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# EPIPHANY



*The Epiphany of our Lord*  
*January 5, 2025*

**Service Notes:** Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, and 150 in the front of the hymnal will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper. Prayers for worship preparation are on pages 10 and 11. A form for Communion preparation is on page 156.

- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.
- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

## **THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)**

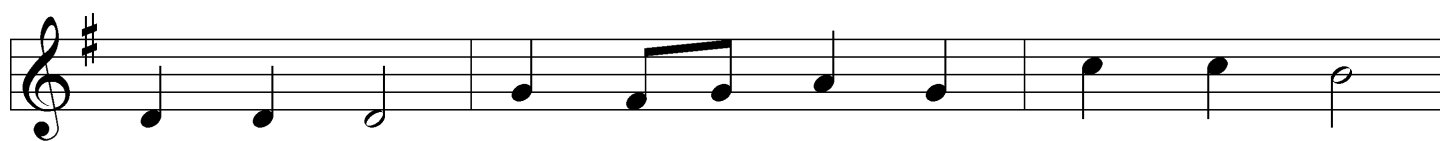
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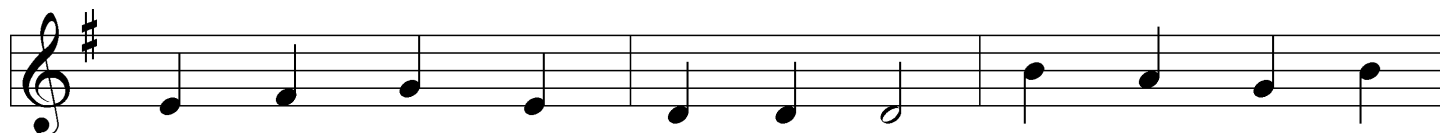
As with Gladness Men of Old



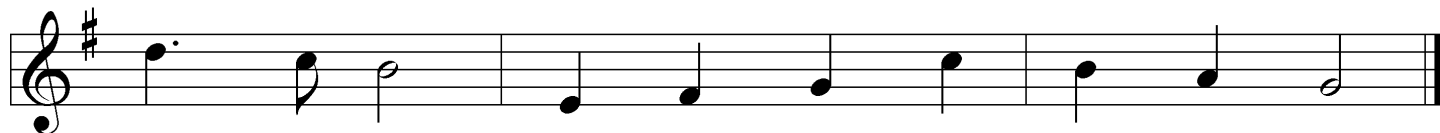
1 As with glad - ness men of old Did the guid - ing  
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to your  
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare At your cra - dle,  
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day Keep us in the  
 5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright Need they no cre -



star be - hold, As with joy they hailed its light,  
 low - ly bed, There to bend the knee be - fore  
 rude and bare, So may we with ho - ly joy,  
 nar - row way; And, when earth - ly things are past,  
 a - ted light; You its light, its joy, its crown,



Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright, So, most gra - cious  
 You whom heav'n and earth a - dore, So may we with  
 Pure and free from sin's al - loy, All our cost - liest  
 Bring our ran - somed souls at last Where they need no  
 You its sun which goes not down. There for - ev - er



Lord, may we Ev - er - more your fol - lowers be.  
 will - ing feet Ev - er seek your mer - cy seat.  
 treas - ures bring, Christ, to you, our heav'n - ly King.  
 star to guide, Where no clouds your glo - ry hide.  
 may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98, alt.  
 Tune: DIX (77 77 77) Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872, alt.

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.



## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: 'Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: 'on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.' The lyrics are written below the staves.

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

### GLORY BE TO GOD (*Gloria in excelsis*)



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;  
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,  
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

Lord God, by the leading of a star you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith, to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

**BE SEATED**



## THE WORD

### **FIRST LESSON:** 1 Kings 10:1-9

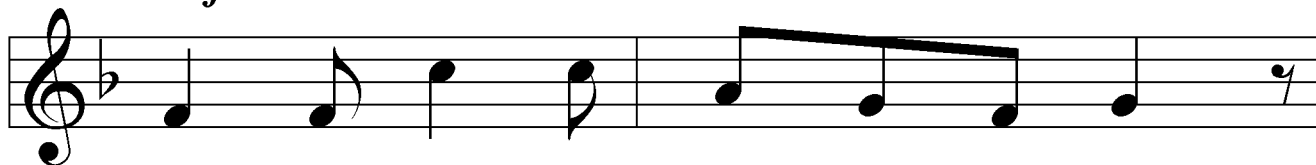
**10** Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to test him with hard questions. <sup>2</sup> She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels bearing spices and very much gold and precious stones. And when she came to Solomon, she told him all that was on her mind. <sup>3</sup> And Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing hidden from the king that he could not explain to her. <sup>4</sup> And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, <sup>5</sup> the food of his table, the seating of his officials, and the attendance of his servants, their clothing, his cupbearers, and his burnt offerings that he offered at the house of the the LORD, there was no more breath in her.

<sup>6</sup> And she said to the king, “The report was true that I heard in my own land of your words and of your wisdom, <sup>7</sup> but I did not believe the reports until I came and my own eyes had seen it. And behold, the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity surpass the report that I heard. <sup>8</sup> Happy are your men! Happy are your servants, who continually stand before you and hear your wisdom! <sup>9</sup> Blessed be the LORD your God, who has delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because the LORD loved Israel forever, he has made you king, that you may execute justice and righteousness.

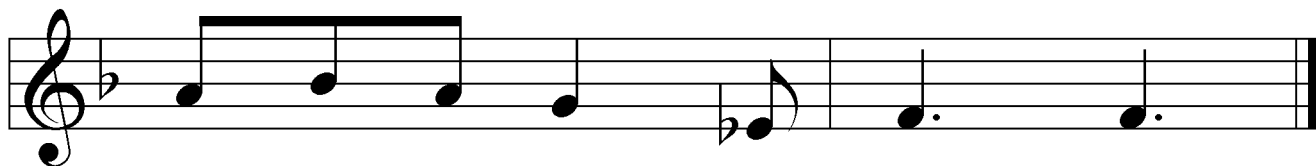
### **PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 72

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*Refrain*



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

*Psalm tone*



Endow the King with your justice, O God,\*  
the royal Son with your righteousness.

He will defend the afflicted among the people\*  
And save the children of the needy.

He will endure as long as the sun,\*  
as long as the moon, through all generations.

He will be like rain falling on a mown field,\*  
like showers watering the earth. **Refrain**

All kings will bow down to him,\*  
and all nations will serve him.

All nations will be blessed through him\*  
and they will call him blessed.

Praise be to the LORD God, who alone does marvelous deeds,\*  
May the whole earth be filled with his glory.



**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen. *Refrain***

## **SECOND LESSON: Acts 13:46-49**

<sup>46</sup> And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, “It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. <sup>47</sup> For so the Lord has commanded us, saying,

“I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.”

<sup>48</sup> And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. <sup>49</sup> And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY (Cantor)**

***Refrain:*** Alleluia! **2x**

**Verse:** We have seen his star in the east and have come to worship him. ***Refrain***

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### **STAND**

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



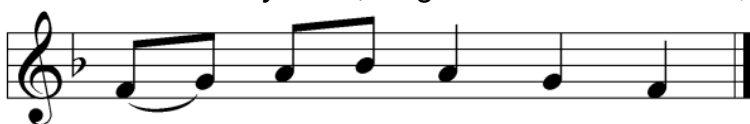
## GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12

**2** Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> saying, “Where he is who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> “And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” <sup>9</sup> After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup> And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, and they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

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**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## **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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

***BE SEATED***

### **GOSPEL RESPONSE: (Cantor)**

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord. We have seen his star in the east, and have come with gifts to worship the Lord.

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**HYMN OF THE DAY: #79 “How Lovely Shines the Morning  
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# 79 How Lovely Shines the Morning Star



1 How love - ly shines the Morn - ing Star! The na - tions see and  
 2 O high - est joy by mor - tals won, True Son of God and  
 3 O might - y Fa - ther, in your Son You loved me ere you  
 4 Oh, joy to know that you, my Friend, Are Lord, be - gin - ning  
 5 Lift up the voice and strike the string, Let all glad sounds of



hail a - far The light in Ju - dah shin - ing.  
 Mar - y's Son, The high - born King of a - ges!  
 had be - gun This an - cient world's foun - da - tion.  
 with - out end, The first and last, e - ter - nal!  
 mu - sic ring In God's high prais - es blend - ed.



O Da - vid's Son of Ja - cob's race, My Bride - groom  
 In your blest bod - y let me be, E'en as the  
 Your Son has made a friend of me, And when in  
 And you at length— O glo - rious grace— Will take me  
 Christ will be with me all the way, To - day, to -



and my King of grace, For you my heart is pin - ing.  
 branch is in the tree, Your life my life sup - ply - ing.  
 spir - it him I see, I joy in trib - u - la - tion.  
 to that ho - ly place, The home of joys su - per - nal.  
 mor - row, ev - 'ry day Till trav - 'ling days are end - ed.



Low - ly, Ho - ly, Great and glo - rious, O vic - to - rious  
 Sigh - ing, Cry - ing For the sa - vor Of your fa - vor  
 What bliss Is this! He is liv - ing, To me giv - ing  
 A - men, A - men! Come and meet me, Quick - ly greet me!  
 Sing out, Ring out Tri - umph glo - rious, O vic - to - rious



Prince of gra - ces, Fill - ing all the heav'n - ly pla - ces.  
 Rest - ing nev - er Till I rest in you for - ev - er.  
 Life for - ev - er; Noth - ing me from him can sev - er.  
 With deep yearn - ing, Lord, I look for your re - turn - ing.  
 Chos - en na - tion; Praise the God of your sal - va - tion.

# SERMON

## STAND

### PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH – EPIPHANY (p. 124)

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**M:** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and mary's Son, in the fullness of time you came into the world to save us from sin and death:

**C:** You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

**M:** Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

**C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**

**M:** Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

**C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**

**M:** Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn.

**C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph. **C: Amen.**

## 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.

### **BE SEATED**

*Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.*

**NOTE:** *Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.*

### **STAND**



**THE SACRAMENT (Page 21)**



## PREFACE

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**C:** It is good and right so to do.

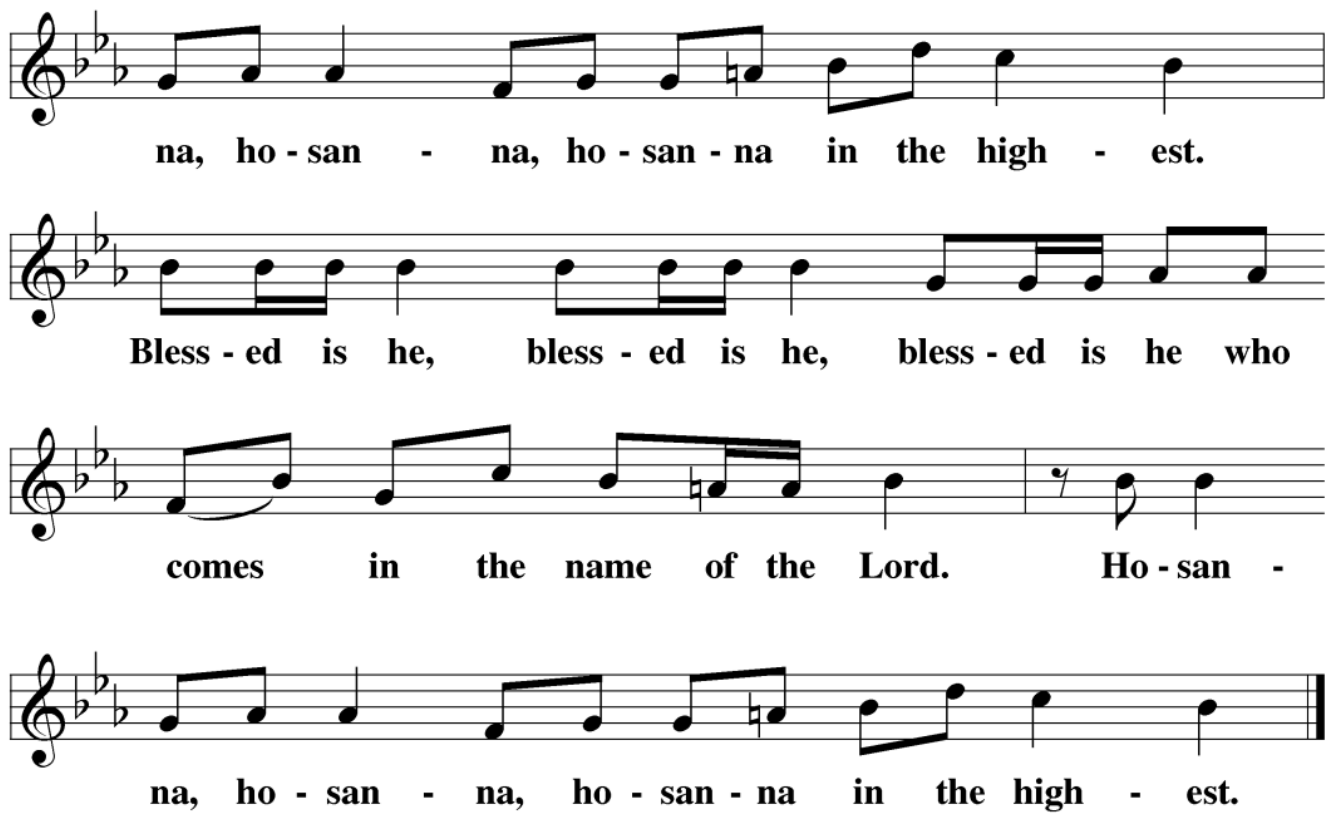
**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



**C:** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -

na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION


**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M:** The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.




C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



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



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

**BE SEATED**

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### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

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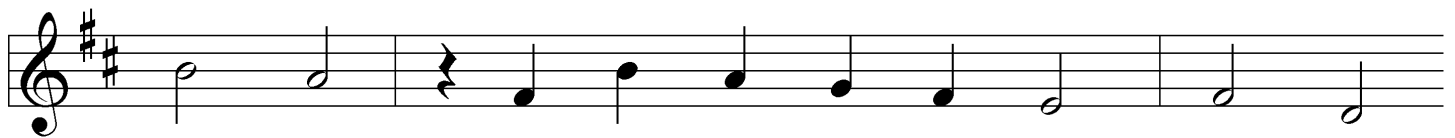
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## Arise and Shine in Splendor



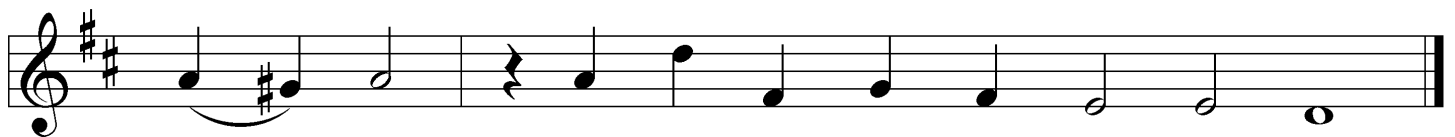
1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; Let night to day sur -  
 2 See earth in dark - ness ly - ing, The hea - then na - tions  
 3 Lift up your eyes in won - der— See, na - tions gath - er  
 4 Your heart will leap for glad - ness When from the realms of



ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near. A - bove,  
 dy - ing In hope - less gloom and night. To you  
 yon - der From sin to be set free. The world  
 sad - ness They come from near and far. Your eyes



the day is beam - ing, In match - less beau - ty  
 the Lord of heav - en— Your life, your hope—has  
 has heard your sto - ry; Your sons come to your  
 will wake from slum - ber As peo - ple with - out



gleam - ing; The glo - ry of the Lord is here.  
 giv - en Great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.  
 glo - ry, And daugh - ters haste your light to see.  
 num - ber Re - joice to see the Morn - ing Star.

Text: Martin Opitz, 1597–1639, abr.; tr. Gerhard Gieschen, b. 1899–1987, alt.

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## Hail to the Lord's Anointed



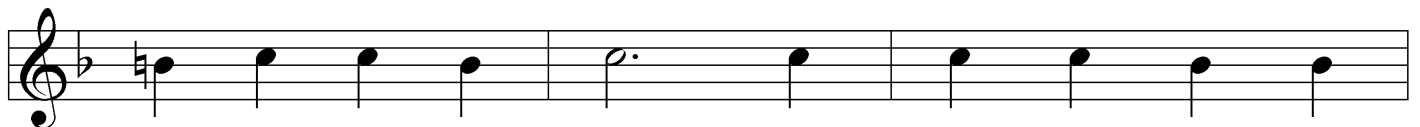
1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er  
 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer  
 3 Kings shall bow down be - fore him And gold and in - cense  
 4 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on his throne shall



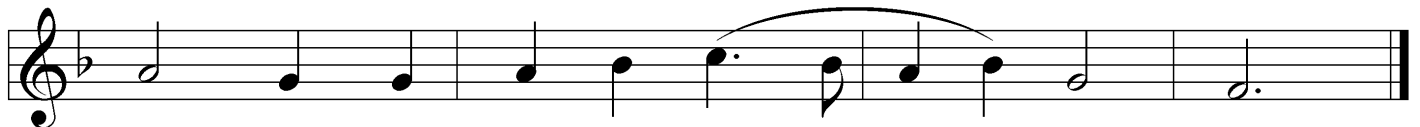
Son! Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on  
 wrong, To help the poor and need - y And bid the  
 bring; All na - tions shall a - dore him; His praise all  
 rest, From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing



earth be - gun! He comes to break op - pres - sion, To  
 weak be strong, To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their  
 peo - ple sing. To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And  
 and all - blest. The tide of time shall nev - er His



set the cap - tive free, To take a - way trans -  
 dark - ness turn to light Whose souls, con - demned and  
 dai - ly vows as - cend, His king - dom still in -  
 cov - e - nant re - move; His name shall stand for -



gres - sion, And rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 dy - ing, Are pre - cious in his sight.  
 creas - ing, A king - dom with - out end.  
 ev - er— That name to us is Love.

# THANKSGIVING (page 24)

STAND

## SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc dimittis*)

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

### OFFICIANTS:

Preacher and Celebrant: Pastor Paul Schaefer

Communion Assistant: Mark Castellese; Soloist: Scott Beckerman

### THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service  
-10:45 AM Removal and storage of Christmas decorations  
-10:45 AM Pickup your poinsettia(s)

Wednesday - 9:30 AM Online Bible Class

Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service

Serving January 12: Altar Guild: Jan Jacobi; Ushers: #1

**PASTORAL CARE & MERCY** – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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