

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
(observed)

Dove of Peace Lutheran Church
January 9, 2022 9:30 a.m.

Covid-19 Policy

Masks are required for worshipers, except when receiving communion.
Worship leaders may remove their masks to speak or to chant.

IF YOU HAVE A POSITIVE TEST FOR COVID, please contact our pastor so that we can assess if others may have been exposed, and make appropriate notifications. Your identity and health will be treated with discretion.
[direct line to Pastor Springer's voicemail: 520-445-8730]

EXTRA PRECAUTIONS AREA

The northeast quadrant of the sanctuary is set aside for worshipers who are taking extra precautions to protect themselves and others.

1. A physical distance of at least six feet must be maintained.
2. The exchange of peace is made only with words, and only at a distance of at least six feet.

OFFERING

We are currently not passing the offering plates within the worship service, to avoid possible Covid transmission.

We have an offering plate on the table in the entrance foyer. Please place your offering there as you enter or leave the sanctuary.

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January 9, 2022

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Holy Communion Setting IV

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen Springer

The feast of Epiphany (“manifestation”) concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. 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.

PROLOGUE

Pamela Decker, pipe organ

Es ist das Heil uns kommen her
(Salvation Now Is Come to Earth)
Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

The German Baroque-period composer/organist Johann Gottfried Walther was an almost exact contemporary of his cousin J.S. Bach. Walther is known for having produced the first dictionary of music, the “Musikalisches Lexikon,” which was impressively comprehensive and inclusive of information on musical terms and composers’ biographical details. He was an accomplished and prolific composer of both liturgical and secular music.



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
 2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -
 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
 in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
 falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.
 when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
 In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
 of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though
 heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your
 and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
 dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and
 mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For
 lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.
you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.
for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

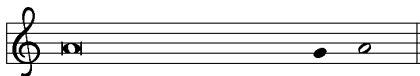
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| 5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
our voices gaily blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation!
Exultation!
Tell the story!
Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory! | 6 What joy to know, when life is past,
the Lord we love is first and last,
the end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
transport us to that happy place
beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
for the day of your returning. |
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Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai
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*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.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



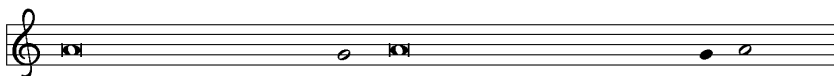
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



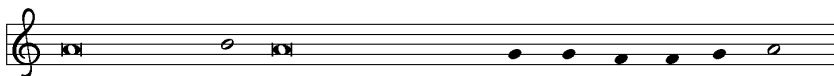
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

A - men.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

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.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

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.

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift 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 on their nurses' arms.

⁵Then 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.

⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

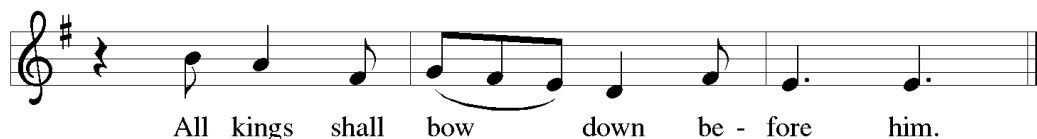
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY (ELW): Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

The refrain is first introduced by the leader, then repeated by the assembly.



Psalm 72:11

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- ¹Give the king your jus- ¹tice, O God,
and your righteousness to ¹the king's son;
²**that he may rule your ¹people righteously
and the ¹poor with justice;**
³that the mountains may bring prosperity ¹to the people,
and the ¹hills, in righteousness.
⁴**Let him defend the needy a- ¹mong the people,
rescue the poor, and crush ¹the oppressor. REFRAIN**
⁵May he live as long as the sun and ¹moon endure,
from one generation ¹to another.
⁶**Let him come down like rain upon ¹the mown field,
like showers that wa- ¹ter the earth.**
⁷In his time may the ¹righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall ¹be no more.
¹⁰**May the kings of Tarshish and of the ¹isles pay tribute,
and the kings of Sheba and Seba ¹offer gifts. REFRAIN**
¹¹May all kings bow ¹down before him,

and all the nations ¹ do him service.

¹²**For the king delivers the poor who cry out ¹ in distress,
the oppressed, and those who ¹ have no helper.**

¹³He has compassion on the low- ¹ ly and poor,
and preserves the lives ¹ of the needy.

¹⁴**From oppression and violence he re- ¹ deems their lives,
and precious is their blood ¹ in his sight. REFRAIN**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.

A reading from Ephesians.

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And 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.

SERMON

Pastor Stephen Springer



1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
 3 What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,
 5 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.
 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
 Shall we bring in - cense and of - f'rings di - vine,
 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;
 dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.



Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
 gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
 rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,
 Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.
 mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.
 myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?
 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
 guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.

Music: MORNING STAR, James P. Harding, 1850–1911, adapt.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Each petition concludes, “Lord in your, mercy,”
and the assembly responds, “**Hear our prayer.**”*

***PEACE**

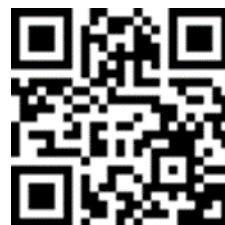
*The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.*

After the assembly and the presiding minister exchange the peace, you are welcome to share the peace with others. Please do not presume that shaking hands or other touch is suitable for everyone. There is no physical exchange of peace in the extra precautions (NE) quadrant of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

*(In-person worshipers may place their contributions in the offering plate
in the church foyer before or after worship.)*

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OFFERTORY

Members of Dove of Peace Chancel Choir

To the Christ Child
Regina Holmen Fryxell (1899-1993)

Juilliard-trained organist Regina Holmen Fryxell taught music for many years at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, where she earned her undergraduate degrees in music and English. As a composer, she wrote numerous anthems, including today's piece for unison choir in chant-like style. Notably, she contributed to the church's hymnal Service Book and Hymnal (1958) by setting several of the liturgical texts.

O wondrous Child!

The lowing kine have never gazed on face like Thine;
The light of stars was never shed on cradle like Thy manger bed;
The wise have found no greater joy than comes from Thee,
Thou blessed Boy!

O wondrous Child!

Where angels sing, where wise men richest treasures bring,
Where shepherds worship, can there be a place at Thy nativity
For us whose hearts in eager quest are seeking joy and peace and rest?

'Tis joy to have the joy Thou hast,
'Tis peace when sin and shame ar past,
'Tis love to have Thee in the heart,
'Tis pow'r to know the Christ Thou art.

O wondrous Child!

Our Light, our Guide, we worship Thee Thou blessed Child!
Frank Mason North (1850-1935)

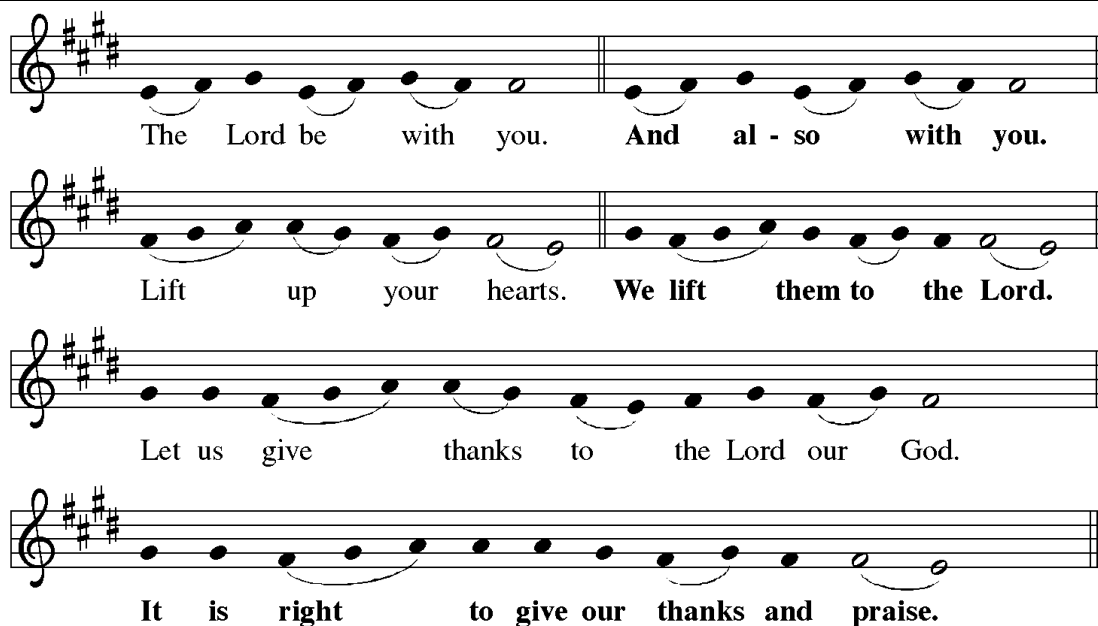
***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.
Gracious God,
your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth.
As we offer ourselves and these your gifts,
prepare us to receive the grace and truth
you offer at this table
and renew in us the song of your salvation,
in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

***DIALOGUE**

Setting Four



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

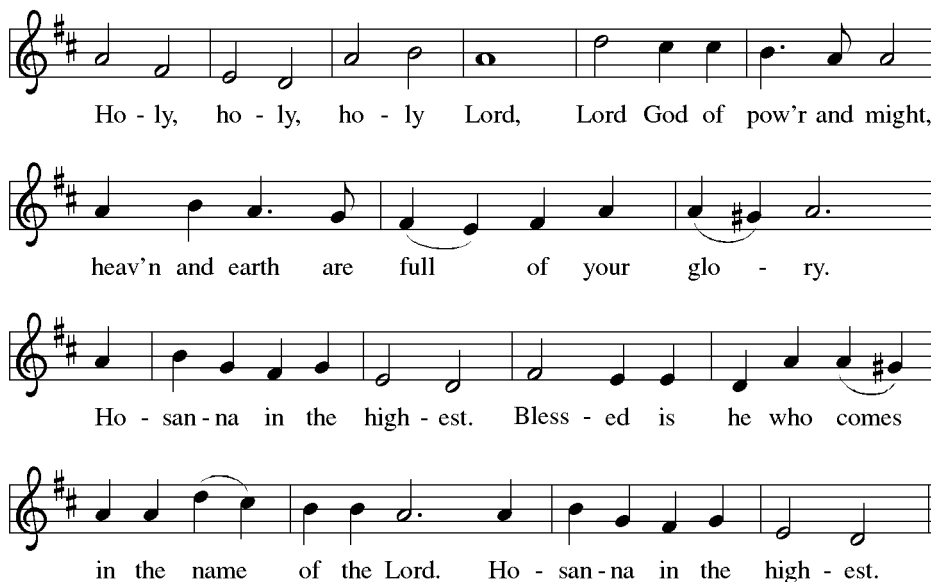
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across bar lines.

***PREFACE (Epiphany)**

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

***PRAYER AT THE TABLE**

Prayer Three

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.



***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*If you wish, you may join hands with members of your own household.
Please do not join hands with others unless you have prior consent.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**



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, grant us peace.

***INVITATION TO THE MEAL**

“The gifts of God for the people of God.”

“Come; for all things are now ready.” [Luke 14:17b, KJV]

The assembly sits. Worshipers who wish to receive communion may approach the altar (see guidelines below)

Option One: Communion by intinction (as before Covid)

Worshipers may stand or kneel at the altar rail, and then may lower their mask to receive communion. The bread wafer will be placed in your hand by the pastor. When the chalice is offered, you may dip the tip of the wafer into the wine, and then consume the wafer.

Option Two: Packaged wafer

A sealed packet will be available at (or near) the baptismal font. It contains a host wafer which you may receive when you return to your seat.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Pamela Decker, pipe organ

*Es ist das Heil uns kommen her
(Salvation Now Is Come to Earth)
Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert was a late-Romantic (and/or somewhat transitional post-Romantic) German composer who wrote extensively for the organ. His music displays Baroque-influenced counterpoint perfumed with liberal sprays of chromaticism, kaleidoscopic key modulations, and lush harmonic progressions. He served as a professor of music theory and composition at the Leipzig Conservatory and appeared frequently as a performer.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus,
God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.

As we have shared this feast of love,
strengthen us to share your love with all the world.
In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

COMMISSION

The Lord sends us forth into his world.

“Re-Thinking Evangelism 2”

A brief message from our external communication task force

***BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.



1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the
 2 On that ho - ly Christ - mas night through the dark - ness
 3 Sa - ges from the east a - far, when they saw this
 4 Him they found in Beth - le - hem, yet he wore no



heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.
 beamed a light; all the stars a - bove were pal - ing,
 won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions
 di - a - dem; there they saw a maid - en low - ly



All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to
 all their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing as the won - drous
 and to of - fer their ob - la - tions to the child, the
 with an in - fant pure and ho - ly rest - ing in her



heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.
 star drew nigh, as the won - drous star drew nigh.
 new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.
 lov - ing arms, rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.

5 Guided by the star, they found
 him whose praise the ages sound.
 We too have a star to guide us,
 which forever will provide us
 with the light to find our Lord,
 with the light to find our Lord.

6 And this star, as bright as day,
 that will never lead astray
 with its message so appealing,
 is the word of God, revealing
 Christ, the way, the truth, the life,
 Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Jens Christian Aaberg, 1877–1970, alt.

Music: DEJLIG ER DEN HIMMEL BLÅ, Danish, 19th cent.

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Es ist das Heil uns kommen her
(Salvation Now Is Come to Earth)
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Johann Sebastian Bach is recognized as the most prominent and magnificent of all Baroque-period composers. His influence as a contrapuntist and a musical poet extends through all of Western music history and into the compositional techniques and languages of living composers of our time who have been trained in European-influenced programs. He served as a court composer for German noblemen, and as a church musician for many years at the St. Thomas Church in Leipzig. He was also known as a highly accomplished organist. During his lifetime, Bach had two wives (consecutively, not concurrently) and fathered a total of 20 children, of whom 10 survived into adulthood. Four of his sons eventually became composers.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Your light has come.

Thanks be to God.

Eric Holtan, assisting minister and cantor

Christine Alexander, lector

Pamela Decker, organist

The altar flowers today are given by Dottie Hess to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bud Hess, on what would have been his 100th birthday.

In our prayers...

Member **Donna Wagner**, in rehab hospital, recovering from a fall which damaged her femur.

Member **Craig Priest**, hospitalized with cardiopulmonary challenges.

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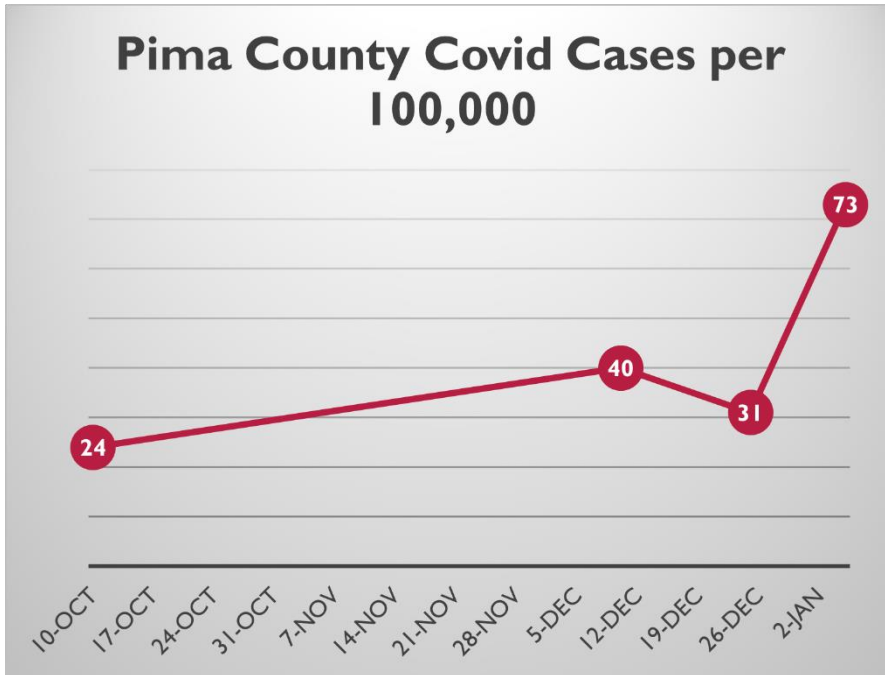


Submit a prayer request by going to
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Worship and the Spread of Covid

The highly transmissible Omicron variant of Covid-19 is now spreading rapidly in Southern Arizona. Our congregation council believes that we should not hold public indoor worship service if the rate of transmission reaches or exceeds 100 daily cases per 100,000 population. (This is a very standard measurement tool in communities everywhere.)



As of January 5, Pima County had a rate of 73 cases per 100,000, and the number continues to rise rapidly.

For comparison:

Pima County	73
Maricopa County	102
Arizona statewide	101
Los Angeles, CA	224
Miami, FL	525
Chicago, IL	207
Las Vegas, NV	125
Santa Fe, NM	106
El Paso, TX	68
Denver, CO	192

Because the data fluctuates significantly on a daily basis, we rely on an average taken over a period of seven to fourteen days.

With Omicron, case numbers tend to double on a weekly basis.

It is reasonable to expect the numbers to rise drastically in Tucson in the next few days and weeks, and to plan accordingly.

Our congregation council has developed a comprehensive set of guidelines for staff and worship leaders, and for other matters. You can see the entire set on our website:

doveofpeaceutcson.org/covid

If the average daily case statistic rises above 100 per 100,000 in Pima County:

- We will close the 9:30 a.m. worship service to all but those who are involved in producing the video service for live stream and later viewing.
- We will encourage worshipers to take advantage of our outdoor service or our online worship, which will continue at 11:00 a.m.
- We will re-open for indoor public worship once the statistic drops below 100 again.

If you discover that you have contracted Covid, and if you have been to worship recently, please contact our pastor, so he can determine who else might have been exposed and make appropriate notifications.

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