

# Worship Guide

## 8:30 and 10:45 January 12, 2025

### Prelude

### Announcements & Greeting

### Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

God-with-us,

**we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.**

Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, † forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy. **Amen.**

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### Hymn: “*Bright and Glorious Is the Sky*” ELW 301

- 1 Bright and glorious is the sky, radiant are the heavens high where the golden stars are shining. All their rays to earth inclining beckon us to heav'n above, beckon us to heav'n above.
- 2 On that holy Christmas night through the darkness beamed a light; all the stars above were paling. All their luster slowly failing as the wondrous star drew nigh, as the wondrous star drew nigh.
- 3 Sages from the East afar, when they saw this wondrous star, went to find the king of nations and to offer their oblations to the child, the newborn king, to the child, the newborn king.

- 4 Him they found in Bethlehem, yet he wore no diadem;  
there they saw a maiden lowly with an infant pure and holy  
resting in her loving arms, resting in her loving arms.
- 5 Guided by the star, they found him whose praise the ages sound.  
We too have a star to guide us, which forever will provide us  
with the light to find our Lord, with the light to find our Lord.
- 6 And this star, as bright as day, that will never lead astray  
with its message so appealing, is the word of God, revealing  
Christ, the way, the truth, the life, Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

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### **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### **Kyrie – page 98**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen, amen.**

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### **Hymn of Praise – page 99**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord, God, Lamb of God,

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

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

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### **Prayer of the Day**

**Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Jeremiah 31:7-14**

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Ephesians 1:3-14**

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **PrayGround**

#### **Gospel Acclamation – page 102**

Alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, alleluia.

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### **John 1:1-18**

The Holy Gospel according to John the 1st chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

### **Sermon – Pastor Susan Haukaas**

#### **Hymn: “*Brightest and Best of the Stars*” ELW 303**

- 1 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.  
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant redeemer is laid.
  
- 2 Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining;  
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
maker and monarch and savior of all.

- 3 What shall we give him, in costly devotion?  
Shall we bring incense and off'rings divine,  
gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?
- 4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
vainly with gifts would his favor secure;  
richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
dearer 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 your aid.  
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant redeemer is laid.

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### **8:30 Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

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## **10:45 Baptism - Brooks Harrison Schmiesing**

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Brooks Harrison and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

L: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

L: I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia!**

L: Let us welcome Brooks Harrison!

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

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**Prayer Song: "Take, O, Take Me As I Am" ELW 814**

Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

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**Prayers of the People**

L: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer

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**Offering of Music:**

8:30 Instrumental

10:45 "*What a Beautiful Name*"

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**Offertory: "This Little Light of Mine" ELW 677**

1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

4 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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### **Offering Prayer**

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **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**

### **Benediction**

The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

**Hymn: “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” ELW 275**

- 1 Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
once you sang creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king.
- 2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing,  
yonder shines the infant light.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king.
- 3 Sages, leave your contemplations,  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great desire of nations,  
you have seen his natal star.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king.
- 4 All creation, join in praising  
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising  
to the eternal Three in One.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king.

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**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live in hope.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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