

# St. Luke Lutheran Church

**"Energized by God's Love"**

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**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**  
**Epiphany of our Lord**

**Setting IV**  
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In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

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# WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BLESSING

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[C] 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.

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[P] Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SENDING HYMN

**"HE CAME DOWN"**

**ELW #253**

## BENEDICTION

[P] The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter, ✚  
bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

[C] Amen.

**THE DISMISSAL**

[A] Our worship continues; our service is just begun. Go in peace to love and serve  
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**ELW #253**

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bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

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## **"LAMB OF GOD"**

*(music found on page 154)*

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Our Lord Jesus is the host of his table. He invites all to come to him. Everyone is welcome to commune with communion fellowship cups or by intinction with bread and your choice of wine or grape juice. If you are not communing, please come up to receive a blessing of the day.

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[C] 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"**

*(music found on page 154)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - THE EUCHARIST (be seated)

Our Lord Jesus is the host of his table. He invites all to come to him. Everyone is welcome to commune with communion fellowship cups or by intinction with bread and your choice of wine or grape juice. If you are not communing, please come up to receive a blessing of the day.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

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## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

[P] Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us.

[C] Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SENDING HYMN

**"HE CAME DOWN"**

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## BENEDICTION

[P] The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter, ✝  
bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

[C] Amen.

**THE DISMISSAL**

[A] Our worship continues; our service is just begun. Go in peace to love and serve  
The Lord.

[C] **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**POSTLUDE:**

***“A POSTLUDE FOR CHRISTMAS”***  
(By Lani Smith)

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