

January 9, 2022
First Sunday after Epiphany



The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long
In shades of death have been.
LSB 412:1

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Our mission is sharing the saving love of Jesus



Service of Prayer and Preaching

Opening Hymn

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

LSB 394



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;
Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring-ing good from ill;
All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
Thou by all wilt be con-fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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Opening Versicles

- P** This is the day which the Lord has made;
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
P From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
C **Teach me Your paths.**
P Sanctify us in Your truth.
C **Your Word is truth.**
P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Prayer For Our Worship

- C** Lord Jesus, as we celebrate Epiphany and remember that You used a star to show the way for the Wisemen, help us to see that you have saved us to be people who show others the way to You. Amen

Old Testament Canticale

LSB 261

Refrain

C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,
make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -
claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."
Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done
glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the

earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -

hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1–6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned 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 bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 6:1–11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

¹ 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, ² 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." ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶ "'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.'" ⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ 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." ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ 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. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Responsory

- P** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- P** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

The Apostles' Creed

LSB 264

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into
heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn

"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"

LSB 400



1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
3 Shall we not yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,
5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
Fra - grance of E - dom and of - f'rings di - vine,
Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure.
Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;

Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion;
Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,

Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.
Myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?
Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

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Sermon

Being a "Star" Witness

(Matthew 2:1-12)

Offering

(The offering plate and generic offering envelopes are available on the table in the narthex. For electronic giving, please see "Resources" tab at the top of the home page on Trinity's website - - www.trinityaubne.org)

Prayer

LSB 265

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord: **C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord: **C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord: **C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord: **C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Prayer for the Word

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives on reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

New Testament Canticle

LSB 266

Refrain

C Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.
Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.
Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He
lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to
sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Blessing

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

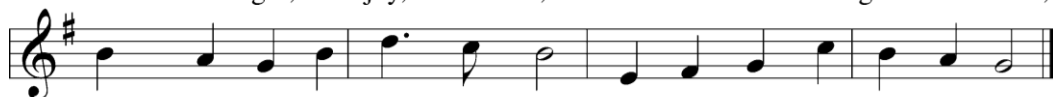
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1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;
5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed 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.

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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK, we pray to our merciful Heavenly Father for:

- ✦ **Healing for all those who are experiencing health issues:** Charlotte Stelling (David's mother & former Trinity member) and all those in special need.
- ✦ **Encouragement, strengthened faith and healing for those with long-term illnesses:** Bruce Ackerman (John's dad), Kevin Barrentine (Navy friend of Ken Riley), Kyle Becker, Raburn Benton (Todd's dad), Diana Birdsley (former member of Trinity), Bill Bomberger (friend of the Humphreys), Devona Burklund (Amber Meyer's mom), Leroy Caspers (friend of the Meyer family), Louie Hausmann (Merri Johnson's brother-in-law), Craig Hoadley (Merri Johnson's brother-in-law), Nancy Hoff (Doug Lueders' cousin), Jack Humphrey, Joshua Humphrey (Jack & Romelle's grandson), Romelle Humphrey, Ed Johnston, Doug Kohlmeyer (Rev. Marcel Kohlmeyer's brother), Lora Kuhlmann (Marlene Dietrich's sister-in-law), Suzy Lake (daughter of Glen Hogue and Rita Hogue), Marjie Lewis (Elta Whitney's friend), Herb Lueders, (Doug's uncle), Albert (friend of Paula Martin), Kristi McNight (Susan Johnston's niece), Harold Moyer, Rev. Bob Schermbeck, Richard & Lola Schlichtman (Vicki Ackerman's father & mother), Chuck Sierks (friend of the Chaney's), Zach VonBergen (relative of Becky Lueders), Jackie Williams (friend of Kay Bogle), Deb Woods (friend of Paula Martin).

THOSE CELEBRATING SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK:

Birthdays: 1/11: Pat Collins, Jim Parrish; 1/12: Jerry Ruskamp

Baptisms: 1/9: Angie Becker; 1/12: Micah Bogdanoff; 1/13: Memphis Pingel, Elaina Riley;
1/14: Rodney Gauchat

Anniversaries: none this week

SUN – 1/9	MON – 1/10	TUE – 1/11	WED – 1/12	THU – 1/13	FRI – 1/14	SAT – 1/15	SUN – 1/16
9:15 AM Adult/Teen Bible Study 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship	8:15 - 11:45 AM Preschool	8:15 - 11:45 AM Preschool 5:30 PM Board of Education 7:30 PM Board of Stewardship	8:15 - 11:45 AM Preschool	8:15 - 11:45 AM Preschool 7:00 PM LWML/Ladies Gathering			9:15 AM Adult/Teen Bible Study 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion

THE GOSPEL AT WORK

Christ's Servants Today:

Organist..... Sandy Wilson
 Acolyte..... Locke Chaney

Our Thankful Response to Christ's Love:

Worship attendance 36
 Sunday School attendance NA
 Offering \$7817.00
 (Weekly Budget \$4052.00)

Lessons for next Sunday: Gen. 1:26-31; Heb. 11:1-3; John 1:1-5, 29-31

Adult/Teen Bible Study: During Bible Study time, Pastor John Langewisch will be leading us in discussions to help us as we move forward. We encourage all adults and teens to come and participate.



Sunday School 2021-2022:

"Celebrating God's Steadfast Love and Faithfulness"

- The Theme verse is **Deuteronomy 7:9**, "Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands."
- The Theme Hymn is **"Great is Thy Faithfulness" LSB #809**

Acolytes: Pastor John and the Elders invite any youth who would like to serve on our acolyte team, to let them know and sign-up on the main table in the narthex. If you have questions, ask one of the elders - they will assist in learning.

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org "[E]very human life, no matter the size, level of development, environment, or degree of dependency, is indispensable in fulfilling God's plans."
Lynette Auch, president of Lutherans For Life

This week on KFuo.org: Study the Gospel of Luke chapters 1-2 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue in the Gospel of Matthew chapters 8-9 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear practical application of our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (Saturday at 10:00 a.m. CT). Listen live or on demand at kfuo.org and the KFuo Radio app!

Altar Help Needed! Several volunteers are needed to help with Altar Care. Someone will be available to work with you as you get used to helping with communion ware (about 10-15 minutes after worship), and occasional help with robes or communion clothes. Please prayerfully consider this wonderful way to be a part of church life, and check out the sign-up sheets on the table in the narthex.

Announcements January 9, 2022
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Our vacancy pastor, Pastor John Langewisch, is available for pastoral care needs, or other matters that are of importance to you. His cell phone number is 989-430-3031, or you can email him at pjlwisch@yahoo.com.

Thank you to Trinity: Pastor John and Phyllis would like to thank the Faith Family at Trinity for the Christmas gift presented to us at the Christmas Eve service. We appreciate your kindness and generosity. It has been a joy for us to be with you these past 6 months. We are excited for the future our Lord has in store for you and us in 2022.

Thank you from Nebraska District LCMS to Trinity for the generous \$1000 gift to the *Building Together, In Christ, For Mission* Capitol Campaign. Thank you for your investment in the future of our Nebraska District LCMS and its ministries. District President Rev. Richard Snow (letter is on the door into the Fellowship Hall)

Mark your calendar: Nemaha County Area Community Choir Christmas Concert, Sunday, January 16, 2:00PM, Auburn Christian Church. See flyer in doorway of narthex.

Trinity Emails and your ‘Junk Mail’ folder? We’ve recently discovered that a few congregation members’ email application has directed emails from Trinity Lutheran Church into the member’s Junk Folder! To make sure that you aren’t missing important notifications from Trinity, please take a look at your Junk Mail folder and make sure there are no messages there from Trinity. If there are, it might be good to check that folder routinely. You can also try adding the Trinity email address found on the message to your email address book; or you can open the message and select the ‘It’s not junk’ link at the top and follow prompts, or follow your email application’s guidelines for junk mail handling.

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Faith Work of the Week:

Based on my worship today, and what I heard God's Word telling me,
my commitment to myself and my Lord this week is to:
