



## January 10, 2021 Epiphany



### Worship Participants

Assisting Minister: Pastor Lamont Koerner  
Preaching Today: Pastor Meredith McGrath  
Organist/Pianist: Brian Voss  
Hymn Leader: Janet Beckman

The feast of Epiphany (“manifestation”) concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people.

### Prelude

### Welcome

**Hymn:** *ELW 308 - O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!, verses 1 & 4*

### 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.**

### Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

### Sermon

### Generosity Moment/Announcement of Elim Foundation Gifts

**Hymn:** *ELW 453 - Baptized and Set Free, verses 1 & 4*

### 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 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.**

**Prayers of the People**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Blessing and Sending**

**Postlude**

The **Epiphany banner** in the sanctuary was used in Saudi Arabia in the 1950's when Scandia residents, Anna & Rodney Engquist, worked there for Aramco. Being in a Muslim country, no Christian religious symbols were/are allowed. The Aramco employees who gathered for Christian worship had to call the meeting Fellowship Time. As Christmas approached, the congregation realized they could not have the traditional decorations (trees, crèche set, etc.). Anna Engquist acquired this scene painted on silk that shows the 3 Magi and the Pyramids...all acceptable for the Muslim authorities. When Rodney & Anna returned to Scandia, they brought it home with them. For many years it was rolled up and on a closet shelf in the Elim Sacristy.

**Reminder!**

**Second Budget Listening Session**

**Wednesday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m**

**Go to <https://zoom.us/join> or call 1-312-626-6799**

Enter the Meeting ID and Passcode when prompted.

**Meeting ID: 945 1449 3905**

**Passcode: 057127**

For readings, refer to your Bible or use an online Bible source, such as [Bible Gateway](#). [NOTE: The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) is used.]