



Welcome to all! Our mission at ILC: To thank, praise, honor and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we gather and worship, grow in the Word, and serve God by serving people.

A special welcome to guests and visitors! May our time together be a blessing to you.

Information for Visitors ...

Coffee & Fellowship is available in the Lower Narthex each Sunday between services.

A Nursery is available from 8:30am-12:00pm for children through age 4. It is located in the hallway just outside the Narthex.

Children's bulletins are available from the ushers.

Elevator is located through the basement and the ushers' room in the sanctuary.

Sunday School is at 9:45am and all ages are welcome. Adult classes meet in the Conference Room, Parlor and Cry Room.

Red Worship Attendance pads are passed during the offering. Please take a moment to register your attendance. Visitors, please let us know if we can be of service to you.

Regular Worship Times: 7:45 & 11:00am – Traditional Worship (Sanctuary/Chapel)
8:45am – Contemporary Worship (Parish Hall)

HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament is celebrated at all worship services every Sunday. All are welcome, believing that our Lord is present offering grace and forgiveness.

At 7:45 service you will be ushered forward to kneel at the railing. Please leave your chalice on the railing.

At 8:45 and 11:00 service you will commune by intinction, meaning you may dip the wafer in either the wine or grape juice or drink from the common cup.

Gluten-free wafers and/or white grape juice are available at all services.

Please Turn Off All Cell Phones & Pagers
Thank You!!

Prelude

Announcements

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. 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.

Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen

OPENING HYMN: “Bright and Glorious Is the Sky”

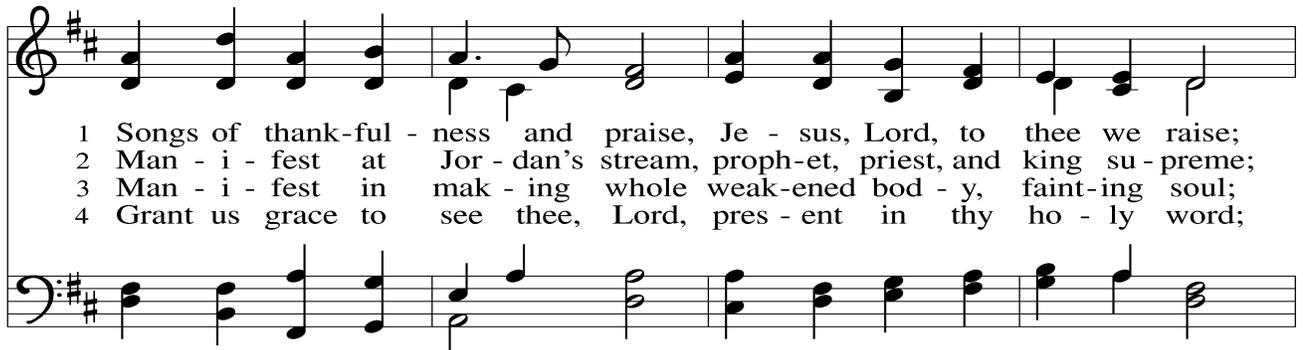
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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

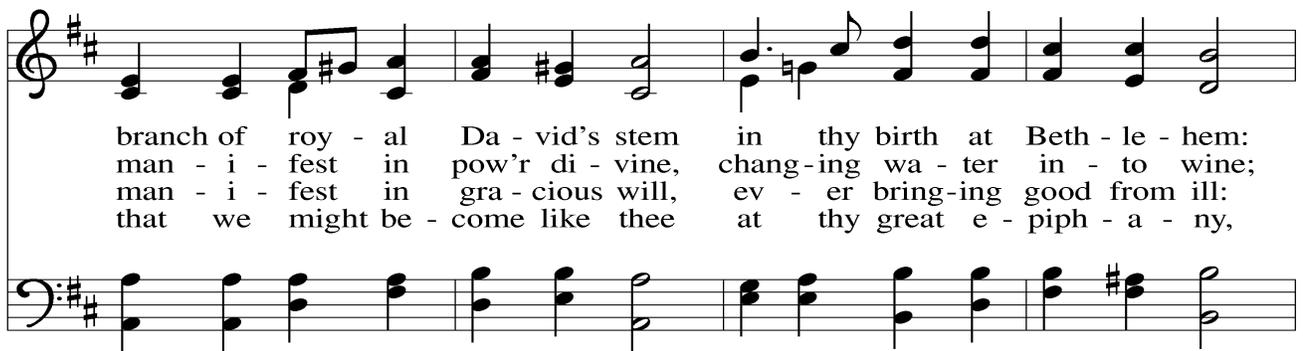
Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



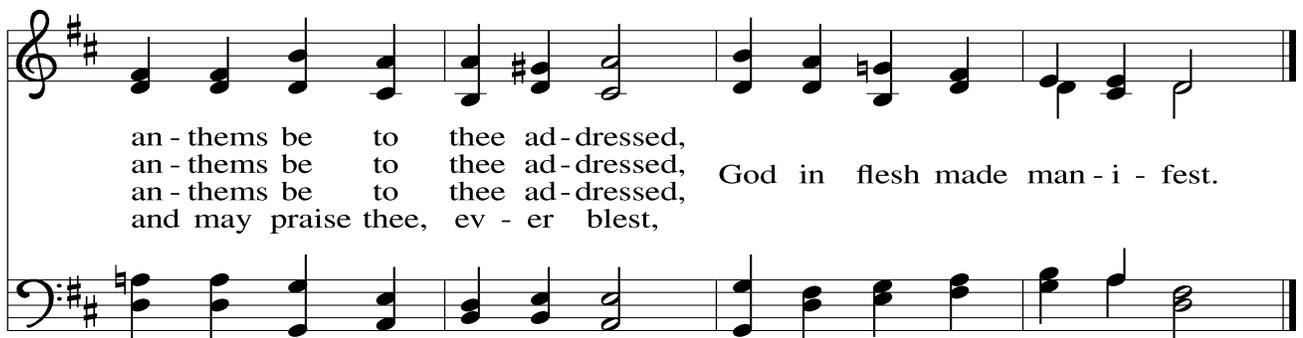
1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



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;
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:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

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

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.

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

²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift 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. ⁵Then 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. ⁶A 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.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14 (read responsively)

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

²**May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.**

³May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

⁵May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

⁶**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.**

⁷In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

¹⁰**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.**

¹¹May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

¹²**For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.**

¹³He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

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

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.

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In 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: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of 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. ⁸Although 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, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so 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. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00)

VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

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

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"* **ELW 815**

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

The Prayers of the Church

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (Verse 1 & 5)

We Three Kings of Orient Are

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain;
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;

field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
king for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
prayer and prais - ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
heav'n sings al - le - lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain

Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

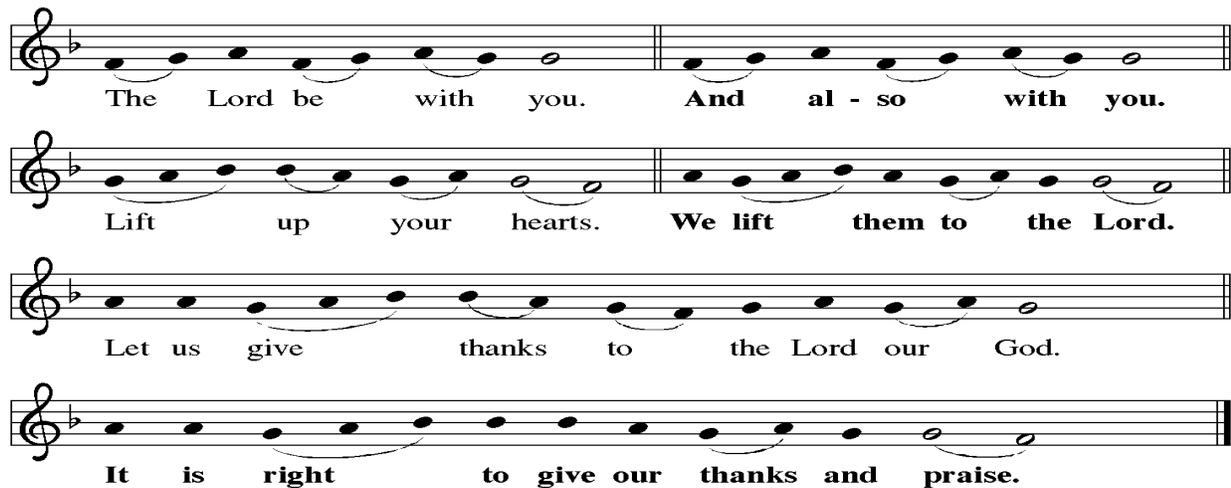
OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray,

C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

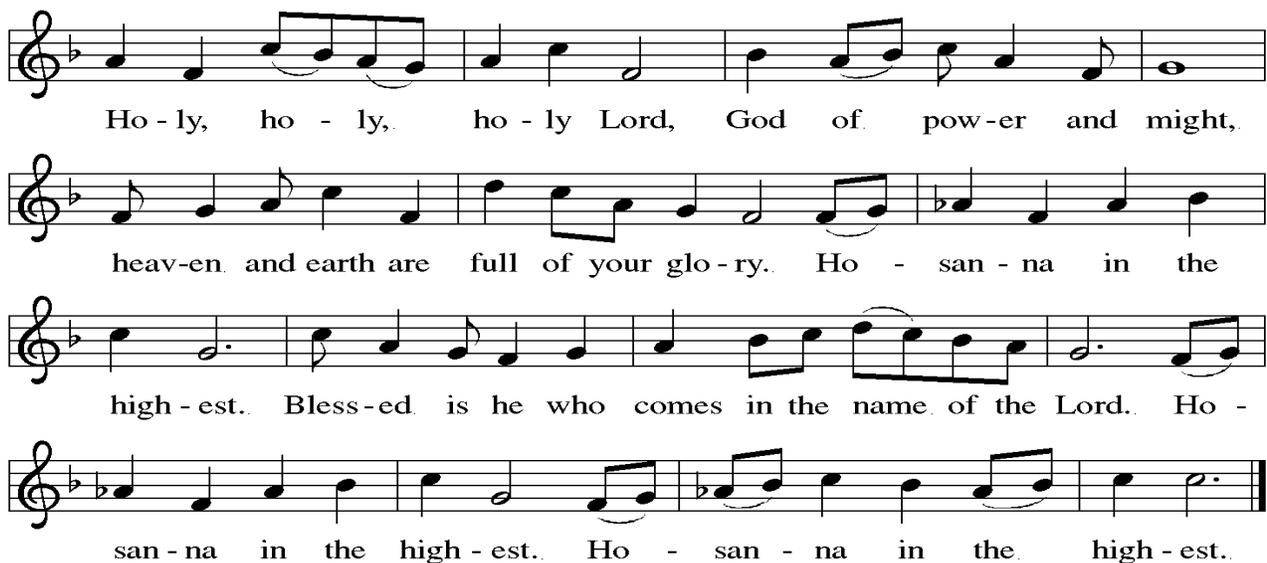
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

PREFACE

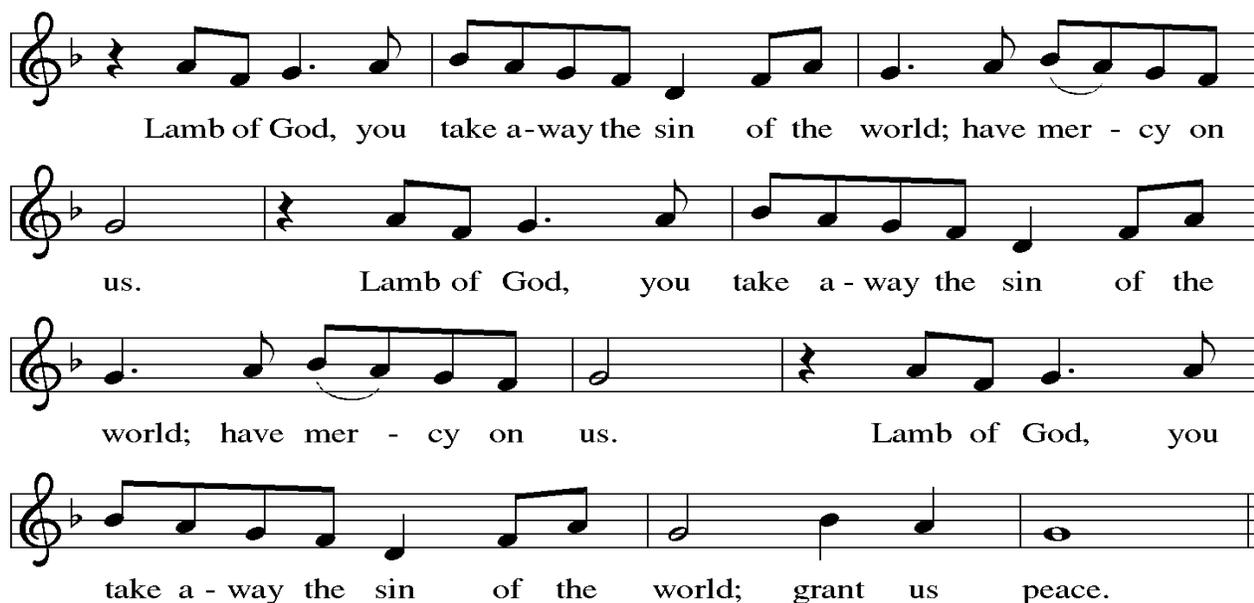


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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



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.

Hymns during Communion

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

ELW 302

"Christ, Be Our Light"

ELW 715

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

ELW 275

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen

Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have prepared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN *“Brightest and Best of the Stars”*

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Mission Statement

To thank, praise, honor and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we gather and worship, grow in the Word, and serve God by serving people.

GATHER and Worship

Please pray for these ILC members:

Elois Sakewitz	Hal Kuempel	Billie Becker	Dorothy Plattow
Donna Cearley	H.L. Weiss	Donna Getz	Lola Sakewitz
Marie Randig	Treldon Bohls	Wendy Weiss	Joann Damstrom
Bennie Hammett	Vernice Krueger		

Please also pray for these friends & extended family members:

Seth Munk	Rodney Reed	Eryn Emken	Calen Stewart
Brianna Bonnet	Mathilda Machicek	Evelyn Wuensche	Irene Michna
Mickey Elsner	Lynette Barnes	Rev. Mark & Sharon Gruebmeier	
Karen Benavidez	Bethlehem Lutheran Church		

In our time of loss we pray for: The Family of Howard Biar, who passed away.

Known Hospitalized: Bennie Hammett, St. David's North Austin Medical Center;
Vernice Krueger, St. David's Round Rock.

This Week's Gatherings:

Today	Heatherwilde Asst. Living	1:30pm
	Pflugerville Care Center	2:15pm
Mon.	Men's Basketball	8:00pm
Tues.	UP – Parish Hall	9:00am-3:00pm
	Stewardship Committee Meeting – Narthex	5:30pm
	Day School Board Meeting – Conference Room	6:00pm
	Other Committee Meetings	7:00pm
	Scout Leaders Meeting – Parlor	7:00pm
Wed.	UP – Narthex	9:00am-3:00pm
	Tired & Retired – Parish Hall	11:30am
	Adult Choir	6:30pm
Thurs.	UP – Parish Hall	9:00am-3:00pm
Sat.	Parish Hall Reserved (PYBA pictures)	7:45am-4:45pm
	Prayer Shawl Ministry – Narthex	9:00am
	WELCA Synodical Planning Meeting – Conference Room	10:00am
Sun.	Traditional Worship Service – Chapel/Sanctuary	7:45 & 11:00am
	Contemporary Worship Service – Parish Hall	8:45am
	Sunday School & 8 th Grade Confirmation	9:45am
	Town Hall Meeting – Parish Hall	9:45am

GROW in the Word***Bible Studies this week:***

Mon.	Crafters Circle – Candy Hansen’s Studio Workroom	9:00am
Tues.	Elizabeth Circle – Narthex	2:00pm
	Rebecca Circle – Cry Room	6:30pm
	Mary Circle – Betty Wicklund’s Home	6:30pm
Wed.	7 th Grade Confirmation Class – Garage	6:30pm

Adult Class – Conference Room – 9:45-10:45am - A Study of this Sunday’s Gospel.

Adult Class – Come join us in the Cry Room 9:45-10:45am. "Live Faithfully" A Study in the Book of James. Come join us for this new topic!

For the Spring our WELCA Bible Studies will be based on the Book of John. The January Study includes two Gospel readings: Christmas (Dec 25th) and Epiphany (Jan 20th). Come join us for this adventure into John. Our WELCA circles will be meeting on different days than we usually meet as the first Tuesday is New Year's Day. The Crafters will hold its Bible Study on January 7th at 9:00am at Candy Hansen's studio. The Elizabeth Circle will meet January 8th at 2pm in the lower narthex; Mary, January 8th at 6:30pm in a member's home; and, Rebecca, January 8th at 6:30pm in the lower narthex. If you are interested in individual study, copies of the Gather magazine are available in the magazine rack next to Sherri's office. For more information, contact Dana Leary.

SERVE God by Serving People

Council Member & Elder Duty for January – Devorah Jakubowsky is responsible this month for locking up the facility. Please contact her at 512-251-8692 or 512-496-2052 if you have any special facility needs. Elders this month are Marie Davis – early service (512-251-2508); Kurt Schwartz – middle & late service (512-636-3158). **Please contact them if you would like to assist with worship in January go to <http://bit.ly/ILCsignup> to sign up yourself.** If you are a visitor and need any assistance, an elder can help you! You can identify an elder by a person wearing a large red nametag.

“Yellow Brick House” Food Pantry continues to be open weekly and needs: We ask that you prayerfully consider helping with this ministry through the offering plate or by supplying any of the following items: boxes of chicken helper or skillet; spaghetti sauce; cereals; tall cans of salmon; Austin, Keebler, or Lance sandwich crackers; Hormel “compleat” entrée; 15 oz. cans ravioli; bread; 2 lb. and 4 lb. sugar; mayonnaise; 40 oz cans beefaroni.

Backpack Ministry provides a small bag of food for at-need elementary school kids at Ruth Barron Elementary School each Friday. Please prayerfully consider donating any of the following items: single serve mac and cheese; canned chicken noodle soup; instant oatmeal packets or cups; fruit cups, individual servings; ramen cups; peanut butter crackers; popcorn, individual bags; granola bars; fruit snacks; goldfish crackers; shelf-stable milk (8 oz. boxes, any flavor).

Tired and Retired will welcome in the New Year this Wednesday, January 9th, 11:30 a.m. with potluck. Please join us and bring a friend.

The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will hold its first meeting of 2019 at 9:00 am on Saturday, January 12th, in the lower narthex. Please join us as we knit and crochet shawls, scarves, and other projects of service. No experience required - just a willing heart! Contact Bonnie Sassman at bsassy55@aol.com or Elizabeth Arndt at earndt@gmail.com for more information.

Lutheran World Relief: Women of Immanuel are asking for your help in collecting items for LWR Baby Care Kits during the months of January and February. Check the WELCA bulletin board for more information about this project.

Secret Sister Reveal Brunch will be held Saturday, January 26th, at 9:00am in the Narthex. Please bring your favorite brunch food item to share and a small gift for your prayer sister as you will reveal yourself to your secret prayer sister at the brunch.

All Ladies of Immanuel are invited to attend the Capital North & South Conference event held at Immanuel on Saturday, March 2nd in the Parish Hall from 9am-3pm. The theme is “God, Our Wireless Connection” based on James 5:16b. Come at 8:30am for coffee and goodies. Lunch is provided. Everyone attending must register and forms are on the WELCA bulletin board in the hallway across from the lower narthex. Contact Janelle Hebbe, 512-251-4007 or janelle@sbcglobal.net.

Congregational Annual Meeting with Baked Potato Lunch is scheduled for Sunday, January 27th, immediately following the 11:00 am service in the Parish Hall. There are several items on the agenda to be considered. A complete agenda will be in the Annual Report, which will be available Thursday, January 17th. We are looking for at least six candidates who are interested in serving on our Church Council. No experience necessary! Any individual who is a voting member of the congregation and has attained the age of 18 prior to the election is eligible. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Chris Rankin or any other member of the council.

Day School Bible Lesson of the Week: This week at ILDS the children learned God promised Abram that he would take care of him and he would have lots and lots of children; as many as the stars in the sky. The children had great fun making lots and lots of stars and of course singing "Father Abraham."

Last Sunday's Worship Attendance: Early: N/A – Late: 166

Last Sunday's Sunday School Attendance: Youth: N/A – Adults: N/A

Serving Today Jan 6th

Organists: Joy Arnhamn and Vernagene Mott

Choir Director: Renee Kesselring

Acolytes: Catherine & Jacqueline Kruse (7:45)

Tate Reiland & Stella Rachui (11:00)

Jan. Elders: Marie Davis (early) Kurt Schwartz (middle & late)

Assisting Minister: Steve Barzci

Readers: Mary Jo Beene (7:45) Mark Sassman (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)

Communion Assts: Mary Jo Beene (7:45) Mark Sassman, **3 needed** (8:45)

Grace Lin, **1 needed** (11)

Chapel Assts: Carlton & Marilyn Lorfing, Ralph Kirkley (7:45) **1 needed** (11:00)

Ushers: **4 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)

Children's Message: Melissa Malinowski (8:45) Debbie Wiederhold (11:00)

Console/Projectionist: Charles Mott (7:45) Martin Jakubowsky (8:45)

Willard Hebbe (11:00)

Middle Service Communion Host:

Coffee Maker: Hal Kuempel

Altar Guild: Elizabeth Arndt & Lonna Duncan

Serving Next Week (Jan 13th)

Organists: Joy Arnhamn and Vernagene Mott

Choir Director: Renee Kesselring

Acolytes: Addison Villegas (7:45)

Ella Knobloch & Payton Montandon (11:00)

Jan. Elders: Marie Davis (early) Kurt Schwartz (middle & late)

Assisting Minister: Devorah Jakubowsky

Readers: Candy Hansen (7:45) **1 needed** (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)

Communion Assts: Candy Hansen (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **2 needed** (11:00)

Chapel Assts.: Carlton & Marilyn Lorfing, Ralph Kirkley (7:45)

Bruce Freudenberg (11:00)

Ushers: **4 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)

Children's Message: Jennifer Hoffman (8:45) Rebecca Dittmar (11:00)

Console/Projectionist: Brent Reeder (7:45) Martin Jakubowsky (8:45)

Charles Kleen (11:00)

Middle Service Communion Host:

Coffee Maker: Hal Kuempel

Altar Guild: Elizabeth Arndt & Lonna Duncan

Bright and Glorious Is the Sky

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.

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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As with Gladness Men of Old

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

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957
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Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
 seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt., sts. 1–3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4
 Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

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 What shall we give 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 your aid.
 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
 Shall we bring in - cense and of - f'rings di - vine,
 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;
 dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your 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 or gold from the mine?
 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
 guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Jens Christian Aaberg, 1877–1970, alt.
 Music: MORNING STAR, James P. Harding. 1850–1911, adapt.

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