

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON



HE SAW THE HEAVENS  
OPEN AND THE HOLY  
SPIRIT DESCENDING  
ON HIM.

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We welcome you heartily in the name of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd!

We are one flock of His worldwide fold. We try to heed His voice.

We are thankful that He knows each of us by name.

He is the Good Shepherd.

He gives His life for His sheep — for you and for me.

**THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD  
JANUARY 7, 2018**

## The Week Ahead...

Monday, Jan 8	9:00 am Sew In Love
Tuesday, Jan 9	7:00 pm Board Meeting
Wednesday Jan 10	10:00 am Bible Study, 5:15 pm Dinner, 6:00 pm Youth Group, 6:30 pm Bells, 7:30 pm Choir
Saturday, Jan 13	9:30 am Bible Study, 5:00 pm MWT, 7:00 pm Worship
Sunday, Jan 14	8:30 am Worship, 10:00 am Worship & Sunday School, 6:00 pm Sunday Night Lights

## Announcements

- ◆ **WE WELCOME THIS MORNING** our own guest pastor, Pastor Dan Parshall. We would like to thank him for filling in for Pastor Ted and we ask God's blessing on his presence and message today.
- ◆ **MEMBERS & GUESTS ALIKE**, while Pastor Ted is away today, would you **PLEASE FILL IN THE GRAY SLIP** found in your bulletin and drop it in the offering bag so we can get an accurate account of who's worshipping with us today. Thank you!
- ◆ **OWLS** We started out the year (First Wednesday of every month 11:30am) with tasty soup, birthday cake and good companionship. This is our 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary for OWLS. Can you imagine 5 years already! Save Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> and join us. We do not discriminate, EVERYONE WELCOME! Questions: Jean Lambert 360.253.3861 or Mary Lou Harris 360-253-3662.
- ◆ **THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 P.M.** Please contact Doug Hail or Rob Aguilar if you have items for the Board meeting agenda.
- ◆ **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**— January 15<sup>th</sup> "Transfigured by Fire" Leonardo's Pizzeria at 6:30 pm.
- ◆ **KIDS FOR CHRIST**: Our Jan meeting will be Sun the 28th following the 10am service. We'll be going to the nickel arcade for games, and laser tag. Please bring a sack lunch. The cost for admission is: Arcade - Ages 5-12: \$2.75 Ages 13+: 3.25, plus the cost of nickels for the games, and Laser Tag is: Ages 7+: \$4.25 Ages 5 and 6 may play with a parent. No one under the age of 5 may play laser tag. Contact Sara if you plan to attend. KFC is a ministry for 1st-5th graders and their parents.
- ◆ **FAITH LESSONS SMALL GROUP STUDY**: This four week study will start on Wed., Jan 17th at 6:30pm. Prepare for Lent as you follow Jesus ministry, visiting the very places He traveled. This study will be facilitated by Pastor Ted, and there's a sign-up on the table outside Sara's office.
- ◆ **COFFEE BREAK**: Our Jan meetings will be the 16th, and 30th. Coffee Break is a one -time stand-alone Bible study that meets at 6:30 at New Seasons. This study is open to 9th graders and up. Contact Sara (dce@vanflock.org), if you plan to attend.
- ◆ **MISSION TRIP MEETING**: Sunday January 21st we'll have a meeting for parents, and their youth who are going on the 2018 mission trip. We will get started shortly after 10am service. Please bring your Bibles.

- ◆ **MOD PIZZA - TUESDAY, JANUARY 23!** Would you like an evening off from cooking? Join us for our Preschool Tuition Assistance Fundraiser, for a Dine-Out Night (or day)! All day, Tuesday, January 23, from 10:30 AM – 10:00 PM, you can show the flyer at MOD Pizza (Mill Plain and 192<sup>nd</sup> area, across from Walmart), and 20% of the sales will support out scholarship fund! Thank you!
- ◆ **REVERE COURT:** Sat., Jan 27th we will head to Revere Court to do activities with the residents there. All ages are welcome at this service project. There's a sign-up on the table outside Sara's office with all the details.

**Nursery care is available at the 10:00 service with adult supervision.**

## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Sunday 8:30: 64      10:00: 126

General Fund Contributions received last week: 27,726

## ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

### ~Today~

Accompanist: Kylie Johnson

Scripture Readers:

(8:30) Janet Martin

(10:00) Rita Froberg

Greeters:

(8:30) Gladys

(10:00) Doug & Barb Hail

Ushers:

(8:30) Garry Lee &

Bruce Clark

(10:00) Dan &

Heidi Wahlstro

Soundboard: (8:30) Art Khonke

(10:00) Tim Brown

Offering Counters: Jan Tyger &  
Susan Jarrett

Communion Asst.

(8:30) Carol Lehmann & Al Aulwurm

(10:00) James & Lisa Hergert

Communion Prep.: Mary Lou Harris & Barb Hail

### ~Next Sunday~

Accompanist: Kylie Johnson

Scripture Readers:

(8:30) Betsy Ablott

(10:00) Tyler Dassow

Greeters:

(8:30) Chris Mouchette

(10:00) Terry Olson

Ushers:

(8:30) Neil &

Gladys Green

(10:00) Dave Miletich &

Mary Lou Harris

Soundboard: (8:30) Phil Muske

(10:00) Doug Hail

Offering Counters: Mary Ann Dove &  
Joan Brown

*Just a thought...*

Plan to be spontaneous - tomorrow.

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Worship Times- Sunday 8:30, 10:00 am  
Saturday 6:00 pm

**FLOCK TO HIS FLOCK:** *Be Won. Be One. Be Wanting More.*

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 8, 2018

### **THEME OF THE DAY**

Today, The First Sunday in the Epiphany Season, begins with the visit of the Magi and ends five Sunday's from now with the Transfiguration and the beginning of Lent. Today we focus on Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by his cousin, John, and wonder, if John's baptism of repentance, why Jesus was baptized. Of what did He need to repent?

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **KIDSTUFF**

### **WE GATHER**

*Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

*Leader: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.*

**People: The light no darkness can overcome.**

*Leader: In Him was life, and that life was the light of all humanity.*

**People: The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it.**

*Leader: Arise and shine, for your light has come!*

**People: We are called out of darkness into His marvelous light.**

## **WE CONFESS OUR SINFULNESS**

**Leader:** *God has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Yet we continue to struggle with deeds of darkness—sins which we are aware of, and sins of which we are unaware. Let us bring them to light, so that God, in His mercy, will forgive them and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

[Silence for personal reflection.]

**Leader:** *Merciful God,*

**People:** We confess to You, and before each other, that we are sinners in our thoughts, in our actions, and in our inaction. We have not done the things You command, and we have done the things You forbid. We have often hidden from You in the darkness of our sin, not living as Your children ought to live. Forgive us, we pray, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Let the light of Your grace shine into every nook and cranny of our lives; and let Your Holy Spirit empower us to turn from our sinful ways and live for You alone.

**Leaders:** *Beloved of God, as surely as dawn follows the night, so is the promise of God's forgiveness and love for us all. This Child, whom we adore, is the Son of God, who came into our world clothed in flesh and blood, to live, die, and rise again for us. In Him we are forgiven. Arise and shine; our Light has come!*

**People:** Thanks be to God.



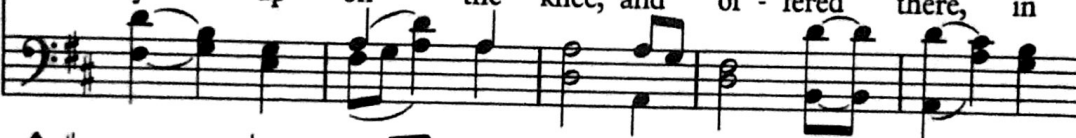
# WE SING: "The First Noel"



1. The first No - el the an - gel did say was to cer - tain poor  
2. They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing in the  
3. And by the light of that same star three Wise Men  
4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, o'er Beth - le -  
5. Then en - tered in those Wise Men three, full rev - erent -



shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay  
east, be - yond them far; and to the earth it  
came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was  
hem it took its rest; and there it did both  
ly up - on the knee, and of - fered there, in



keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
gave great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
their in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.  
stop and stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
his pres - ence, their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.



## Refrain



No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el, born is the King of Is - ra - el.



# "We Bow Down"

C VERSE F6/C C

1. You are— Lord of cre - a - tion and  
 (2. You are)— King of cre - a - tion and

4 G C

Lord of my— life, Lord King of the land—  
 King of my— life, King of the land—

7 F6/C C Csus4 C

— and the— sea. You were—  
 — and the— sea. You were—

10 F6/C C G/B

Lord of the heav - ens be - fore there was—  
 King of the heav - ens be - fore there was—

13 Am Am/G F6 Am/F F6 G F/G G7

time. And Lord of all lords You will  
 time. And King of all kings You will



16

C

CHORUS

F6/C C F6/C



be!  
be!

(1.) We  
(2.) We

bow  
bow

down  
down

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C F6/C C G

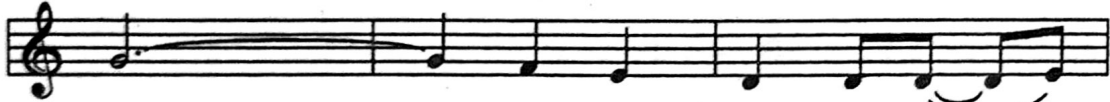
C (On repeat, sing same verse)



- and we wor - ship You, Lord. We bow  
- and we crown You the King. We bow

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F6/C C F6/C C F6/C C G



down and we wor - ship You,  
down and we crown You the

25 Am

Am/G

F6

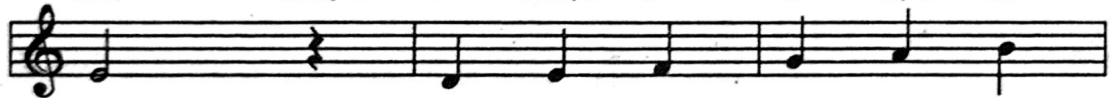
Am/F

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G

F/G

G7



Lord.  
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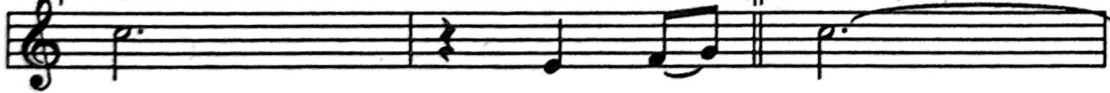
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1. C

D.S.

2. C



be!

2. You

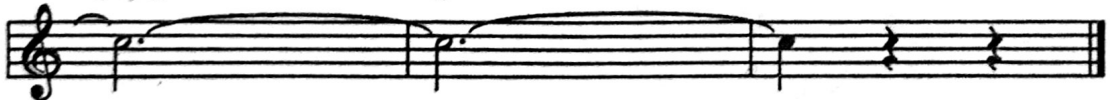
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F6/C

C



## **WE PRAY**

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Leader: Let us pray...*

**People: Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of Your Son: guide by Your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 1:1-5**

{In these opening verses of the Bible, God dispensed with chaos by sending His Spirit over the formless earth and by creating light.}

### **EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 6:1-11**

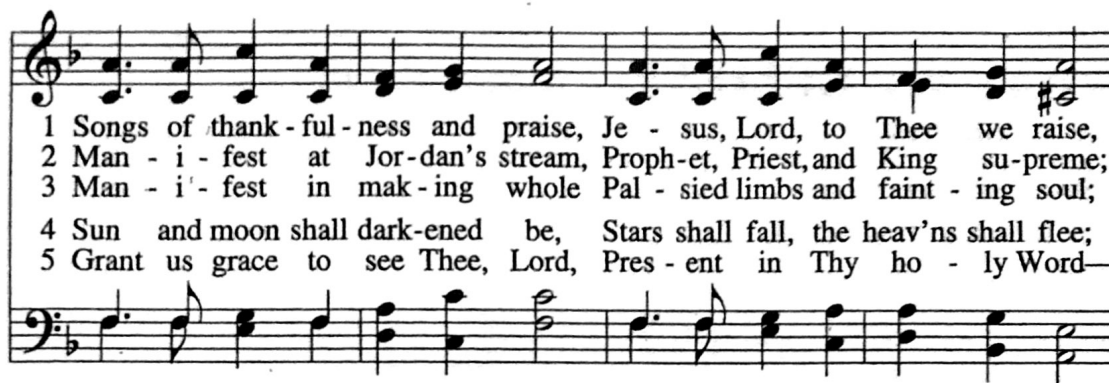
{If we are united with Christ in death, we shall surely be united with Him in His resurrection.}

### **GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:4-11**

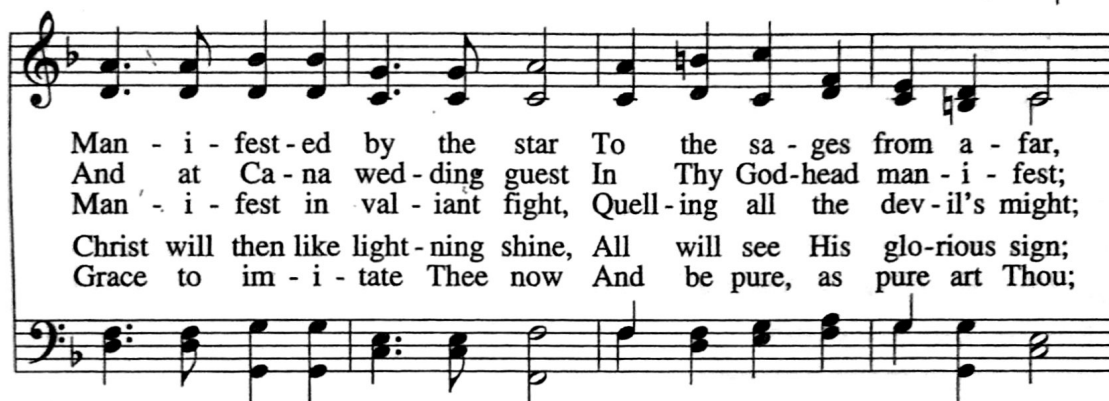
{Jesus comes to John who is baptizing in the Jordan and is baptized by him, resulting in a voice from heaven proclaiming Him as God's beloved Son.}



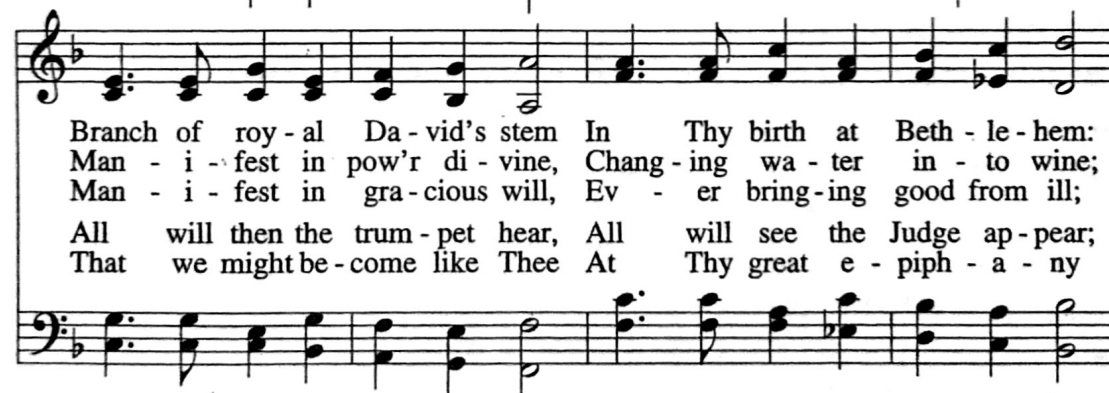
# WE SING: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"



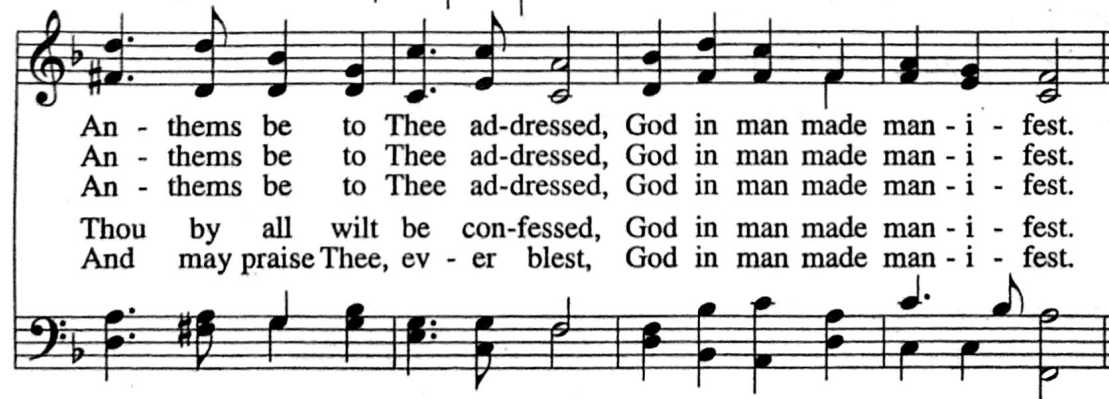
1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph - et, Priest, and King su - preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
 4 Sun and moon shall dark - ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,  
 And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God - head man - i - fest;  
 Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
 Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;  
 Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
 Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
 All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;  
 That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 Thou by all wilt be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

## **MESSAGE: "Epiphany – Eureka"**

### **WE SAY WHAT WE BELIEVE: – Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

He came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

## WE SING: "What Child Is This?"

1. What child is this who, laid to rest, on Ma - ry's  
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and  
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas - ant,

lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tians, fear, for  
king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

### Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

## **WE PRAY**

### **THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

#### **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.

## **WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **THE INVITATION**

### **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE DISTRIBUTION**

## **WE SING:** (during distribution)

### **"We Three Kings"**

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;  
West-ward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him again;  
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. (Refrain)

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising, gladly raising, worshiping God Most High. (Refrain)

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. (Refrain)

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and sacrifice;  
Alleluia: alleluia sounds through the earth and skies. (Refrain)

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## **"O Lord We Praise You"**

O Lord we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.

Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish:  
Our weak souls that they may flourish.

Oh Lord, have mercy!

May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,

And Thy blood for us plead  
In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!

Thy holy body into death was given,  
Life to win for us in heaven.

No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;  
May this feast there of remind us!

O Lord, have mercy!

Lord, Thy kindness so constrain Thee  
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.

All our debt Thou hast paid;  
Peace with God once more is made. O Lord, have mercy!

May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
That we follow Christ our Savior

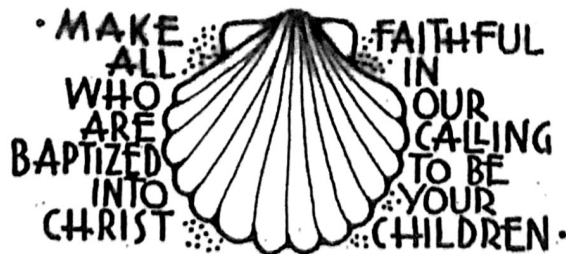
And live together here in love and union,  
Nor despise this blest Communion!

O Lord, have mercy!

Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that heav'nly minded He make us;

Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
Days of peace and unity: O Lord, have mercy!

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# Jesus Christ the same yesterday today & tomorrow

## **“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”**

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on His cradle the dew drops are shining;  
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;  
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion,  
Fragrance of Edom and offerings divine,  
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
Vainly with gifts would His favor secure;  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us Your aid.  
Star of the East the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

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## **WE GO FORTH WITH GOD'S BLESSING**

*Leader: Let us pray.*

*Lord of time and eternity, through You all mysteries are revealed. We thank You for graciously feeding us with this holy meal, and we ask that in Your good and perfect time, You would bring us to Your eternal banquet, where Light and Life have no end. In Jesus we pray.*

**People: Amen.**

*Leader: The darkness is gone.*

**People: Rejoice in the light!**

*Leader: The star still shines.*

**People: Let it show us the way.**

*Leader: Our king is born!*

**People: O, come, let us adore Him!**

*Leader: Go forth, people of God.*

*Cradle in your hearts the great mystery of God's reconciling love.*

*May it shine in you and through you --*

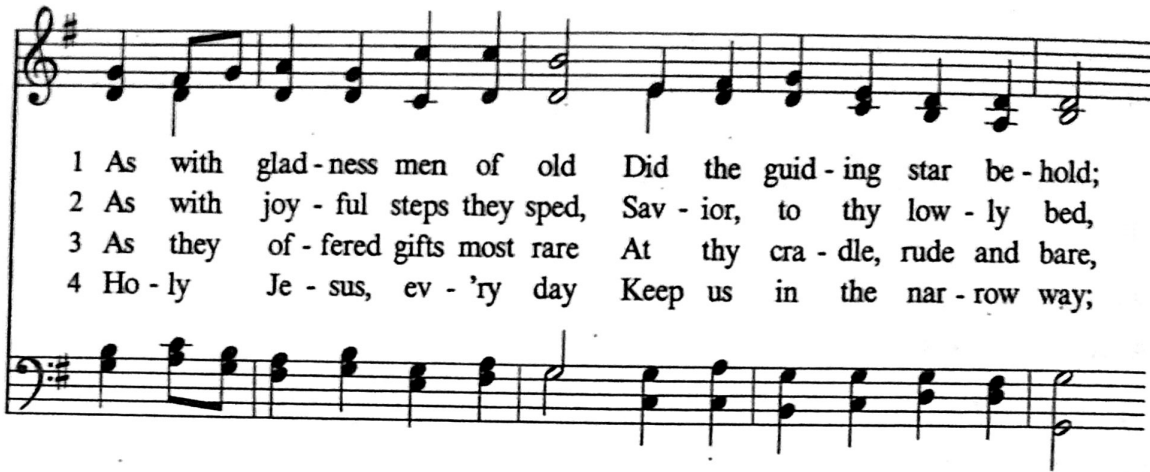
*true light for a darkened world.*

*Go in peace.*

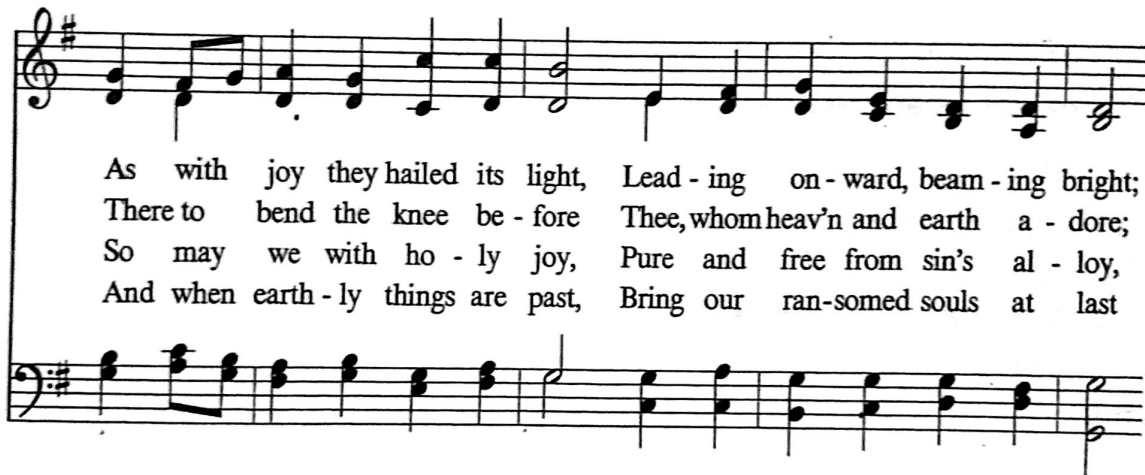
**People: Amen.**

*Amen!*

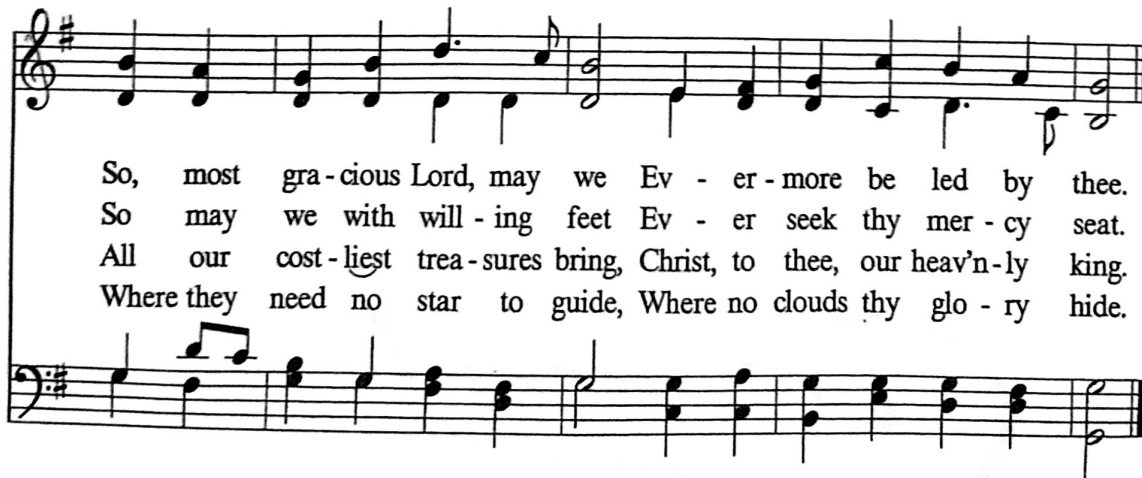
# WE SING: "As with Gladness, Men of Old"



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;



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



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.

5 In the heav'nly country bright  
Need they no created light;  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
Thou its sun which goes not down;  
There forever may we sing  
Alleluias to our King.



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Midway through a hectic day, Pastor Reimer realizes it was his day off.

# THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD – January 7, 2018

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

### Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

[NRSV]

## EPISTLE LESSON

### Romans 6:1-11

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

[NRSV]

## GOSPEL LESSON

### Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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**NEXT SUNDAY: 1Samuel 3:1-10; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51**