

# EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
December 8, 2024, 10:30 AM  
Austin Campus Praise Worship

## Gather

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**GATHERING SONG:** *COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH:** *LIGHT ONE CANDLE*

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Light two candles to watch for Messiah:  
Let the light banish darkness.  
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,  
Gently lead them homeward.

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**SONG OF PRAISE:** *HOPE FOR EVERYONE*

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

**P:** From the one who is and who was and who is to come, grace and peace be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

## Word

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### WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

**FIRST READING:** *MALACHI 3:1-4*

<sup>1</sup> See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

**A:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup> constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup> because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup> to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup> having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL READING: LUKE 3:1-6

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene,<sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### NICENE CREED

A: Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;**

**through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**SONG OF THE DAY:** *LIGHT OF THE WORLD*

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** (*after each petition...*)

A: Lord, in your mercy,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

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**SHARING THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C: **And also with you.**

**OFFERING:** *PREPARE THE WAY*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: 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. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

#### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: Holy One....

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: 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.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: 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.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*Christ welcomes you to the meal of grace! All who desire to receive Christ's nourishment and grace may join us at the Lord's Table. Please come to the table by the center aisle and return to your seat by the front or side aisle. Communion is by intinction; dip the bread in the red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

**COMMUNION SONG:** *COME TO THE TABLE*

#### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER**

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#### **BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING SONG:** *GOD SO LOVED*

## **SENDING**

L: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister:

Pastor Heidi Johns

Assisting Minister:

Mike Wipperman

Praise Team:

Gabe Ferraiuolo, Dick Lane, Mary Miller, Maggie Moore,  
Thom Reitz, Erika & Scott Watamaniuk

A/V:

Spencer Watamaniuk, Evan Barnes

Ushers:

Bob & Kris Mangan

Communion:

Diana & Reid Pearson, Lindsay & Troy Wipperman

Acolytes:

Reid Pearson, Troy Wipperman