

Epiphany



Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

January 3rd, 2021 ~ Epiphany

10:00 AM Online Worship Bulletin

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2nd Sunday of Christmas ~ January 3rd, 2021
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PRELUDE

Janelle Schauer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L We gather in the name of God, the Creator of Light; + Jesus, the Light of the World; and the Holy Spirit, the Light who illumines our path.

C **Amen.**

P In this season of light, let us go before God and confess how our words and actions contribute to the darkness instead of adding to the light.

{Silence for reflection and self-examination}

P God of Love and Light, we confess that we are not always the light-bearers you desire us to be. We shine a spotlight on the transgressions of others while trying to keep our own sins hidden in the dark. We burn bridges by being impatient, opinionated and judgmental. Forgive us Jesus, the Everlasting Light. Come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel. Teach us to walk as children of light, surrounded by your love, forgiveness and healing. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C **Amen.**

P God is light, and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. Your sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.

C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

The First Noel

ELW #300

Led by Karen Mills (verses 1, 2 and 5)

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

**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***

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*

Procession of Light

READING Isaiah 60:1-3

HYMN *O Morning Star How Fair & Bright* ELW #308
Led by Pastor Lisa (verse 1)

O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's line, King David's son, our Lord and Savior, you have won
our hearts to serve you only!
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!

READING Isaiah 60:4-5

HYMN *O Morning Star How Fair & Bright* ELW #308
Led by Pastor Lisa (verse 2)

Come, precious diamond, light divine, and deep within our hearts now shine;
there light a flame undying! In your one body let us be
as living branches of a tree, your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily earth's deep sadness may perplex us
and distress us, yet with heav'nly joy you bless us.

READING Isaiah 60:6

HYMN *O Morning Star How Fair & Bright* ELW #308
Led by Pastor Lisa (verse 3)

Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from God above
a ray of purest pleasure. Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood
refresh our souls with heav'nly food. You are our dearest treasure!
Let your mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us!
For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

DIALOGUE

P1 The star shone bright in the Bethlehem sky.
P2 We too have a star to guide us.
P1 The shepherds ran to see the babe.
P2 We too have a star to guide us.
P1 The magi knelt at the child's feet.
P2 We too have a star to guide us.
P1 Christ shines with God's own truth and light.
P2 We too have a star to guide us.

GATHERING SONG

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW #715

Led by Karen Mills (verses 1 and 2)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain: **Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.**

Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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. Let us pray.
Everlasting God, the radiance of all faithful people, you brought the nations to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the world through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Patty Mesebring

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

Pastor Lisa Richardson Engen

**I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.**

Refrain: **In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain***

APOSTLES' CREED

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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

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OFFERTORY

Janelle Schauer

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. God of Light, our world can be a very dark place. Therefore, we offer the gifts our ourselves, our time and our resources, trusting you will use them to set the world aglow with your loving presence. May our offerings continue to shine brightly before others so they may see our good works and give glory to you. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

We Three Kings

WOV #646

Led by Karen Mills (verses 1 and 5)

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

Refrain

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

**Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. *Refrain***

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Thank you to those who assisted with worship today!

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