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*In response to God's love for us, we SERVE God,
SUPPORT Christian fellowship,
And SPREAD the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people*

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THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Order of Worship –9 AM

+ Service of Holy Communion +

Divine Service, Setting Three (LSB)

AS WE GATHER – *The star that once led the Magi to the Christ Child is a type of the light that God has caused to shine so that all of us may know Christ Jesus as Savior and Redeemer. We would not have known Him except that the Lord made the light to shine in our darkness to reveal Jesus Christ to us and to lead our fearful hearts to faith. The star still shines through the light of God's Word and leads us into the presence of Him whom the Father sent to be our Savior. The glory of God is His steadfast love and mercy, which He has revealed in Jesus Christ. In Him we have been bidden, and in Him we come. Like Luther put it in the explanation of the Creed, the faithful response is to serve, praise, thank, and obey the Lord whom God has sent. And by the power of the Holy Spirit, that is exactly what we have come to do today—worship Christ, the Lord of the world.*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"We Three Kings"

by Raymond H. Haan

WELCOME

[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

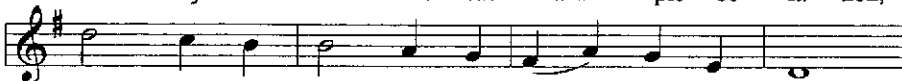
[♯ Means please stand; ♯ Means please be seated]

♯ OPENING HYMN

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning



1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
3 Shall we not yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,



Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
Fra - grance of E - dom and of - f'ings di - vine,
Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure.

(continued)

Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
 An - gels a - dore Him in shum - ber re - clin - ing,
 Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
 Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion;

Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
 Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.
 Myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?
 Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.

5. **Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
 Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
 Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
 Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Based on Psalm 117:2; Isaiah 60:3

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
C **Amen.**
P *Great is the steadfast love of the Lord toward us,*
C **and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**
P *Nations will come to His light,*
C **and kings to the brightness of His rising.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,*
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P *I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,*
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

[Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.]

- P** *O Almighty God, merciful Father,*
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
P *Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
C **Amen.**

INTROIT

Ps. 45:6–8a; antiphon: Ps. 45:17

P *I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;*

C **therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.**

P *Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;*

C **you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.**

P *Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;*

C **your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.**

All: **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.**

P *I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;*

C **therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.**

GLORIA PATRI

C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

KYRIE

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

C: **P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy 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,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

G And with thy spir - it.

P *Let us pray.*

All: O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

A *This is the Word of the Lord.*

G **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 3:1-12

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

A *This is the Word of the Lord.*

G **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA

G Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.*



G *Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.*
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



G *Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
2 Come, heav'n - ly Bride - groom, Light di - vine, And deep with - in
3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when



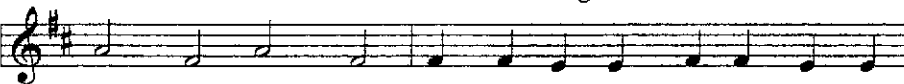
own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!
our hearts now shine; There light a flame un - dy - ing!
from God a - bove A ray of pur - est plea - sure.
not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -
In Your one bod - y let us be As liv - ing branch -
Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls
Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!
es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing.
with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!
here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,
Now, though dai - ly Earth's deep sad - ness May per - plex us
Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing

(continued)



Rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
 And dis - tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy You bless us.
 For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.
 Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

5. O let the harps break forth in sound!
 Our joy be all with music crowned,
 Our voices gladly blending!
 For Christ goes with us all the way—
 Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
 His love is never ending!
 Sing out! Ring out!
 Jubilation!
 Exultation!
 Tell the story!
 Great is He, the King of Glory!
6. What joy to know, when life is past,
 The Lord we love is first and last,
 The end and the beginning!
 He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
 Transport us to that happy place
 Beyond all tears and sinning!
 Amen! Amen!
 Come, Lord Jesus!
 Crown of gladness!
 We are yearning
 For the day of Your returning!

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SERMON "JUST AS MUCH THE STAR" **Matthew 2:1-12**

- I. At Epiphany, we normally focus our attention on the Wise Men.
- II. Epiphany's true focus is on the fulfillment of God's promises to send a Savior.

NICENE CREED

I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made Man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING / CHORAL ANTHEM "Saw You Never in the Twilight"

OFFERTORY *Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God*



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 Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it
 from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-
 tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Bidden by the Spirit, let us approach the throne of light on behalf of all who sit in darkness and the shadow of death and that the people of God may walk in the light. O blessed Lord, we give You thanks that the mystery once hidden has now been revealed and Jesus Christ is come for all people. Grant us boldness so that we may proclaim with confidence this saving Gospel and prepare the hearts of those who hear so that they may believe in Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,* **C** *hear our prayer.*
- P** *Mighty Lord, to You all nations are accountable and all who lead them. Give to us and to all people good government and faithful leaders who will heed Your Word and do Your bidding. Bless all servicemen and servicewomen who protect us near and far and bless all civil servants who serve us for the common good. Lord, in Your mercy,* **C** *hear our prayer.*
- P** *Blessed Savior, You have made Your Church to be the home of all people and bid us welcome the stranger in Your name. Bless our life together around Your Word and Table and bless those who serve us with this ministry on Your behalf. Lord, in Your mercy,*
C *hear our prayer.*
- P** *Gracious Savior, You shine upon us with the light of forgiveness and life. Lead us so that we may forgive one another as You have forgiven us and help us to walk in the way of life here on earth until we dwell in Your nearer presence on high. Lord, in Your mercy,*
C *hear our prayer.*
- P** *Loving God, Your Son came to claim all our ills and to grant us healing, comfort, and peace sufficient for all our needs. We cry to You on behalf of [names . . .] and those we name before You in our hearts, that their suffering be relieved, their sorrows find comfort, and their hearts know the fullness of Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,* **C** *hear our prayer.*
- P** *O Lord of mercy, You have daily fed us with all that we need for this body and life, and now You bid us come to feast upon the flesh and blood of Your Son. Grant us faith, a discerning heart, and repentance that we receive without hindrance all Your gifts in this blest communion. Lord, in Your mercy,* **C** *hear our prayer.*
- P** *Holy Lord, You have set us apart as Your own people by Baptism and granted us faith to walk in Your ways. Keep us faithful so that we persevere in time of trial and temptation and remain in Christ until that day dawns when we shall be reunited with those who have gone before and dwell with You in the life death cannot overcome. Lord, in Your mercy,*
C *hear our prayer.*
- P** *Grant to us all things needful and keep from us all things harmful, O Lord, for we trust in Your goodness and in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*
C *Amen.*

PREFACE

P *The Lord be with you.*



C And with thy spir - it.

P *Lift up your hearts.*



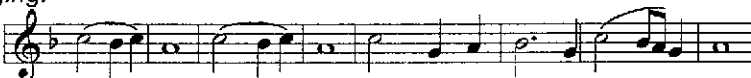
C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*



C It is meet and right so to do.

P *It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:*



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy 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 that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P *Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, for in Your goodness You have made all things and by Your mercy You have redeemed Your fallen creation with the obedient life and life-giving death of Your Son, Jesus Christ. He is the revelation of Your saving will, and in Him all the world rejoices to know Your mercy. Equip us with the grace of Your Holy Spirit that we meet Him who sets His Table among us and gives Himself to us in this blest Communion. For He is the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and in whom we are fed the bread of life and the cup of salvation.* **C** Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P *As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.* **G** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P *O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*

G **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.**

G For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

G **And also with you.**

P *Let us share this peace with one another.*

(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

[Remain standing]

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

G O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Reminder: gluten free wafer (by holding up an index finger to the elder), and non-alcoholic wine (the white grape juice in the center) are also available.

♩ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

The Star Proclaims the King Is Here



1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,
 2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far And fol - lowed
 3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood The heav'n - ly
 4 And oh, what mir - a - cle di - vine, When wa - ter
 5 For this Thy glad e - piph - a - ny All glo - ry,



why this sense - less fear? For He who of - fers heav'n - ly
 on His guid - ing star; And, led by light, to light they
 Lamb in meek - ness stood; That He, of whom no sin was
 red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it
 Je - sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -



birth Seeks not the king - doms of this earth.
 trod And by their gifts con - fessed their God.
 known, Might cleanse His peo - ple from their own.
 flowed In streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.
 dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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Love Has Come



Love has come — a light in the dark - ness! Love ex -
 Love is born! — Come share in the won - der; Love is
 Love has come — He will nev - er leave us! Love is



plodes in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has
 God now a - sleep in the hay. See the glow in the
 life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with -



come to pro - claim it; Hear how their song of
 eyes of His moth - er; What is the name her
 in and a - mong us; Love is the peace our



joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a
 heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she
 hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of

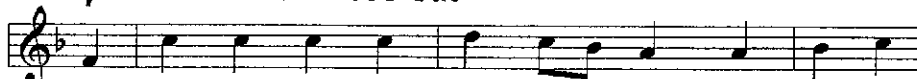
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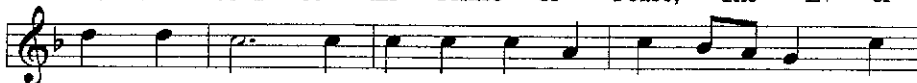
Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
 Christ - mas; Love! Love! Praise to You, God on high!

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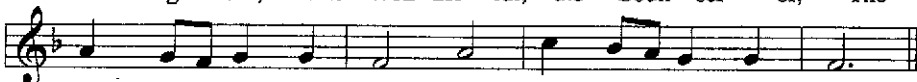
The People That in Darkness Sat



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious
 2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring
 3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a
 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -



light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In
 na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their
 Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All
 last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The



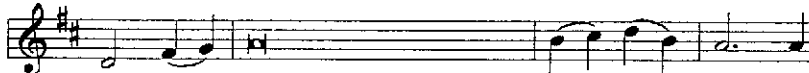
shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
 har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.
 pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
 God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.

5. His righteous government and pow'r ♪ Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
 Shall over all extend; And make us Thine alone,
 On judgment and on justice based, Who with the Father ever art
 His reign shall have no end, And Holy Spirit, One,
 His reign shall have no end. And Holy Spirit, One. Amen

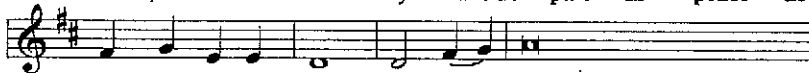
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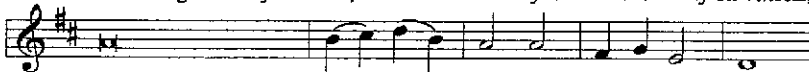
Song of Simeon



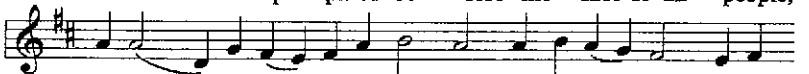
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



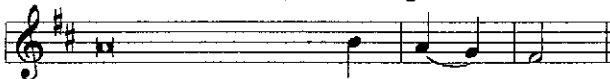
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray. O Lord, our God, the prophets foretold the coming of Your Son, and You revealed the fullness of the mystery long hidden when our Lord was born of Mary and worshiped by the Magi. Keep us in this holy fear and faith all the days of our lives, that what You have begun in us be brought to fulfillment when Your Son returns in glory to bring all things to their perfect consummation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



C A - men.

SALUTATION & BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

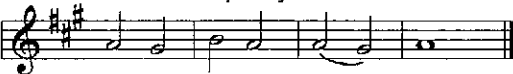
P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you His peace. Numbers 6:24-26



C A - men, a - men, a - men.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

CLOSING HYMN

As with Gladness Men of Old



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,
 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;
 5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
 So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,
 And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last
 Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.
 So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.
 All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King,
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.
 There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

Raymond H. Haan

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE

KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 AM

January 13: “Reason to Believe”; Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker

Do you have a reason to believe that everyone should believe what you believe? John did.
 Come and see. (John 1:19-51)

OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

Total General Offering Blessings – (12/1/18 through 12/31/18)	40,152.00
General Fund	24,572.00
E.C.C. Tuition.....	12,838.00
Loose Plate, Sunday School & Other Gifts.....	2,742.00
Total Expenditures	41,855.03
Surplus / (Deficit).....	(1,703.03)
Fiscal Year Cumulative Surplus / (Deficit)	(19,317.71)