

COMMUNION HYMN ***I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*** (ELW #815)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER *After all have communed, the congregation receives a blessing. We give thanks for God's presence and ask for God to send us as witnesses into the world.*

SENDING

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG ***Bright and Glorious is the Sky*** (ELW #301 vs. 1-5)

Stow *We "stow" God's Word in our heart for the week.*

"Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." Matthew 2:2

DISMISSAL Go in peace, guided by the light of Christ! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

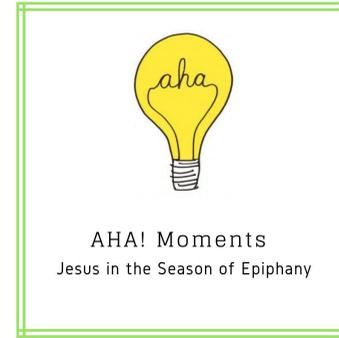
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Thank you to our Worship Leaders

8am
Altar Care: Lynne Naylor
Lay Assistant: Ken Coryell
Reader: Ken Coryell
Refreshments: Robin Karaffa

10:30 am
Acolyte: Julianna Singer
Communion Assistants: Nancy Platt and Jaden Linn
Counters: Paul Gochnour
Greeter: Jeremy Lunka
Lay Assistant: Debby Shelton
Reader: Donna Noble
Refreshments: Nancy Platt and Jaden Linn
Ushers: Richard Johnson and Beth Singer



Celebration Lutheran Church

January 6, 2019

**We Too Have a Star to Guide Us
A Worship for the Day of Epiphany**

The theme for this worship comes from the fifth stanza of the hymn "Bright and Glorious is the Sky" (ELW 301). Like the magi, we too are drawn to the light of Christ.

PROCESSION OF LIGHT

The worship begins with a procession, recalling the journey of the magi to see the Messiah. The first portion of the Isaiah passage is proclaimed at the entrance to the worship space; the second portion, at the midpoint; and the final portion near the altar.

READING Isaiah 60:1-3

HYMN ***O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*** (ELW 306 vs. 1-2)

READING Isaiah 60:4-5

HYMN ***O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*** (ELW 306 vs. 3-4)

READING Isaiah 60:6

HYMN ***O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*** (ELW 306 vs. 5-6)

DIALOGUE

The star shone bright in the Bethlehem sky.
We too have a star to guide us.
The shepherds ran to see the babe.
We too have a star to guide us.
The magi knelt at the child's feet.
We too have a star to guide us.
Christ shines with God's own truth and light.
We too have the Star to guide us.

GATHERING SONG ***Angels from the Realms of Glory*** (ELW#275)

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY God who sent the Light into our world, who shone in the Bethlehem manger, and who spreads the Spirit's rays, be with you all.
And also with you.
Let us pray...

THE WORD

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, PREACHING AND SONG.

PSALMODY Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

READING Ephesians 3:1-12
After the readings:
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ***As a star, God's holy word
leads us to our King and Lord;
brightly from its sacred pages
shall this light throughout the ages
shine upon our path of life,
shine upon our path of life.***

GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 2:1-15
The gospel according to... **Glory to you, O Lord.**
After the reading:
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

WORD SONG ***Christ be Our Light*** (ELW #715)

OUR RESPONSE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN ACTION, PRAYER, AND PEACE.

Nicene Creed p. 104

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *Each of the petitions will end with the phrase, "Lead us, O God."
Our response is "**Lead us by your light .**"*

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.
*You are invited to share a word and/or gesture of Christ's peace with your
worshiping neighbor. "Peace be with you," "God's peace," and other words
are appropriate. Hand shakes, hugs, and the kiss of peace is also appropri-
ate.*

OFFERING *Tithes and offerings are collected during this time to be used for ministry
and mission in this place. The choir may have a musical offering. When all
is gathered, gifts of wine, bread and resources are brought to the altar. A
prayer is offered.*

OFFERTORY ***As they offered gifts most rare
at they 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.***

THE MEAL

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God,...
...we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with
joy:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, O holy God...

...And because we pray only as we are able,
we pray with confidence the prayer your Son taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us;
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the
Glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE *All who are seeking Jesus as their Savior and are in need of God's
grace and forgiveness are welcome to the Table.*

DISTRIBUTION *Communion will be distributed by stations; please follow the ushers'
cues. We receive Holy Communion by intinction: when you receive the
bread (or gluten free wafer), proceed to the cup and dip it in the wine,
then eat.*