

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Glen Rock, PA**  
**Epiphany of Our Lord**  
**LBW Holy Communion Setting One**  
**Sunday, January 8, 2023**

\*We stand as we are able.

**Introduction to the day**

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.

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (LBW p. 56)**

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage 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**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

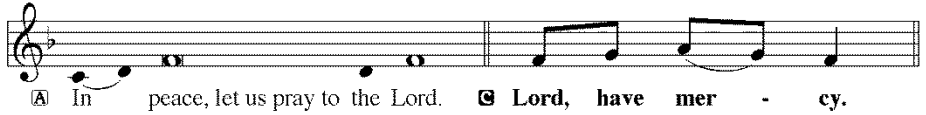
**\*ENTRANCE HYMN: “Bright and Glorious Is the Sky” LBW (green) 75**

**\*APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 57)**

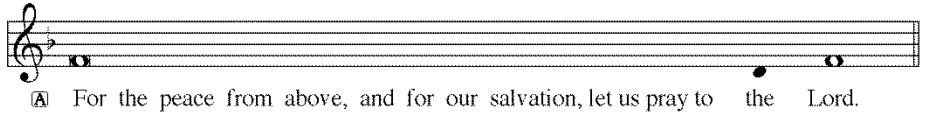
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**KYRIE (LBW p. 57)**



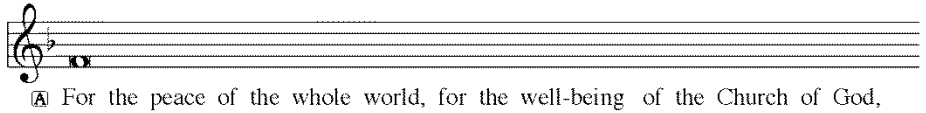
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord.    Ⓒ Lord, have mer - cy.



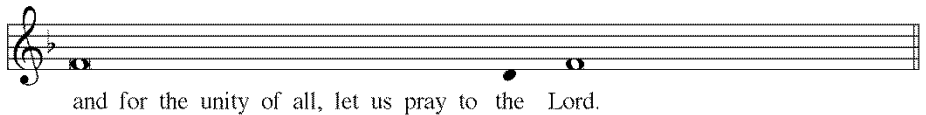
Ⓐ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Ⓒ Lord, have mer - cy.



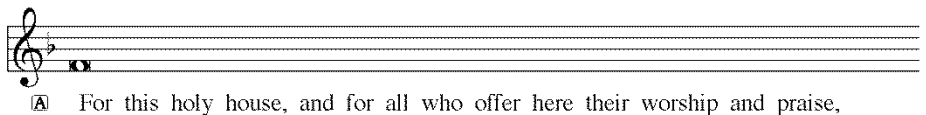
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



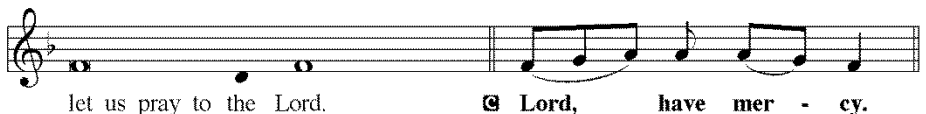
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Ⓒ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.    Ⓒ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. ⓐ A - men

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW p. 58)**



Ⓐ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



ⓐ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

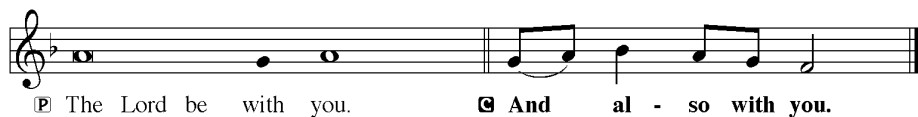


you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 62)**



Let us pray.

Lord 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 LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-6**

- <sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- <sup>2</sup>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.
- <sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- <sup>4</sup>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.
- <sup>5</sup>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.
- <sup>6</sup>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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (spoken responsively)**

- <sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the king's son;  
<sup>2</sup>**that he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;**  
<sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the little hills bring righteousness.  
<sup>4</sup>**He shall defend the needy among the people;  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**  
<sup>5</sup>He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.  
<sup>6</sup>**He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.**  
<sup>7</sup>In his time shall the righteous flourish;  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.  
<sup>10</sup>**The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**  
<sup>11</sup>All kings shall bow down before him,  
and all the nations do him service.  
<sup>12</sup>**For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,  
and the oppressed who has no helper.**  
<sup>13</sup>He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.  
<sup>14</sup>**He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

**SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 3:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>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: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>Although 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, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (LBW p. 62)**

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

**GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, “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.” <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

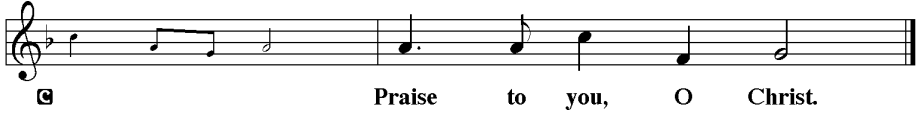
<sup>6</sup>“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then 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.” <sup>9</sup>When 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.

<sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

<sup>11</sup>On 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. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.



**SERMON (LBW p. 83)**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: “Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”**

**LBW (green) 84**

**\*APOSTLES CREED (LBW p. 64)**

With the whole church, we confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.\***

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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 (LBW p. 65)**

With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

*A brief silence.*

Guide the whole church with your wisdom, revealing God. Nurture ecumenical and interreligious understanding around the globe, especially in places of ethnic and religious strife. We pray for Lutheran World Relief and other organizations that provide humanitarian aid, disaster relief, and health care. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Restore your glory to the earth, creating God. Protect fragile ecosystems: rain forests, coral reefs, wetlands, prairies, and shorelines. Guide us to treasure the rich variety of animals and plants that share the world with us, especially those that are endangered. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Bring the nations into the way of justice and peace, righteous God. Strengthen those who work for human rights, equality, and the protection of the most vulnerable. We pray for all in public office, that they may serve with honesty and honor. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Help those who have no helper, delivering God. Rescue any who suffer from abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Deliver adults and children who are caught in cycles of poverty. Transform social systems that enable racism and discrimination of any kind. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Accompany the ministries of this congregation in the coming year, abiding God. Inspire those who lead worship, teach, visit, pray, administer, and serve. Keep us mindful of the needs of others in our communities and neighborhoods. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Reveal your promise by the witness of those who died trusting in you, redeeming God. Receive our thanks for their witness and faith, and guide us by their example until we are gathered with them into your eternal presence. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.

**Amen.**



**\*PEACE (LBW p. 66)**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**\*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING**

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE: (LBW p. 66)**



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 67)**

Let us pray.


Merciful Father,

**we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**


**\*DIALOGUE (LBW p. 68)**



**Ⓟ** 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 him thanks and praise.

**\*PREFACE (LBW p. 68)**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:




**Ⓞ** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



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.

**\*THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 70)**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him should not perish,  
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you  
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.  
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

**\*LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 71)**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

**\*COMMUNION HYMN (LBW p. 72)**

☐ 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.

**COMMUNION (LBW p. 72)**

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

**COMMUNION HYMN: “Let Us Break Bread Together” LBW (green) 212**

**\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND CANTICLE (LBW p. 72)**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.  
He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p.74)**

Let us pray.

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

**Amen**

### **\*BLESSING (LBW p. 74)**

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.

**Amen**

### **\*SENDING HYMN: “All Praise to You, O Lord”**

**LBW (green) 78**

### **\*DISMISSAL (LBW p. 74)**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

Today’s communion elements are presented to the Glory of God, by Sandy Fair.

### **SCRIPTURE TEXT FOR SUNDAY 1/15/2023**

Isa 49:1-7, Ps 40:1-11, 1 Cor 1:1-9, John 1:29-42

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Marlene Batchelor, Adley French, Andrew Gilroy, Ron & Lois Goodling,

Rev. Paul Haack, Butch Hengst, Joann King, Linda Kowalewski,

Kevin Krout, Sharon Krout, Melann Laughman, Karen & Randy McCullough,

Don Miller, Brian Phelps, Tom & Pam Prowell, Bev Reindollar, Mike & Janet

Schriver, LeMos Stallard, Mary & Pat Wigglesworth

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Services are videotaped and streamed live each week on Zion Lutheran Church’s Facebook page.** It is possible during recording that people attending the service will be filmed. If you have any concerns about being filmed, please contact the office at 717-235-3276.

**Today we welcome Gwen Trout to lead us musically from the organ bench.**

**Please review the Prayer List.** Many times, people are put on the prayer list, but the office is never given an update of when to remove the person from the list. Next week the Prayer List will be refreshed. If a person currently on the list should remain on the list, let Brenda know via email or phone.

**Copies of Zion's updated Family and Friends directory are available on the windowsill near the bulletins in the back of the sanctuary.**

**Greetings Friends of Zion, Thank you for your thoughtfulness.** I thank the friend that stopped by to say "Hello" and bring your gifts. I thank you for the beautiful cards and notes. Thank you to those that signed the community card. Thanks to all who gave the bags of cookies and other goodies. Zion must have the best cookie bakers in York Co. Thank you for the Gloria Bear in her memory. I miss seeing all of you, but you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God Bless You All. - Norma Innerst

**Thank you so much for visiting me and bringing me all of the cards and goodies.** Love to all, Shirley Henry

**Offering envelopes for 2023 have not arrived yet.** Generic offering envelopes for you to use until the numbered envelopes arrive can be found near the offering plates at the back of the Sanctuary. Unless you have been contacted by Brenda, your envelope number will not change for 2023.

**The Loose Change offering plate is available every Sunday.** You may bring your loose change any Sunday of the month. At the end of the month, the total collected for that month will be sent to the chosen organization. **January's Loose Change collection will benefit Friends of Glen Rock Borough.** Friends of Glen Rock Borough's goal is to enhance, encourage, and embrace Glen Rock, PA's residents, and businesses. The group organizes and advertises events being held in Glen Rock.

**Due to flower and supply prices going up** and the costs involved in delivering flowers for churches, Flowers by Cindy will be increasing prices starting 1/1/2023. Regular altar flowers will increase to \$30. High altar flowers will increase to \$20.

**If you desire pastoral care or conversation, please contact Vicar David Hoth at 720-855-8878.**

## PERSONNEL here at ZION

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## COUNCIL MEMBERS

Donna Price, Tom Bailey, Susan Hengst, Edgar Davis, Rick Freda, Chad Fisher,  
Linda Beegle, Jeff Brown

## SUNDAY SERVANTS

### Assisting Ministers:

Jan. 8: Donna Price  
Jan. 15: Diane Bortner  
Jan. 22: George Brown  
Jan 29: Linda Beegle

### Lectors:

Jan. 8: Linda Beegle  
Jan. 15: Kelley Fisher  
Jan. 22: Jenn Webb  
Jan 29: Sandy Fair

### Council Offering Duty:

January – Donna Price and Linda Beegle

### Social Time Hosts:

Jan. 8: Jen and Eric Webb  
Jan. 15: Joy Keller-Brown and Jeff Brown  
Jan. 22: Tom and Pam Spangler  
Jan 29: Sheree Sidler

### Altar Care:

January – Sandy Fair

## 2023 FINANCIAL Information for YOU

### Weekly Contributions and Expenses

**2022 Weekly contribution goal to cover budget expenses: \$2,290.00**

01/01/2023 Regular Contributions \$ 3,928.00

Other Contributions/Gifts +\$ 150.00

-\$ 30.00 *Dedicated Dollars*

\$ 4,048.00 Contributions to cover Expenses

Weekly Expenses: \$ 0.00

### Cumulative Contributions and Expenses for 2023

Regular Contributions \$ 3,928.00

Other Contributions/Gifts + \$ 150.00

*Dedicated Dollars* - \$ 30.00

Contributions to cover Expenses \$ 4,048.00

Expenses to date: \$ 0.00



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