

Sunday, January 4, 2026
Epiphany of Our Lord
10:00 AM



When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 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.

Matthew 2:11

Welcome to Worship!
As we prepare for worship, please silence your mobile devices.
We invite you to a time of silence and focus.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP: It is our joy to welcome you to worship today, in-person and from wherever you may be viewing. We give thanks for whatever brought you, and pray that you may experience the love of God surrounding you and upholding you as we gather together to give thanks to God through Word and Sacrament.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are available to use in the Sanctuary for worship. They are located in the Sound Booth; ask the Sound Booth operator if you would like to use one.

WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED in the Faith and Family Center (located near the entrance doors to the large parking lot). Anyone is welcome to worship in that space.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP! Like Jesus who welcomed children to his ministry, Saint Andrew's welcomes children to our worship services.

Re-usable activity bags (for readers and non-readers) with books, stickers, crayons, paper, and a snack are available from the usher/hospitality team; please return the bags following worship.

- “Younger Disciples Tips” are in the bulletin with ideas to engage children in worship.
- “A Time for Younger Disciples” during worship invites all God’s children to listen to a message.

Health Practices in place to help reduce the spread of viruses and illness:

- Mask wearing is optional. Anyone who wishes to mask is welcome to do so.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.

For other activities, events, meetings check our website: <https://SALC.church>

VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IN PROGRESS

Saint Andrews livestreams and records its worship services to YouTube.

Video and Audio recording is currently in progress. It is possible that video footage and/or audio conversations of worshippers in the Saint Andrew's Sanctuary may appear on the YouTube livestream/recording.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Romance in F minor
Aishwarya Kota, violin - Elaine Koga, piano

Antonin Dvořák

WELCOME

Pastor Lara

Worship leaders will say text in light print.
Congregation will say/respond with bold text.

Please stand as you are able.



HYMN

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 weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;
 4 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;
 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:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,

an - themes be to thee ad-dressed,
 an - themes be to thee ad-dressed,
 an - themes be to thee ad-dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest, God in flesh made man - i - fest.

CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \ddagger one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Loving God,
you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.
Turn us to seek your face.
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in \ddagger Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.

Amen.

GREETiNG

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia. 1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia. 2 Pow'er, riches, wisdom, and
strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia. 3 Sing with all the people of
God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor,
glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. O 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.

Please be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Pastor Lara

The Gospel story can be found in your Spark Story Bible, page 218.

WORD

Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.

READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
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.
Nations shall come to your light
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
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 in their nurses' arms.
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.
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.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet Micah:

‘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.’ ”

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 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.” When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

You may be seated.

SERMON

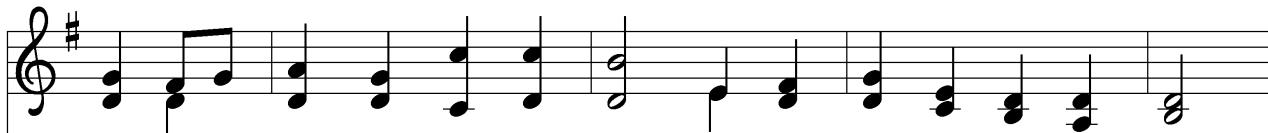
Pastor Lara

Please stand as you are able.



HYMN

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;
5 In the heav'n-ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



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
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



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.
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Trusting in God's baptismal promises, we affirm our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;

**he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

* here, "catholic" means the wholeness of the church in all times and places.

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Prayers/Offering: Invite children to write down who they want to pray for this week and one way they can serve their family/community.

THE PRAYERS

After each petition, the leader will say. *Merciful God,
Your response is, receive our prayer.*

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please greet people around you as you are comfortable.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Lara

OFFERING Our ushers will be passing offering plates. We welcome your gifts to support the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church. There are envelopes in the pews, or you can give online using the QR code.



OFFERTORY MUSIC

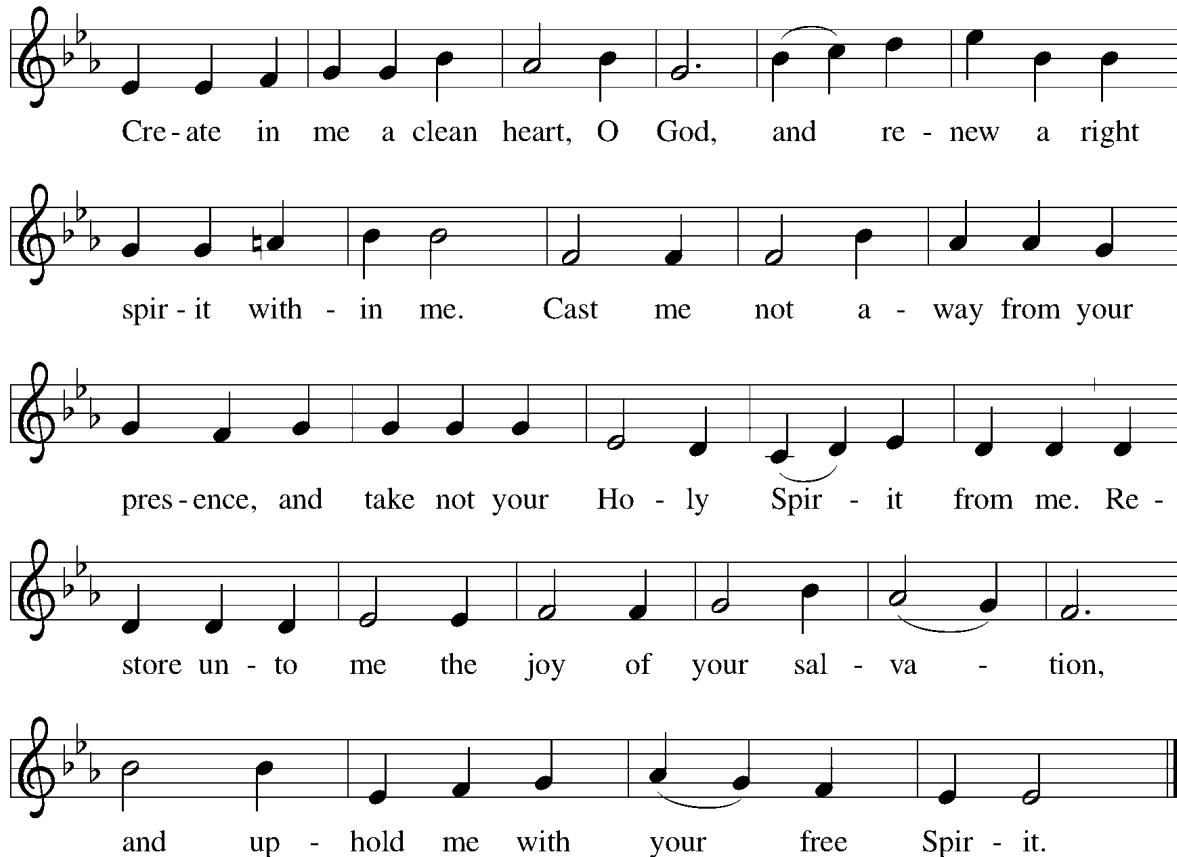
If With All Your Hearts from *Elijah*
Aishwarya Kota, violin - Elaine Koga, piano

Mendelssohn

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY VERSE

Create in Me a Clean Heart



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your
pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-
store un-to me the joy of your sal-va-tion,
and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

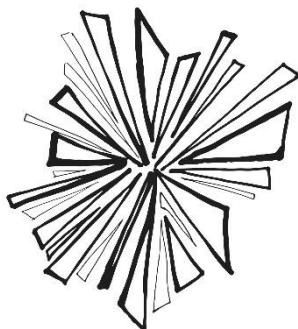
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

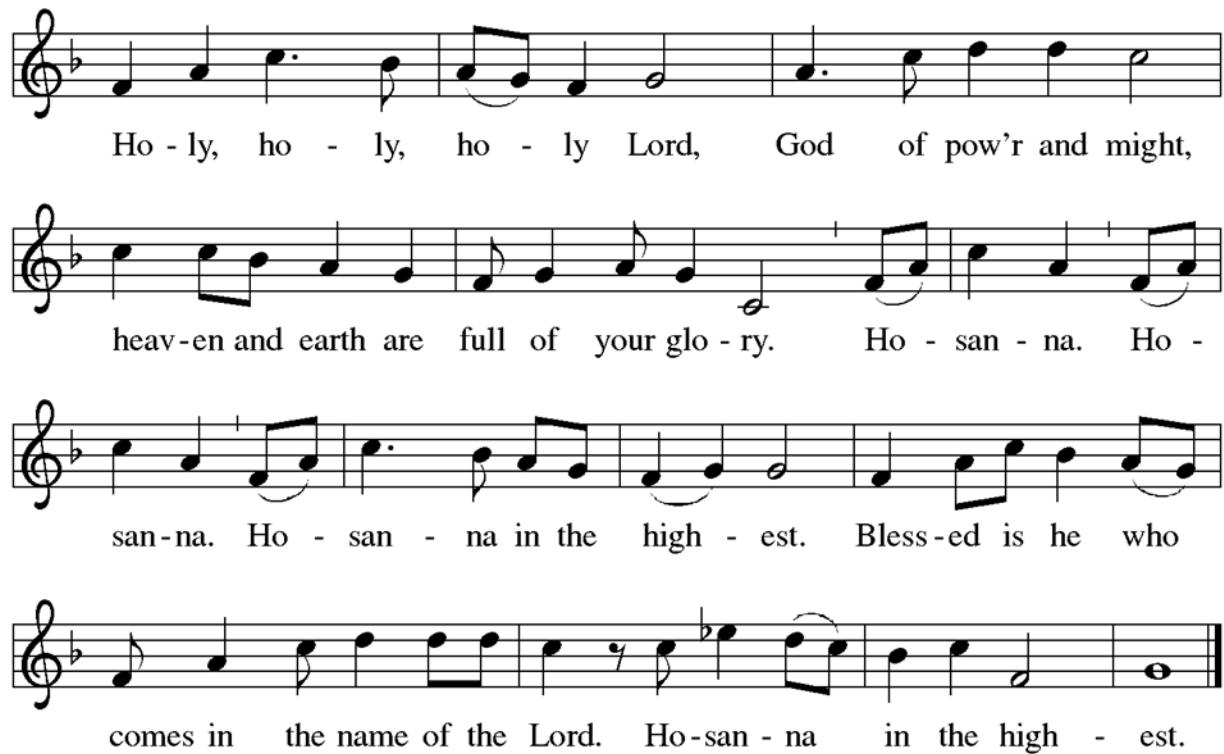
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



SANCTUS



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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed and broke it and shared it with his friends, saying, “Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with his friends, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

We pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

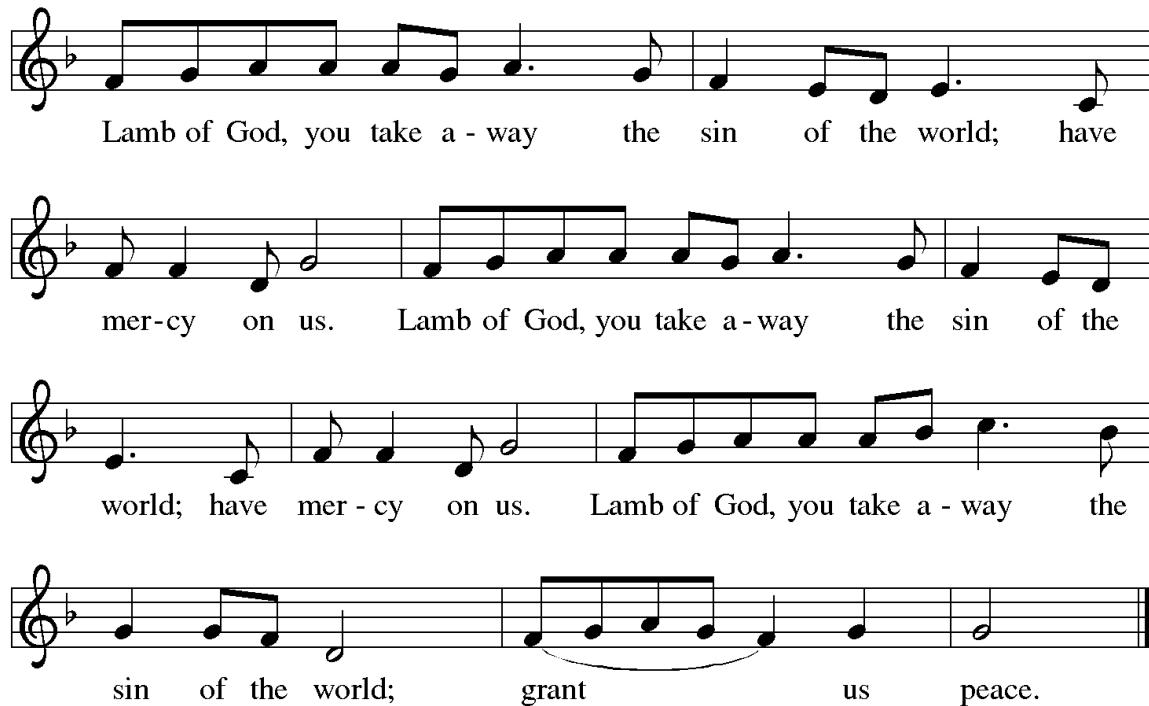
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated. We wait silently as the participants who are worshiping online are communed.

LAMB OF GOD



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 DISTRIBUTION

Communion is received around the altar rail. You are invited to kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. Please follow the directions of the ushers and use the hand sanitizer provided.

Bread is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cup. Please ask if you would like a gluten-free option.

If you wish to be communed in your seat, please let one of the ushers/hospitality team know.

COMMUNION HYMN

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;

your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together. Radiant God,
In the sacrament of Jesus' body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Blessing: Mark the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as a reminder of this sending blessing

BLESSING

May the Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

Amen.



SENDING HYMN

Arise, Your Light Has Come!



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.



SENDING

All children and youth are invited to come forward to participate in the sending.

Go in peace. Share God's love.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

We Three Kings
Elaine Koga, piano

arr. Wendy Lynn Stevens



Thank you to all who are assisting with worship today:

Pastor Lara Forbes, *Preaching and Presiding*
Will Simpson, *Director of Music*
Elaine Koga, *Accompanist*
Tom Getzinger, *Assisting Minister*
Joyce Nelson, *Lector*
Avery Laub, *Acolyte*
John Nelson and Gary Rudolph, *Ushers*
Karin Eklof, *Altar Guild*
David Mills, *Livestream video*
Johannes Grad, *Audio*
Mikel Oswalt and Stella Nielsen, *Greeters*

Volunteers are always welcome! Contact Sherry (sherry@salc.church) to serve as a greeter or coffee host!

**Worship Text for January 11
First Sunday after Epiphany
John 2:1-11**

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Adult Education Hour – 9:00 AM Sundays:

- January 11: Bible Study ~ “The Lost Parables”
- January 18: Budget Business ~ review the 2026 Saint Andrew’s budget with members of the Finance Committee.
- January 25: 9:00 AM Coffee and Conversation. Annual Congregational Meeting at 11:15 AM.

Youth Events: (contact Doug for more information! doug@salc.church)

- January 11: Shared Confirmation Class and High School Group; Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church, 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM.
- January 16: Youth Escape Room! 6:00 PM at “Flee Escape Room, Redmond” \$20. Space is limited. Sign up with Doug.
- January 18: Family Movie night at Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church. 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Save the Date:

Annual Women’s Retreat: March 6-7- 8, 2026

Rainbow Lodge, North Bend

Pastor Deanna Wildermuth, speaker: *“Telling Our Story, Listening for God”*

Brochures with pricing and room requests will be available in a couple weeks.

Let Fellowship Coordinator Sherry Grindeland know if you’re interested in attending ASAP. (We almost sold out last year.) sherry@salc.church or 425-746-2529.

Tuesday, January 6: Dorcas Circle meets at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall South. All are welcome to join! Sewing skills are not necessary!!

Sunday, January 25, 2026

There is a
CALLED MEETING OF THE
CONGREGATION



11:15 AM

Fellowship Hall



Business:

Approve the Budget
Receive a slate of nominees for Council Positions
Quiet Servant recognitions



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Calendar

Sunday, January 4

9:00 AM Adult Education, Constitution Updates
Sunday School (preschool – 5th grade)
10:00 AM Worship

Monday, January 5

10:00 AM Health & Wholeness Meeting
1:00 PM Staff meeting
6:00 PM Finance Committee
7:00 PM Executive Committee

Tuesday, January 6

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
9:30 AM Dorcas Circle
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesday, January 7

10:00 AM Advent Closet Clean out

Thursday, January 8

Friday, January 9

Office is closed

Saturday, January 10

Sunday, January 11

9:00 AM Adult Education, Bible Study
Sunday School (preschool – 5th grade)
10:00 AM Worship

Monday, January 12

1:00 PM Staff meeting
7:00 PM Church Council

Tuesday, January 13

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesday, January 14

1:00 PM Care Team Meeting
4:00 PM

Thursday, January 15

Friday, January 16

Office is closed

Saturday, January 17

Sunday, January 18

9:00 AM Adult Education, Budget Review
Sunday School (preschool – 5th grade)
10:00 AM Worship

Monday, January 19

Office is closed/ Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

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