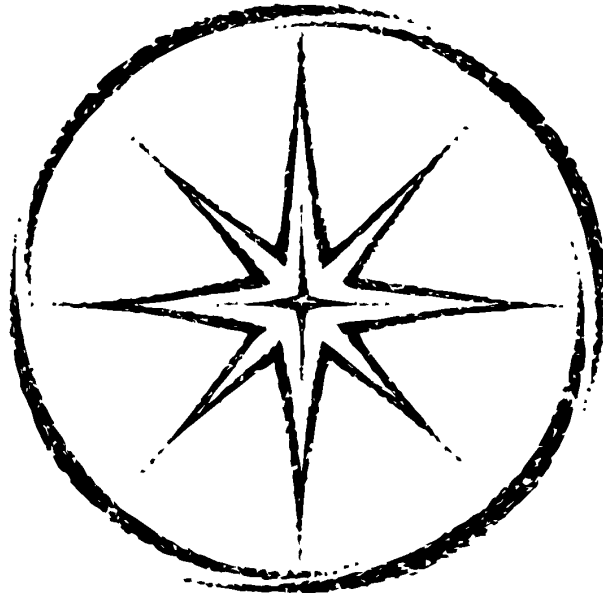


The Second Sunday of Christmas celebrated as
The Epiphany of Our Lord

Service of Holy Communion



January 4, 2026
9:00 am

Zion Lutheran Church
Phillipsburg, KS

Introduction to the day

The feast of Epiphany (“manifestation”) concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(From Sundays & Seasons)*

Assembly is invited to stand as able.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.

Amen.

Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,
we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace. We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to embody your good news. Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation. Amen.

God's grace upon grace flows over you. ✝ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

Amen.

GATHERING SONG – *Our Father, by Whose Name* (ELW #640)



1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name all par - ent - hood is known,
2 O Christ, your - self a child with - in an earth - ly home,
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, bind our hearts in u - ni - ty



in love di - vine you claim each fam - 'ly as your own.
with heart still un - de - filed to full a - dult - hood come:
and teach us how to find the love from self set free;



Bless moth - ers, fa - thers, guard - ing well, with con - stant love as
our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place that they may all be -
in all our hearts such love in - crease that ev - 'ry home, by



sen - ti - nel, the homes in which your peo - ple dwell.
hold your face and, know - ing you, may grow in grace.
this re - lease, may be the dwell - ing place of peace.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984, alt.

Music: RHOSYMEDRE, John D. Edwards, 1806–1885

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GREETING (ELW page 147)

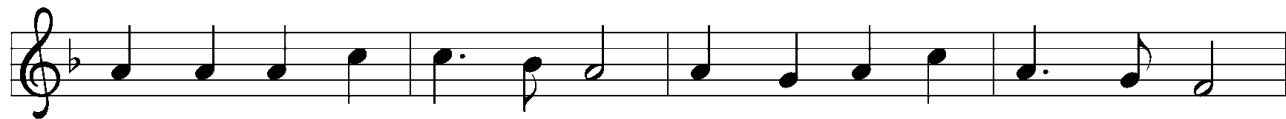
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

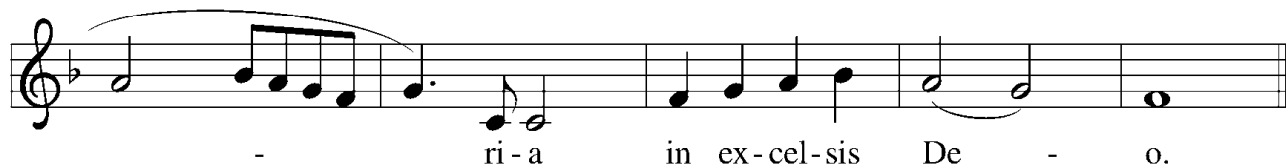
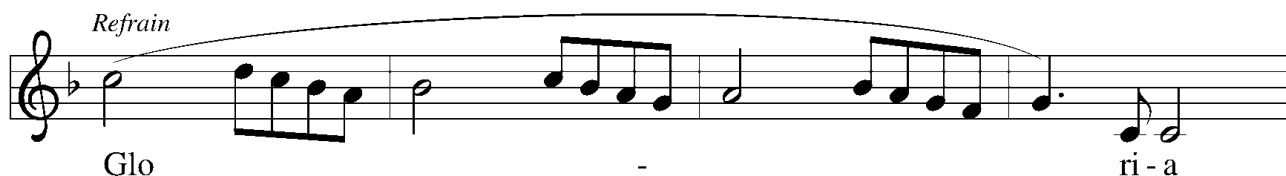
HYMN OF PRAISE – *Angels We Have Heard on High* (ELW #289)



- 1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
- 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
- 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad-some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864
Music: GLORIA, French carol

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW page 21)

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.

Amen.

Assembly is invited to be seated

CHILDREN SERMON

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

² 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.

³ Nations shall come to your light
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ 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 in their nurses' arms.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;

² **that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;**

³ that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴ **Let him defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

⁵ May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,

from one generation to another.

**⁶ Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**

⁷ In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute,
and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**

¹¹ May all kings bow down before him,
and all the nations do him service.

**¹² For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress,
the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**

¹³ He has compassion on the lowly and poor,
and preserves the lives of the needy.

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

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

¹ This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you gentiles, ² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you ³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵ 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: ⁶ that is, the gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ 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. ⁸ 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 ⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have access in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Assembly is invited to stand as able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – *As with Gladness Men of Old* (ELW #302)



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,
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



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,
and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious 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 trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.

Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ² asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.”

³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them

where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ ‘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.’ ”

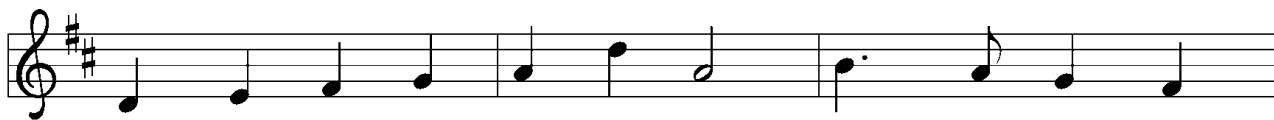
⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ 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. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Assembly is invited to sit

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Bright and Glorious Is the Sky* (ELW #301)



1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the
2 On that ho - ly Christ - mas night through the dark - ness
3 Sa - ges from the east a - far, when they saw this
4 Him they found in Beth - le - hem, yet he wore no



heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.
beamed a light; all the stars a - bove were pal - ing,
won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions
di - a - dem; there they saw a maid - en low - ly



All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to
all their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing as the won - drous
and to of - fer their ob - la - tions to the child, the
with an in - fant pure and ho - ly rest - ing in her



heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.
star drew nigh, as the won - drous star drew nigh.
new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.
lov - ing arms, rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.

5 Guided by the star, they found
him whose praise the ages sound.
We too have a star to guide us,
which forever will provide us
with the light to find our Lord,
with the light to find our Lord.

6 And this star, as bright as day,
that will never lead astray
with its message so appealing,
is the word of God, revealing
Christ, the way, the truth, the life,
Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Jens Christian Aaberg, 1877–1970, alt.

Music: DEJLIG ER DEN HIMMEL BLÅ, Danish, 19th cent.

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Assembly is invited to stand as able.

NICENE CREED

Let us stand and confess our faith in the words of the 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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic 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**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(Adapted from Sundays & Seasons)*

Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Repairer of the breach, you separate us from our sin and unite us with one another. Heal the animosity in our hearts and bind us together in love. Where your church proclaims the truth of your love and grace, strengthen it. When it exploits faith in Christ as an excuse to exclude, correct it. Unite the mutual ministry we share with the congregations of Disciples of the Plains Lutheran Ministry and with the congregations of the Central States Synod. This week we especially pray for the ministries of Community Lutheran Church in Eagle Rock, MO, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Lucas, KS, and Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Lee's Summit, MO. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Author of life, you sent your spirit over the waters, your breath into your children, and guiding stars across the sky. Awaken us to the plight of the planet and send us to care for your creation. Guide us so that the decisions we make today is a gift to future generations and not a curse. Sustain farmers, ranchers, migrant workers, and all whose ministry it is to provide food for a nation and world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Light that leads the way, you make yourself known to the nations. Reveal just paths and guide leaders throughout the world so that your will and your kingdom become realities on earth as in heaven. We thank you for the ministry of teachers, nurses, doctors, medical professionals, construction workers, laborers, and all who serve are community. Protect the lives and spirits of first responders and of those in the military, especially (...*read military list*...) Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Voice of the silenced, in the song of Mary, mother of our Lord, you cast the mighty from their thrones and fill the hungry with good things. Lead us in ways that help us be curious about others we do not understand rather than to immediately judge. Respond to any who call out in need this day. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Healer of the nations, sustain those who suffer this day in mind, body, or spirit. Console those whose hearts are torn by grief. Especially do we pray this day for (...*read prayer list*...). And help us as their community of faith to remember those restricted to home or care facilities, especially (...*read shut-in list*...) Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You are all invited to express the prayers in your hearts, either silently or spoken aloud now with your voices.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Redeemer of the saints, you gift us with many people throughout our lives who point the way to you. We give you thanks for the recently departed and all who have loved us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE (*ELW page 152*)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

Assembly is invited to remain standing as able.

OFFERTORY: *What Feast of Love Is Offered Here* (ELW #487)



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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OFFERING PRAYER *(From Sundays and Seasons)*

God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW page 152)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*) (ELW page 153)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE *(ELW page 132)*

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup, we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace
and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with
hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your
Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of
peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power
of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *(ELW page 154)*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(from Sundays & Seasons)*

God is now in flesh appearing. Come to the feast of joy!

LAMB OF GOD *(Agnus Dei) (ELW page 154)*



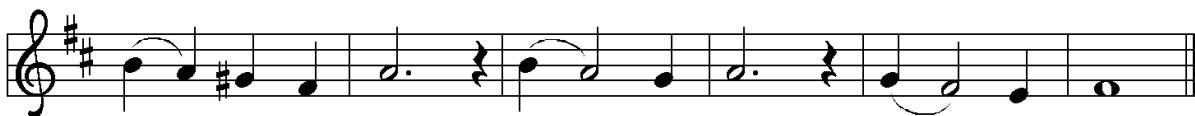
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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 peace, grant us peace.

Assembly is invited to sit.

Assembly is invited to stand as able.

After all have communed, the Presiding Minister may continue with this or similar words:

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION HYMN: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* (ELW #288)



- 1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866
Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(from Sundays & Seasons)*

Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us.

Amen.

BLESSING *(from Sundays & Seasons)*

The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter, ✚ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *Once in Royal David's City* (ELW #269)



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
2 He came down to earth from heav-en who is God and Lord of all,
3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem-ing love;
4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand-ing by,



where a moth-er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
and his shel-ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;
we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;



Mar - y was that moth-er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
with the poor and meek and low-ly, lived on earth our Sav-ior ho - ly.
and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895
Music: IRBY, Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876

DISMISSAL *(from Sundays and Seasons)*

Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to God's people on earth!

Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

Thanks be to God.

LESSER FESTIVALS AND COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

Adrian of Canterbury, teacher, died around 710 (TFF)

Friday, January 9, 2026

African by birth, Adrian (or Hadrian) worked with Theodore, archbishop of Canterbury, in developing the church in England. He was director of a school at which church leaders were trained.

Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, died 1968

Thursday, January 15, 2026

An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church, died around 356

Saturday, January 17, 2026

One of the earliest of the Egyptian desert fathers, Antony gave away his sizeable inheritance and became a hermit. Later he became leader of a group of monks who devoted themselves to prayer, worship, and labor.

Pachomius, renewer of the church, died 346

Saturday, January 17, 2026

Born in Egypt, Pachomius became a Christian while a soldier. He became a hermit (a solitary monk) and organized others into a religious community. His rule for monasteries influenced later ones in both the Eastern and Western churches.

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Military - Jared Dillon, Jessica Kreller, Bryan Lenker, Anthony Swarts, Major Monica Riggs, Brady Sunley, Col. Lisa Mullinax, Col. Mark Mullinax,

Homebound or in care facilities: Jean Daniels, Sharon Krafft, Don Merklein, Ehrhart Merklein, Dorothy Hanke, Norma Preuss, Ray & Donna Zillinger, Betty Zillinger, Wilma Beckman, and Connie Winter.

TO ADD PRAYERS: If you wish to add someone to the printed prayer list, please email or call Janice Giedd at jgiedd@ruraltel.net or (785) 543-6705. Please make sure the person being added consents to being on a public prayer list. Names will remain on the list for six weeks unless otherwise notified. If you wish to have an emergency prayer request sent over text, please contact Pastor Lee Bennight:

pastorleebennight@gmail.com (785) 302-1923 or Pastor Kathy at kbwhitneyrev@gmail.com or (785) 302-1876.

ZION & EMMANUEL COMBINED CALENDAR

Sunday, January 4 – 2nd Sun. of Christmas to be celebrated as Epiphany

- 9:00 am – Zion Holy Communion Worship Service
- 9:30 am – Emmanuel Sunday School
- 10:30 am – Emmanuel Holy Communion Worship Service

Wednesday, January 7

- 7:00 pm – Confirmation Class

Thursday, January 8

- 6:00 – Zion Church Council

Sunday, January 11 – Baptism of Our Lord (Lectionary 1A)

- 9:00 am – Zion Holy Communion Worship Service
- 9:30 am – Emmanuel Sunday School and meet to take down Christmas decoration.
- 10:30 am – Emmanuel Holy Communion Worship Service
- 6:00 pm – Emmanuel Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 14

- 7:00 pm – Confirmation Class

Sunday, January 18 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany (Lectionary 2A)

- 9:30 am – Emmanuel Sunday School
- 10:30 am – Emmanuel Service of the Word
- 10:30 am – Zion Holy Communion Worship Service
- 11:30 am – Zion Potluck
- After Potluck – 2026 Zion Annual Meeting

Tuesday, January 20

- 7:00 pm – Emmanuel Worship Committee

Wednesday, January 21

- 7:00 pm – Confirmation

Sunday, January 25 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany (Lectionary 3A)

- 9:00 am – Zion Holy Communion Worship Service
- 9:30 am – Emmanuel Sunday School

- 10:30 am – Emmanuel Holy Communion Worship Service
- 11:30 am – 2026 Emmanuel Annual Meeting and Meal

Wednesday, January 28

- 2:00 pm – Zion & Emmanuel Worship at PCRC
- 7:00 pm – Confirmation

	ZION WORSHIP SERVERS		
	TODAY Sunday (01/04/26) <i>2nd Sunday of Christmas & Epiphany</i>	Sunday (01/11/26) <i>The Baptism of Our Lord</i> <i>1st Sunday after Epiphany</i>	Sunday (01/18/26) <i>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</i> <i>(Lectionary 2A)</i> <i>AT 10:30 am</i>
Presiding Minister	Pastor Lee	Pastor Kathy	Pastor Lee
Lector /Reader	Christi Driggs	Christina Dettmer	Marci Rust
Acolyte	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Children's Sermon	Pastor Lee	Pastor Kathy	Pastor Lee
Musicians	Jean Ann Wagner	Jean Ann Wagner	Jean Ann Wagner
Sound System / Media	Shellie Lare	Christina Dettmer	Cesha Rust
Greeters	Brad & Shellie Lare	Dettmer Family	Melvin & Grace Grau
Ushers	Howard King	Janet McCall	Stephen Rust
Altar Guild	Cesha & Steven Rust	Cesha & Steven Rust	Cesha & Steven Rust

Giving:

December - \$8,551.00

YTD - \$66,359.38

2026 Offering Boxes:

If you want an offering box for 2026, they are in the narthex with a sign-up sheet.

NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Now is the time we begin recruiting new council members to begin serving in 2026.

If you are interested in serving Emmanuel, Zion, or the Parish Council, please contact Pastor Lee at (785) 302-1923 or pastorleebennight@gmail.com

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

If you have a child who is showing an interest in receiving the sacrament or if you wish more information, please contact Pastor Lee at (785) 302-1923 or pastorleebennight@gmail.com.

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ZION:

Zion needs volunteers for such administrative duties as formatting and coordinating worship bulletins, scheduling YouTube streams, updating Facebook, and coordinating the worship serve schedule. There will be training and if there is more than one volunteer, duties could be split. Signup sheet in the narthex or contact Dennis Keesee.

ANNUAL MEETINGS & REPORTS

- **ZION** - Sunday, January 18, 2026 – Exact time to be determined.
- **EMMANUEL** - Sunday, January 25, 2026 – Exact time to be determined.
- For both congregations, please have officer, committee, and other reports in by January 4, 2026

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