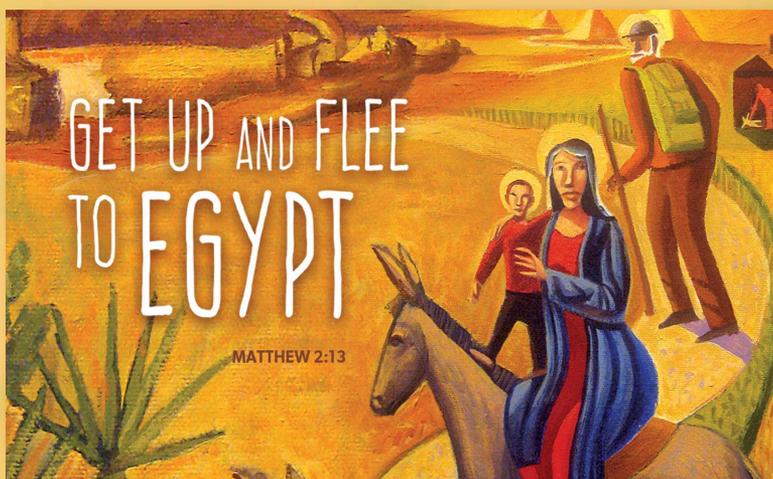


Welcome to Glory Lutheran Church



Epiphany of Our Lord

First Sunday of Christmas
January 1, 2023

Reaching Up... Reaching Out... Reaching In...

Gathering Hymn: The First Noel

sing verses 1-3

1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing
3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . . .
4 This star drew near to the . . . north - west, o'er . . .
5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . . .

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the
wise . . . men came . . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and there it
rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -
king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the
there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and

Refrain
night that was so deep.
tin - ued both day and night.
star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
place where Je - sus lay.
myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

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el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: English traditional

Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, English traditional; arr. John Stainer, 1840–1901

Confession & Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of life,

C: you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace.

We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security.

We nurture conflict and build barriers.

We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation.

Have mercy on us.

Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.

Where we are reluctant, give us courage.

Where we are cynical, restore our trust.

Renew us with your grace

and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.

Amen.

P: Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In + Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed.

Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God.

C: Amen.

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Please take time to say "Peace be with you" as directed.

Hymn: The First Noel

sing verses 4-5 (see page 2)

Children's Time

First Lesson:

Isaiah 60:1-6

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

L: Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.

**C: May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.**

L: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

**C: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**

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L: May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all genera-
tions.

**C: May he be like rain that falls on the mown
grass,
like showers that water the earth.**

L: In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

**C: May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles
render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.**

L: May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service.

**C: For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.**

L: He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.

**C: From oppression and violence he
redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel Lesson - First Reading: Matthew 2:1-12
C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

We Three Kings of Orient Are

sing verses 1-3



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain;
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty night;
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;



field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
king for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
prayer and prais - ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
heav'n sings al - le - lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



Refrain



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!



Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820-1891, alt.

Music: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT, John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820-1891

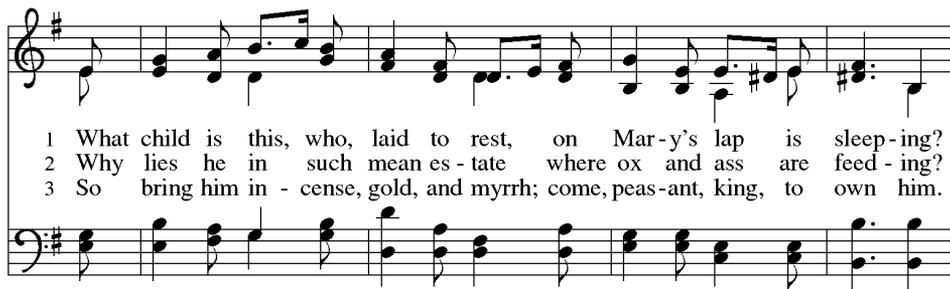
Gospel Lesson - Second Reading: Matthew 2:13-23
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

We Three Kings of Orient Are
sing verses 4-5 (see page 6)

SERMON

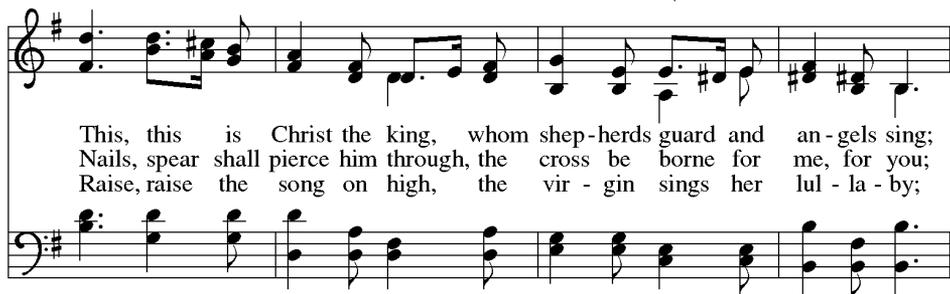
Hymn of the Day - What Child is This?



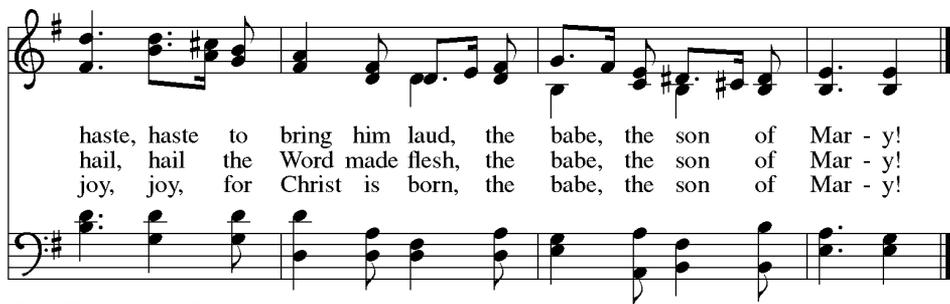
1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Confession of Faith - Nicene Creed

**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.**

Offering

*As you leave, you may place your offering onto
the plate located at the back of the church
or use the online options available on our website.*

Offertory Prayer

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered.
Join our hearts with the song of the angels and gather us at your
table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the
abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ,
the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

Prayers

Prayer Response:

P: God of grace, C: hear our prayer.

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

BLESSING

Announcements

Sending Song: Jesus, What a Wonderful Child

Je - sus, Je - sus, oh, what a won - der - ful child.

Je - sus, Je - sus, so ho - ly, meek, and

mild; new life, new hope the child will bring.

Lis - ten to the an - gels sing: "Glo - ry, glo - ry,

glo - ry," let the heav - ens ring!

Dismissal



Funeral Announcement

It is with sadness we announce that a friend of several Glory members,
Alan Fossen, passed away on December 14, 2022.

The family would like to invite to the funeral those of you who knew Alan and his wife, Mona.
The funeral will be held at Mount Olivet on **Saturday, January 7, at 2:00 pm.**

Thank You

to those who made contributions to this week's bulletin and to members who assisted in today's service.

**Worship Planners, Altar Guild, Musicians,
AV Techs, Greeters, Ushers,**

Reader: Mark Becker

Church Lock-Up: Dave Hauf

To volunteer, please sign up on the sheet on the easel in the Narthex.

Attendance & Offering:

	Online	In-Person	Offering
December 24 - 4pm	70	164	\$4998.40
December 24 - 7pm	n/a	25	\$180.00
December 25	n/a	19	\$2660.00

Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 29, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17

The service this morning will be both recorded and live streamed.

This can be accessed on our website, glorylutheran.ca.

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