lassen  
Heinrich Isaak, c. 1490



1 A - rise and shine in splen-dor, Let night to day sur - ren - der;  
2 See earth in dark-ness ly - ing, The hea-then na-tions dy - ing  
3 The world's re-mot-est rac - es, Up - on whose wea-ry fac - es



Thy Light is draw-ing near. A - bove thee day is beam-ing,  
In hope-less gloom and night. To thee the Lord of heav-en-  
The sun looks from the sky, Shall run with zeal un - tir - ing,



In matchless beau-ty gleaming; The glo-ry of the Lord is here.  
Thy Life, thy Hope—hath giv-en Great glo-ry, hon - or, and de-light.  
With joy thy Light de-sir - ing That breaks upon them from on high. A-men.

4 Lift up thine eyes in wonder;  
See, nations gather yonder,  
They all come unto thee.  
The world has heard thy story,  
Thy sons come to thy glory,  
And daughters haste thy Light to see.

5 Thy heart will leap for gladness  
When from the realms of sadness  
They come o'er land and sea.  
Thine eyes will wake from slumber  
When people without number  
Come thronging from afar to thee.

# TLH 129 – Hail, Thou Source of Every Blessing

Matt. 2 : 11  
Basil Woodd, c. 1810

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O Durchbrecher  
"Neues geistreiches Gesangbuch"  
Halle, 1704



1 Hail, Thou Source of ev-'ry bless-ing, Sov-'reign Fa-ther of man-kind!  
2 Once far off, but now in - vit - ed, We ap-proach Thy sa-cred throne;  
3 Hail, Thou all-in - vit-ing Sav-ior! Gen-tiles now their of-f'rings bring;



Gen-tiles now, Thy grace pos-sess-ing, In Thy courts ad-mis-sion find.  
In Thy cov-e-nant u-nit-ed, Rec-on-ciled, re-deemed, made one.  
In Thy tem-ples seek Thy fa-vor, Je-sus Christ, our Lord and King.



Grate-ful now we fall be-fore Thee, In Thy Church ob-tain a place,  
Now re-vealed to East-ern sag-es, See the Star of Mer-cy shine;  
May we, bod-y, soul, and spir-it, Live de-vot-ed to Thy praise,



Now by faith be-hold Thy glo-ry, Praise Thy truth, adore Thy grace.  
Mys-t'ry hid in for-mer a-ges, Mys-t'ry great of love di-vine.  
Glo-rious realms of bliss in-her-it, Grate-ful an-thems ev-er raise! A-men.



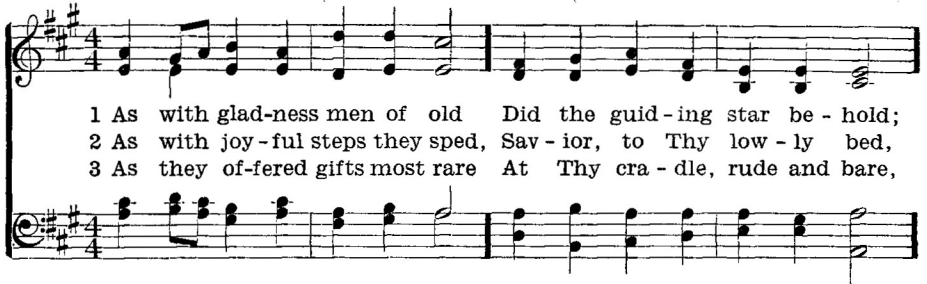


# TLH 127 – As with Gladness Men of Old

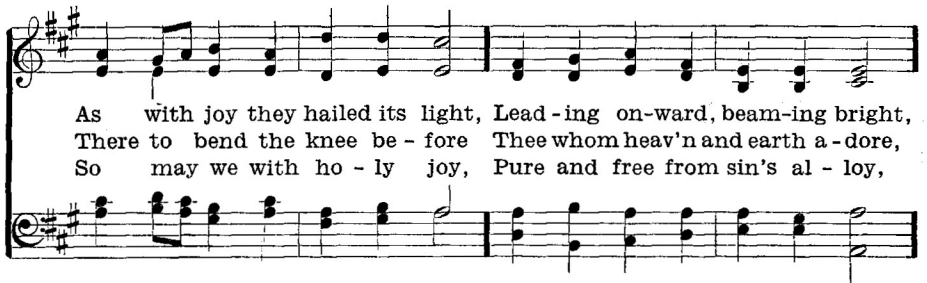
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Matt. 2: 1-11  
William C. Dix, 1860

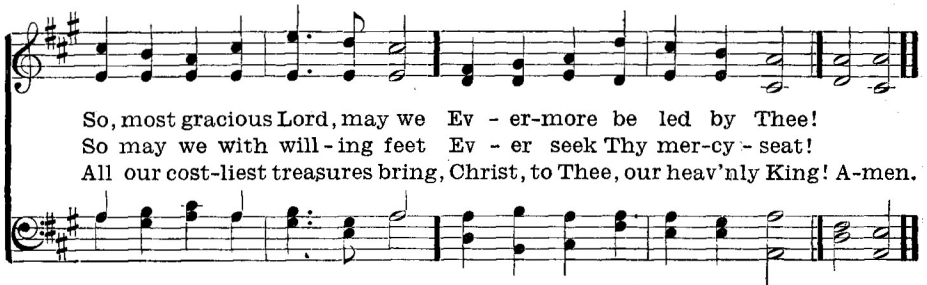
Dix  
Konrad Kocher, 1888



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be - hold;  
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to Thy low - ly bed,  
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra - dle, rude and bare,



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright,  
There to bend the knee be - fore Thee whom heav'n and earth a - dore,  
So may we with ho - ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al - loy,



So, most gracious Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led by Thee!  
So may we with will - ing feet Ev - er seek Thy mer - cy - seat!  
All our cost - liest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King! A - men.

4 Holy Jesus, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

5 In the heavenly country bright  
Need they no created light;  
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,  
Thou its Sun which goes not down.  
There forever may we sing  
Alleluias to our King!

## ✝ Announcements ✝

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

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### OUR SCHEDULE: "If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

\*Online calendar at [FDLlutheran.com](http://FDLlutheran.com) or go to [facebook.com/FDL.lutheran](https://facebook.com/FDL.lutheran)

January 2	10:00 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Christmas Undecorating
January 9	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
January 11	6:00 pm	Council
January 12	10, 11 am	Woodlands Worship Services
	1:30 pm	St. Peter's Place Worship Service
January 13	10:00 am	Bible Class
January 16	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service

**Thank You:** The Wiese Family and the Sauers Family would like to express their deep thanks and appreciation for all the Christmas gifts that were given this year. The encouragement is a tremendous blessing as we continue to work together to support the work in our Savior's Kingdom! The Lord continue to richly bless you and keep you all in His care! *"I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, for I have derived much joy and comfort from your love because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you"* (Philemon 4, 7).

**Christmas Undecorating:** We will be putting away the Christmas decorations following today's worship service. Please stick around to help out if you are able.

**2022 CLC Mission Helper Trip:** Applications are being accepted for the 2022 Mission Helper Trip to Africa in July. Find more information and apply online at: [mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa](http://mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa).

**Prof. Em. Paul Sullivan:** Former ILC Professor, and former member of Luther Memorial, Paul Sullivan, passed away this past Wednesday. Paul's wife Jan, and their family, are now navigating a time of both grief and thankful rejoicing. Please grieve and rejoice with them in prayer before our LORD. The funeral service will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI on Saturday, January 8, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. (No visitation prior to the service.) Due to health concerns, the family requests masks be worn and spacing be utilized in the sanctuary, if possible. Memorials can be designated to Kinship or CLC Missions (501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701). Cards may be sent to the Sullivan home at 632 Ripley Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

**CLC News:** Mr. Nathan Wales of Columbia, SC, is still considering the call to Grace Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, MN, to serve as principal and teacher for grades 5-8, beginning with the 2022 school year. + ILC Professor John Ude is still considering the call to be the pastor of Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN.

