

**St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation**

*Building on the Rock of Jesus and His Word*

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Worship: Thursday, 6:30 pm ~ Sunday, 8:00 & 10:30 am

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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May the time we spend together in God's Word enlighten our hearts so that we may see more clearly the brightness of our Epiphany Light.

*Thank you for joining us for worship. If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or the pastor.*

- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 or FM 100.7 Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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**HOLY COMMUNION** Today we have the privilege of receiving Christ's true body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Through this sacrament the Holy Spirit seals to us the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation for the strengthening of our faith. Scriptures also teach that as we commune together, we are publicly testifying to a complete unity of faith based on a confession of all of God's Word. For this reason, we respectfully request that all of those who are not members **please speak with the pastor before communing** with us. Thank you.

**A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Grant us grace to see you, Lord, mirrored in your holy Word. May our lives and all we do imitate and honor you that we all like you may be at your great epiphany; and may praise you, ever blest, God in man made manifest. Amen.

**SERVICE THEME**

*Good News of Great Joy: For All People*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Setting One | 154-171*

**OPENING HYMN**

*As with Gladness Men of Old | 372*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**HYMN**

*How Lovely Shines the Morning Star | 370 v 1*

**FIRST LESSON**

Numbers 24:15-17a

*God compels the heathen magician Balaam to prophecy that out of the nation of Israel would come one who would shine like a star for all peoples to see.*

Balaam took up his oracle and said:

The declaration of Balaam son of Beor,

the declaration of the man whose eye is open,

<sup>16</sup>the declaration of the one who hears the words of God,

who receives knowledge from the Most High,

who sees the vision of the Almighty,

who is falling down, but his eyes are wide open:

<sup>17</sup>I see him, but not now.

I behold him, but not near.

A star will come out of Jacob.

A scepter will rise up out of Israel.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

*How Lovely Shines the Morning Star | 370 v 2*

## SECOND LESSON

Romans 11:13-15, 28-32

*Paul writes about his passion for sharing the good news with all people.*

I am speaking to you Gentiles. For as long as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I am going to speak highly of my ministry. <sup>14</sup>Perhaps I may make my own people jealous, and so save some of them. <sup>15</sup>For if their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, what does their acceptance mean other than the dead coming to life?

<sup>28</sup>In regard to the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But, in regard to election, they are especially dear for the sake of the patriarchs, <sup>29</sup>because God's gracious gifts and call are not regretted. <sup>30</sup>For just as you were once disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy due to their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so also now they have become disobedient, so that by the mercy shown to you they may be shown mercy too. <sup>32</sup>For God imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may show mercy to all.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

*How Lovely Shines the Morning Star | 370 v 3*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Jesus is the light / of the world;  
In him we have the / light of life.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## GOSPEL (sermon text)

Matthew 2:1-12

*Magi from the east are miraculously led to their Savior, and they worship him.*

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, when Herod was king, Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, <sup>2</sup>“Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was alarmed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup>He gathered together all the people's chief priests and experts in the law. He asked them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, because this was written through the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>You, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are certainly not least among the rulers of Judah: because out of you will come a ruler, who will shepherd my people, Israel.” <sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly summoned the Wise Men and found out from

them exactly when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you find him, report to me, so that I may also go and worship him.”

<sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they went on their way. Then the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them, until it stood still over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced with overwhelming joy. <sup>11</sup>After they went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>Since they had been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## HYMN

*How Lovely Shines the Morning Star | 370 v 4, 5*

## “Come, Worship the King!”

*Pastor Michael Kampman*

1. He Brings Hope for All...For You
2. May Our Lives Be Devoted to Service in His Kingdom

## NICENE CREED & PRAYER

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## GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

## THE SACRAMENT

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## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*All My Heart Again Rejoices | 329*

*Rise Up and Shine | 376*

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*What Child Is This | 344*

**ORGANIST:** Brent Nolte

**GREETERS:** 8:00~Eric & Tracy Freiberg  
10:30~Jane Fell