

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Epiphany Fair

Prepare to celebrate Epiphany on
January 5 at 10:15am

in the Sunday School room with a fun morning learning about the Wise Men.

We'll study the Bible together, learn about chalking the door to mark the new year, and enjoy a King Cake to celebrate.

Who will find the baby Jesus?
You have to come to find out!



Epiphany Worship

Please join us on

January 5, at 9:00am.

This will be our traditional Sunday service, with communion, concluding our Sanctified Art Series. The theme is "Words for the Beginning: The Road Isn't Straight:"

Giving Tree

We still have Giving Tree ornaments available to support ELCA Good Gifts. Select the gift you'd like to give to grow the church, fight hunger, and transform lives and write a check to CTK with "ELCA Good Gifts" in the memo.

We'll also have \$10 ornaments to support a meal at Shobi's Table, a pay-as-you-can mobile café in St. Paul. Take an ornament and write a check to CTK with "Shobi's Table" in the memo.

Ornaments can be taken from the tree.
Payment must be received by 12.31.24

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First Sunday of Christmas
December 29, 2024

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Mike Stepan

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Mike Wallace
Howard Juni

AV
Craig Carlson
Joe Moore

Altar Guild
Lori Fredericks
Lori Wills

Hospitality
Polly Morrison,
Terry & Peggy Keohen,
Joe Danielson,
Mike Wallace



WORDS
FOR THE **BEGINNING**
— DON'T FORGET TO LAUGH —

1660 Birch Lake Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110

**Please stand as you are able.*

GATHERING "Star of David," by P. Murakami KHB
WELCOME
CALL TO WORSHIP Screen
*GATHERING HYMN "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice," ELW 288 Screen
*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS Screen
*SUNG RESPONSE "Angels We Have Heard on High," ELW 289 Screen
*PRAYER OF THE DAY Screen

Let us pray together,

God of angel choruses and contagious laughter, We know that you speak to us in the quiet. You are there, calling our names.

We also trust that when we throw our heads back in laughter, When we skip and sing with gratitude, That even there, you are speaking.

So on this Sunday morning we pray: Open our ears and hearts to hear what it is that you are saying. Meet us in this joy. Meet us in this delight. Meet us in the hope of this Christmas season and reveal the wisdom we need to hear today. With hearts full of gratitude we pray, Amen.

LESSON 1—Listen for Joy

Luke 2:10, p 833 NRSV

Isaiah 9:2-3, p 555 NRSV

SING FOR JOY "Go Tell it on the Mountain," ELW 290 Screen
PRACTICE JOY Joy Found in Scripture
"Holy & Unhindered" by Rev. Sarah Speed Screen

LESSON 2—Listen for Joy

Matthew 2:10, p 784 NRSV

Psalm 148, read responsively Screen

SING FOR JOY "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful," ELW 283 Screen

PRACTICE JOY Joy Found in Community Screen

LESSON 3—Listen for Joy

Psalm 126:1-3, p 499 NRSV

Isaiah 55:12-13, p 598 NRSV

*SING FOR JOY "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," ELW 270 Screen

*PRACTICE JOY Joy Found in Prayer & Giving Screen

After each petition:

Leader: ...God of grace,

All: ...receive our prayer.

Leader: We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

OFFERING "All is Well," by M. W. Smith KHB

*OFFERTORY "Lord of All Good," by B. B. Tradup Screen

*OFFERING PRAYER Screen

Let us pray,

God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of Creation to tell of your salvation from day to day. Amen.

*THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD Screen

*THE LORD'S PRAYER Screen

*BLESSING Screen

*SENDING HYMN "Joy to the World," ELW 267 Screen

*SENDING OUT Screen

POSTLUDE "Joy to the World," arr by KHB KHB

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Please join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service. Sunday School is available for Pre-K - Grade 5 at the same time in the Education Wing.

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