

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Holy Eucharist Epiphany of Our Lord January 5, 2025 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

The assembly stands at the ringing of the bell, at the entrance of the Nave.

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father, and of the \oplus Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Apostolic Greeting

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

Confession and Forgiveness

P As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love, let us acknowledge our failures and ask the Lord for pardon and strength.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

I confess to God almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

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- P The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.
- C Amen.

Gathering Song

We Three Kings of Orient Are

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THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

prayer and praising, gladly raising,

Frankincense to offer have I;

incense owns a deity nigh;

worshiping God Most High.

- 1 We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star. Refrain
- Refrain

Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright; westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

2 Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again; king forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.

Refrain

- Refrain
 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
- 5 Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice; heav'n sings alleluia: alleluia the earth replies. Refrain

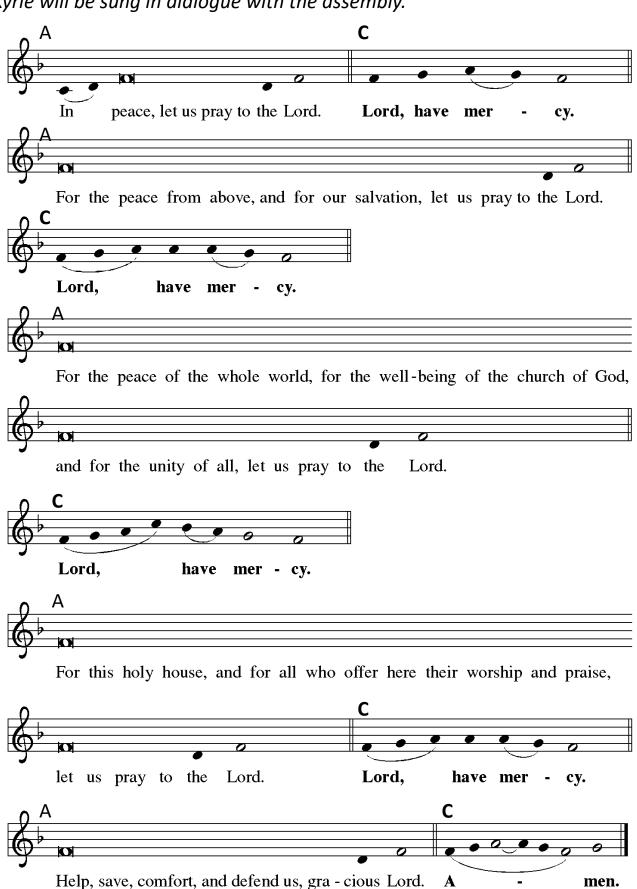
Refrain

Entrance Antiphon

- P The Lord and ruler is coming;
- C Kingship is his, and the government and power. (See Malachi 3:1; 1 Chronicles 19:12)

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The Kyrie will be sung in dialogue with the assembly.





Prayer of the Day

P 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.

The assembly may be seated.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.

A A reading from Isaiah.

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 on 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.

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.

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

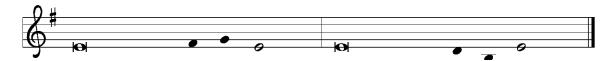
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

The refrain will be sung by the cantor and repeated by the assembly. The Psalm is sung antiphonally with congregation singing verses **in bold.** The refrain is then repeated as indicated \mathbf{R} .

Psalm Refrain



Psalm Tone



- ¹Give the king your jus- | tice, O God, and your righteousness to | the king's son;
- ²that he may rule your | people righteously and the | poor with justice;
- ³that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people, and the | hills, in righteousness.
- ⁴Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people, rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor. R

⁵May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure, from one generation | to another.

⁶Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field, like showers that wa- | ter the earth.

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

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

- ¹²For the king delivers the poor who cry out | in distress, the oppressed, and those who | have no helper.
- ¹³He has compassion on the low- | ly and poor, and preserves the lives | of the needy.
- ¹⁴From oppression and violence he re- | deems their lives, and precious is their blood | in his sight. R

Second Reading Ephesians 3:1-12

What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.

A A reading from Ephesians.

¹This 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

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

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 to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

The cantor introduces the acclamation. The assembly will repeat the acclamation. Following the verse, the acclamation is sung again by all.



Verse tone



Cantor

We have observed his star | at its rising,* and have come to | worship him. (Matt. 2:2)

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.

P The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.



¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "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." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They 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.'"

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then 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." ⁹When 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. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On 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. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



The assembly may be seated.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

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THE FIRST NOWELL

The First Noel
The assembly stands at the last stanza.

1 The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain

Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

- 2 They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. Refrain
- 3 And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. Refrain
- 4 This star drew near to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest; and there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay. Refrain
- 5 Then entered in those wise men three, full rev'rently upon their knee, and offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. Refrain

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C 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 The People

Hearing the Word of God in Scripture and in Preaching moves us to pray for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and our special concerns. The intercessor moves to stand with the assembled people of God, as a rich symbol of the petitions truly being the Prayers of the People.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

- A God of grace,
- C receive our prayer.

Response at the conclusion of the prayers of the people:

C Amen.

Peace

The words of the Peace are an ancient solemn blessing signifying the reconciliation that we have with God and, through Christ, with one another. Please do not use this time for casual greetings or conversations.

- P Blessed be Christ, our peace, who breaks down the walls that divide. The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

Greeting: Peace be with you. Response: Peace be with you.

The assembly may be seated.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Offertory

Offertory Song ELW 294

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In the Bleak Midwinter
The assembly stands as the ushers come forward with the aifts.

- In the bleak midwinter,
 frosty wind made moan,
 earth stood hard as iron,
 water like a stone;
 snow had fallen, snow on snow,
 snow on snow,
 in the bleak midwinter,
 long ago.
- What can I give him, poor as I am?
 If I were a shepherd
 I would bring a lamb;
 if I were a wise man
 I would do my part;
 yet what I can I give him—
 give my heart.

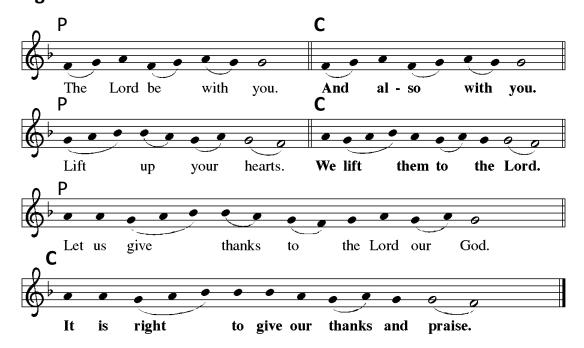
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2 Heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign; in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

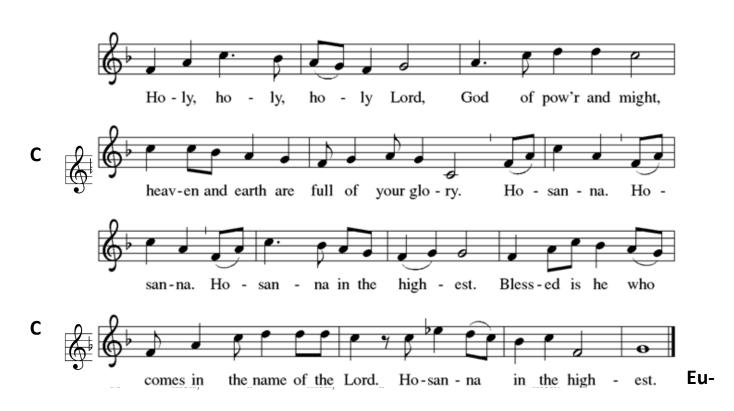
Offertory Prayer

- P Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.
- C Blessed be God forever!
- P Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.
- C Blessed be God forever!
- A God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day.
- C Amen.

Great Thanksgiving Dialogue



Preface Holy, Holy Holy



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Prayer

Eucharistic Prayer

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At the Presiding Minister's invitation, "... we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him."

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The Eucharistic prayer concludes, "... both now and forever."



The Lord's Prayer

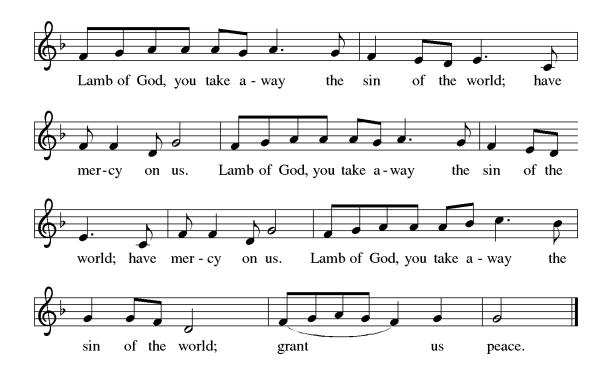
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- P The Son of God took flesh among us as a child that we might become in spirit and truth the children of God; therefore with gratitude and joy we pray:
- C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on 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.

Lamb of God ELW p. 146



Invitation to Communion

- P This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.
- C Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The assembly may be seated.

Communion Of The Faithful

All baptized Christians are invited to share faithfully in the Holy Eucharist. In this sacrament, by the power of God's Word and the Holy Spirit, we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ along with the bread and wine for our forgiveness and salvation, as we celebrate our unity with Christ and all the saints.

Please come by the center aisle as directed by the ushers.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say, "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you," and each person may respond, "Amen."

Music During Distribution

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As with Gladness Men of Old The assembly stands.

- 1 As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by thee.
- 2 As with joyful steps they sped,
 Savior, to thy lowly bed,
 there to bend the knee before
 thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
 so may we with willing feet
 ever seek thy mercy seat.
- 3 As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle, rude and bare, so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.

- 4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry 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 heav'nly 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.

Prayer After Communion

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

- P The God of love, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always.
- C Amen.

MORNING STAR

- 1 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid. Star of the east, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant redeemer is laid.
- 2 Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining; low lies his head with the beasts of the stall; angels adore him in slumber reclining, maker and monarch and savior of all.
- 3 What shall we give him, in costly devotion? Shall we bring incense and off'rings divine, gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean, myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?
- 4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation, vainly with gifts would his favor secure; richer by far is the heart's adoration, dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.
- 5 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid. Star of the east, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant redeemer is laid.

Dismissal

A The liturgy is ended. Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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A warm welcome to our visitors in the Name of Christ.

We seek to minister to all who become a part of our community in Christ as we worship together. We are pleased to have you share in our worship and ministry and sincerely hope you will return. Please sign the guest register in the Narthex and introduce yourself to the Pastor.

- The liturgy and worship book page numbers are printed in the worship folder.
 Please join in the responses as indicated. You may stand as you are able where
 indicated or remain seated. Hymns marked with ELW are in the red hymnal,
 Evangelical Lutheran Worship. Hymns marked with wov are in the blue soft
 cover hymnal, With One Voice.
- A rest room is located off the Narthex.
- The guest register and devotional booklets are in the Narthex.

Holy Eucharist

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the Nave Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Daily Readings

M	Isaiah 60: 1-6, Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14, Ephesians 3: 1-12, Matthew 2: 1-1
Т	Daniel 2: 1-19, Ecclesiastes 4: 17—5: 1, Psalm 72
W	Daniel 2: 24-49, Ecclesiastes 5: 15-20, Psalm 72
Th	Ecclesiastes 1: 1-11, 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31, Psalm 29
F	Ecclesiastes 2: 1-11, 1 Corinthians 2: 1-10, Psalm 29
Sa	Ecclesiastes 3: 1-15, 1 Corinthians 2: 11-16, Psalm 29
Su	Isaiah 43: 1-7, Psalm 29, Acts 8: 14-17, Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Adult Sunday School

Adult Faith Formation meets Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

This Week

Sunday January 5 Epiphany of Our Lord	8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—link may be found at www.goodshepherdpaxtang.com) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave)
Monday January 6	6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)
Tuesday January 7	9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10:00 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter & Paul)
Wednesday January 8	9:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)10:15 a.m. Undecorate the Church12:00 p.m. Worship and Music Committee (Gathering Room)7:00 p.m. Keystone Concert Band (ASH)
Friday Paul) January 10	11:00 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (St. Peter &
Saturday January 11	5:00 p.m. Word and Sacrament (Chapel)
Sunday January 12 Baptism of Our Lord	8:30 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave/YouTube—link may be found at www.goodshepherdpaxtang.com) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament (Nave)

Last Week

Our praise and thanksgiving to God for our many blessings reflected in our tithes and offerings each week.

Spending Proposal Per Week \$ 4,793.00

Total Received Figures not available at time

Difference of publication.



Worship Dedications

The bulletins are given to the Glory of God in celebration of our grandson, Henry's 2nd birthday by Janice and Randy Breon.

The lamps are burning to the Glory of God.

Announcements

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all those who, because of illness or infirmity, are unable to be with us for worship. Your prayers, cards, and visits to them are invited so that Christ may be glorified by the manner in which his people care for one another.

PRAYER CHAIN: Good Shepherd members lift up prayer requests throughout the week. If you have a prayer request you wish to share, or if you would like to receive prayer requests to include in your daily devotions, please contact Edna Hafer or Dix McCauley.

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS AVAILABLE: Contributions may be made via eCheck or Credit Card by scanning the QR code with your smart phone or by clicking on the GIVE NOW button on goodshepherdpaxtang.com.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS may be taken from the Nave after worship today. Each pot includes a plastic cover to protect the plants from the cold. After today, poinsettias may be picked up from the Breezeway.

Contributions to the Christmas Decoration Fund have been made to the Glory of God and

In celebration of the birth of the baby Jesus by Pastor Baker and Family

In honor of Pastor Kathy and her ministry

In celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. by Bill and Sandy Baum

> In celebration of the Holiday Season by Ken and Sylvia Beard

In memory of Monson and Helen Coffman and Julie and Tony Borzok by Greg and Karen Borzok

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Gruber and Mr. & Mrs. Gordon R. Boyne by Dave and Sue Boyne

In honor of all the wonderful Workshop ladies by John and Sue Bricker

Given by Nancy L. Cartwright

In memory of Suzanne Crist by Burnell Crist

In memory of loved ones who celebrate the Nativity in the presence of Jesus by Vicki Delp

In memory of loved ones by Marie Duvall

In memory of loved ones by the Freed-Dankmans

In memory of loved ones by Karen Frischkorn

In memory of Robert Hafer by Edna Hafer

In memory of my beloved, sister, Patricia Vanetti and in celebration of my daughter's wedding, Angela and Bill Hazzard by Katherine Jacobs In memory of Connie Lausch, Scott Lausch, Elva Lausch Hershey, Parke Hershey, and Solomon Lausch by Donald Lausch

In honor of our children and grandsons: Brent, Nathan, Mai, Harrison, and Beckett Leedy by Scott and Mary Edna Leedy

In celebration of the season by Jacquelyn Love

In memory of loved ones by Dix and Larry McCauley

In loving memory of my mother, Marian Morenko by Elaine Meinsler

In memory of loved ones, by Jeanne Romberger

In memory of Sheldon Van Scyoc, Paul and Mabel Smith, and Paul A. Smith, Jr. by Gloria Van Scyoc

> In memory of Family and Friends by John and Darlene Schlegel

In memory of Joyce, Lisa, and Michael Stewart by Gene Stewart

In memory of Anna and William Neely—parents, George and Myra Swilkey—grandparents, Katherine Neely-Fuhrman and William Neely—grandparents, and Martha Swilkey and Mary Shank—aunts by Myra Sweigart

In celebration of our grandchildren by Bill and Joyce Tuttle

In memory of John and Terree Pollock and Don and Lois Heimbaugh by Karl and Flo Valley

In memory of Barbara L. Wendt and Paul & Clara Wendt by Gary Wendt

Serving God's People at the Liturgies

Preaching and Presiding The Rev. Kathleen J. Baker, STM

Organist and Cantor Nicholas P. Werner

Assisting Ministers 8:30 a.m. Julie McCauley

11:00 a.m. Denny Beaver

Ushers 8:30 a.m. Sylvia and John McAnnaney

11:00 a.m. Sandy and Bill Baum

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