

Epiphany  
Amazing Grace Communion  
Sunday, January 7, 2018 – 10:45 a.m.



Epiphany means “manifestation.” On this day we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations. Some Christian traditions celebrate three great epiphanies on this day: the magi’s adoration of the Christ child, Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan River, and his first miracle, in which he changes water into wine. The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God’s grace and mercy. We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO RESPOND IN **BOLD PRINT RESPONSES**.

Announcements

### GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness (ELW p.116)

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

Most merciful God, *we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.*

*Amen.*

Gathering Hymn: "Oh, Love, How Deep" ELW #322

Greeting (ELW p.120) 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.*

Kyrie (ELW p.120)

Canticle of Prayer (ELW p. 122)

Prayer of the Day: *(PLEASE SEE SCREEN)*

### WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 *Response: Thanks be to God*

Psalm: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12 *Response: Thanks be to God*

Gospel Acclamation (ELW p.124)

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

*Response before the reading: Glory to you, O Lord.*

*Response after the reading: Praise to you, O Christ.*

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "Baptized and Set Free" ELW #453

Nicene Creed (ELW p. 126)

Prayers of Intercession: Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Peace: The Peace of Christ be with you always. *And also with you.*

### MEAL

Offering

Offering Song: "Create in Me a Clean Heart" ELW #186

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving (ELW p. 129)

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy (ELW p. 130)

Lord's Prayer (ELW p.134)

Lamb of God (ELW p.135)

Communion - *please follow the usher's direction for communion. ALL are welcome at the table.*

Communion Music

Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion (ELW p.136)

### SENDING

Blessing (ELW p.136)

Sending Hymn: "Go, My Children, With My Blessing" ELW #543

Dismissal: We go out into the world

*sharing the love of God, spreading the Word of God, and serving the children of God.*

Christ goes with us!

*Thanks be to God!*



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**Please remember to sign the Pew Card at end of the Pew in the Black Booklet.**

**Holy Communion** is celebrated every Sunday at both worship services. We practice open communion. All are welcome at the table. If you wish to receive communion, hold your hands open to receive the bread. You may choose to take the wine either by individual glass (trays) or by drinking from the common cup (chalice). Grape juice is available in the glasses at the center of the tray. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. Parents may instruct their children on their participation in communion. Gluten free wafers are available at your request. If you desire gluten free wafers, please let the Pastor know at the time of Communion

**Visiting Grace?** If you would like more information about the mission and ministry of God through Grace Lutheran (GLC), please stop by the hospitality kiosk for a visitor brochure and additional information. Please sign the guest register or a pew pad if you would like more information or to be contacted.

**Assisted hearing devices** are available from ushers upon request.

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