



...he walked before you
in *faithfulness*,
in *righteousness*,
and in *uprightness of*
heart toward you.

1 Kings 3:6, ESV

Welcome in Jesus' Name

May God richly bless you as you worship Him. If you are a guest with us, we want you to feel welcome; you honor us with your presence, and we are glad to have you here. Please fill out the Attendance Registration located in your bulletin. Prayer requests can also be made on the same insert. If you have a specific prayer request that you would like the Pastor to pray for during the Prayers of the Church, please fill out the bulletin insert and give it to an usher, who will then deliver it to the Pastor.

Holy Communion

We celebrate the Lord's Supper as part of our worship service, on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month during the 8:30am service and the 2nd & 4th Sunday during the 10:30am service.

We invite those who share our confession of faith, namely, that Jesus is truly present in, with & under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to commune with us. Those who share a different confession or have not yet been instructed in the Lord's

Supper are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. We offer individual cups. The light-colored cups in the center are grape juice instead of wine. Pastor will be available prior to the worship service to answer any questions about Holy Communion.

To Our Guests

We often have guests in worship from all over the world. Please introduce yourself to Pastor or a Greeter before or after the worship service.

Restrooms

Restrooms and changing tables are located out the back of the sanctuary and down the hallway.

Out of respect for your fellow worshippers & those who have diligently prepared for this worship service, we ask that you **silence your cell phones** & keep conversation to a minimum prior to the service.

Large Print Bulletin: If you desire a sight-saving bulletin, please ask an usher.

Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Lydia's Fellowship.

Prelude by Mark and Phil

Welcome and Announcements

Please Stand

Opening Song

Sing we the song of Emmanuel

Sing we the song of Emmanuel
This the Christ who was long foretold
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem
Promise of dawn now our eyes behold.
God Most High in a manger laid
Lift your voices and now proclaim
Great and glorious, Love has come to us
Join now with the hosts of heaven

Come we to welcome Emmanuel
King who came with no crown or throne
Helpless He lay, the Invincible
Maker of Mary, now Mary's son
O what wisdom to save us all
Shepherds, sages, before Him fall
Grace and majesty, what humility
Come on bended knee, adore Him

Go spread the news of Emmauel
joy and peace for the weary heart.
Lift up your heads, for your King has come
Sing for the light overwhelms the dark.
Glory shining for all to see,
hope alive, let the gospel ring.
God has made a way, He will have the praise
Tell the world His name is Jesus.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 119:97-104

P Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.

C **Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me.**

P I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation.

C **I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.**

P I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

- C** I do not turn aside from your rules, for you have taught me.
P How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
C Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament

1 Kings 3:4-15

- A** Listen carefully this morning. Do not get caught up in all the glitz and glamour. Instead pay close attention to how God responds to King Solomon. These words echo for us today, how are we doing? The Old Testament reading is from first Kings chapter 3:

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to

govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?”

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3-14

A Sealed by the promised Holy Spirit, God has made us His own through the proclamation of the word of truth, the gospel of our salvation. Christ is our salvation, the guarantee of our inheritance. Listen to God's promise through the Epistle from Ephesians chapter 1:

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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Song of Praise

Come to Us

Come Lord our dayspring, come from on high
As we your people, gather to praise you
Unworthy to taste from your heavenly vine
But your word will heal us; come light divine!

(Chorus)

Come to us, O child of glory
And shine in our hearts
Come to us, O child of glory
And make us anew
We adore You, we adore You
We adore you, sweet child of glory

Come root of Jesse, come David's son
Come star of morning, we come to praise you
Hope of creation, of all human kind
Reign over body, spirit and mind

(Chorus)

Please stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:40–52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴⁰The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Song of Faith

This I Believe

Our Father everlasting, the all-creating One
God Almighty
Through your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Savior

(Chorus)

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious light
Forever and ever

(Chorus)

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

(Chorus)

Please be seated

Sermon

Walk in God's way!

Offering

Please stand

Offertory

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us"
Give thanks

Responsive Reading

Psalm 119:105-135

- P** Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
C **I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to keep your righteous rules.**
- P** I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word!
C **Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your rules.**
- P** I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.
C **The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.**
- P** Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart.
C **I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.**
- P** I hate the double-minded, but I love your law.
C **You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word.**
- P** Depart from me, you evildoers, that I may keep the commandments of my God.
C **Uphold me according to your promise, that I may live, and let me not be put to shame in my hope!**

- P** Hold me up, that I may be safe and have regard for your statutes continually!
- C** **You spurn all who go astray from your statutes, for their cunning is in vain.**
- P** All the wicked of the earth you discard like dross, therefore I love your testimonies.
- C** **My flesh trembles for fear of you, and I am afraid of your judgments.**
- P** I have done what is just and right; do not leave me to my oppressors.
- C** **Give your servant a pledge of good; let not the insolent oppress me.**
- P** My eyes long for your salvation and for the fulfillment of your righteous promise.
- C** **Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love, and teach me your statutes.**
- P** I am your servant; give me understanding, that I may know your testimonies!
- C** **It is time for the Lord to act, for your law has been broken.**
- P** Therefore, I love your commandments above gold, above fine gold.
- C** **Therefore I consider all your precepts to be right; I hate every false way.**
- P** Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.
- C** **The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.**
- P** I open my mouth and pant, because I long for your commandments.
- C** **Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name.**
- P** Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me.
- C** **Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your precepts.**
- P** Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to 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.**

Prayer

P Let us pray.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

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 Song - As with Gladness

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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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The Dismissal

- P** Go in peace, fed and nourished, and serve the Lord with gladness.
- C** Thanks be to God!

Postlude by Mark and Phil

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†8:30 am – A traditional worship service in the classic Lutheran liturgical style.

†9:30 am – Sunday School / 9:30 am – Adult Bible Study

†10:30 am – Praise Service – A contemporary worship service that is geared to families with young children.

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