



Welcome to worship!

Keep in prayer: LeAnn Fuchs (niece of Arlene Johnson), Carl Kozlowski; Diane Murray; Jennifer Hart (sister of Julie LeCaptain); Rand Conway; Wayne & Monica Schmidt (cousin of Dale Nibbe); Susan Dailey, Loren Walters (brother of Diane Keyport), Cheryl Goudy (Sue Benson's sister)

Thank you to those who shared their time and talents this morning:

Lector: Kim Ask-Carlson

Greeters: Gnotke Family

Communion Assistants: Rylee Theiren

Ushers: Ava Emerson, Heide Emerson

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Sound/Video: Heath Oeltjen, Cheryl Luettinger, Julie Deschneau, Randy Zanto

Coffee: Dave & Tami Ender

Acolyte: Brody Otterson

Council Member on Duty:

Prelude

We Three Kings

arr by Kenon Renfrow

Welcome / Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting.

C: Amen.

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

C: we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

The First Noel

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Greeting

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

Glory to God in the Highest

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Prayer of the Day

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

L: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

C: that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;

L: that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

C: Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.

L: May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

C: Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.

L: In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

C: May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute, and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.

L: May all kings bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

C: For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress, the oppressed, and those who have no helper.

L: He has compassion on the lowly and poor, and preserves the lives of the needy.

C: From oppression and violence he redeems their lives, and precious is their blood in his sight.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: In the time of King Herod...

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Kary

Hymn of the Day *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

#815

Prayers of Intercession

P: God of Grace,

C: receive our prayer.

The Peace

Offering

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Arr by James Southbridge

Offering Response

In the Bleak Midwinter

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Great Thanksgiving

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Holy, Holy, Holy

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Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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Communion

All who desire to receive the body and blood of Christ are welcome at the table.

Lamb of God

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Distribution Hymns

Jesus, the Light of the World

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The Bells of Christmas

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Blessing

Sending Hymn

Love Has Come

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Love Has Come

arr by Aaron David Miller

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