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## We are Sent with God's Blessing

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" LUYH 946:1,2

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### Worship Participants

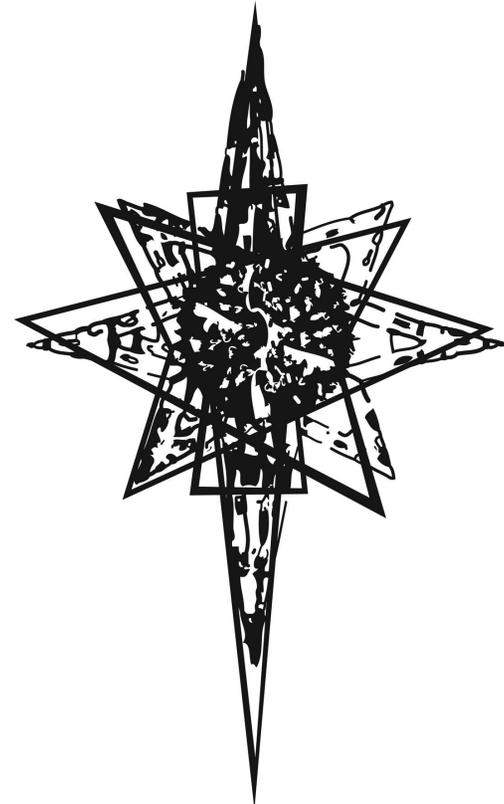
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# Epiphany

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## Epiphany

"We know the word: a moment of piercing awareness, the sudden jolt of understanding. Imagine, then, that moment stretched out over a period of time. This is the season of Epiphany, a season celebrating the revelation of the Savior, the light of the word." (Philip F. Reinders, *Seeking God's Face*). Epiphany began for the church on January 7 as we celebrated the visit of the Magi to the Christ child and continues up to the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. From now until Lent, worshipers grow in an awareness of the significance of the entire life of Jesus and prepare for the call to discipleship that will happen in Lent. (adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook*)

## God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

\*Call to Worship (from Psalm 111)

Praise the Lord!

**I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart.**

Splendid and majestic is His work,

**and His righteousness endures forever.**

The works of His hands are truth and justice;

**all His precepts are sure.**

He has ordained His covenant forever;

**holy and awesome is His name.**

\*Song of Praise: "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" LUYH 111:1-5

\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song of Praise: "Come, Thou Almighty King" LUYH 492:1-3

## We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession: I John 1:8-9

**If we say that we have no sin,**

**we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**

**If we confess our sins,**

**he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins**

**and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Prayer of Confession

We confess that in our world of deep divisions and uncertainty, we do not rely on you as we should. Your power and mercy often become an abstract last resort in the face of our immediate concerns. We often rely upon our intelligence, our strength, our wealth and resources, as opposed to relying upon You, the one who has provided these blessings. Forgive us for our pride. Give us the will to use the blessings you have given us in service to others, following Jesus' example. Give us the heart of a servant and an unshakable faith in Your authority.

Assurance of Pardon: John 16:33

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Song of Thanksgiving: "Jesus Shall Reign"

LUYH 219:1,4,5

## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "I Am the Light of the World"

***I am the light of the world, I am the light of the world.***

***Whoever follows me will never walk in the dark,  
will never walk in the dark, but have the light of life.***

Words: John 8:12, Music: June Fischer Armstrong, © 1991 CRC Publications

Children ages 3 years old through Kindergarten are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive a prayer of blessing before going downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture: Mark 1:21-28

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Sermon: "The Authority of Jesus"

Rev. Cliff Hoekstra

\*Song of Response: "Jesus Heard with Deep Compassion"

LUYH 127

## We Offer Our Gifts and Prayers

Offertory Prayer and Offering of our Gifts

Each week at Covenant we receive a monetary offering to support the mission and ministry of the church. This morning's offering will support the Tuition Assistance Fund which helps support families who otherwise would not be able to meet the financial obligations of Christian education.

We Share Our Joys and Concerns and Pray for One Another

## We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

\*Affirmation: My Only Comfort

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\*Song: "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

LUYH 746:1,2