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Welcome

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Contemporary Worship Service. We are so glad you have chosen to join us today and we pray your time with us will fill you with the love our Lord has for you.

May God bless your worship with us today,
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***Compelled by the Love of Christ to Live,
Learn, Share, and Serve'***

5:00 - Contemporary

*Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of
Christian faith in our community, to all
generations, wherever they may be'*

Epiphany/ Second Sunday after Christmas

Prelude

"Open Up the Heavens"

Oo oo oo oo oo

We've waited for this day We're gathered in Your Name Calling out to You
Your glory like a fire awakening desire Will burn our hearts with truth

You're the reason we're here You're the reason we're singing

Open up the heavens we want to see You

Open up the floodgates a mighty river

Flowing from Your heart Filling every part of our praise

Oo oo oo oo oo

Your presence in this place Your glory on our face We're looking to the sky
Descending like a cloud You're standing with us now Lord unveil our eyes

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Open up the floodgates a mighty river

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Show us show us Your glory Show us show us Your power

Show us show us Your glory Lord

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Show us show us Your glory Lord

Oo oo oo oo oo

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“Born in Bethlehem”

Baby Jesus born in a stable A humble Savior's birth
You left Your throne in heaven above To live here on the earth

Baby Jesus lyin' in a manger Cryin' for the world
The angels told the shepherds Of the good news for us all

Hallelujah the King is here Given for all men
For today the holy Son of God Is born in Bethlehem

Come thou sinners and you saints All peasants and all kings
And bow before the earth's Redeemer Let all voices sing

Hallelujah the King is here Given for all men
For today the holy Son of God Is born in Bethlehem
Hallelujah the King is here Given for all men
For today the holy Son of God Is born in Bethlehem

Baby Jesus do You know You'll die for all our sins
Don't be afraid for in three days You will rise again
You will rise again

Hallelujah the King is here Given for all men
For today the holy Son of God Is born in Bethlehem
Hallelujah the King is here Given for all men
For today the holy Son of God Is born in Bethlehem

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Born in Bethlehem

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Christmas Offering”

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star,
While angels sang to lowly shepherds.
Three wise men seeking truth, they traveled from afar,
Hoping to find the Child from Heaven. Falling on their knees,
They bowed before the humble Prince of Peace

We bring an offering of worship to our King
No one on earth deserves the praises that we sing
Jesus, may You receive the honor that You're due
Oh Lord I bring an offering to You

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love.
There is no shadow in Your presence.
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne,
Before the Holy One of Heaven. It's only by Your blood,
it's only through Your mercy, Lord, I come

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Oh Lord I bring an offering to You.

I bring an offering of worship to my King.
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.
Jesus, may You receive the honor that You're due.
Oh Lord, I bring an offering to You Bring an offering to You
We are an offering to you. An offering of praise we sing.
An offering to You. An offering of praise we sing.
An offering to You.

First Reading

Ephesians 3:4-10

⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

¹ Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶""And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.""⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening

their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

📖 This is the Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Message Song

“Emmanuel God With Us”

Go tell it on the mountain The one that we've been waiting for
The King of our salvation Born on this day our Savior Christ the Lord

Go tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere
That we can be forgiven The weight of all our sin He came to bear

Emmanuel God with us Emmanuel King Jesus
The Savior of the world is born
Emmanuel God with us Emmanuel King Jesus
The Savior of the world is born

Go tell it on the mountain Humbly in a manger lay
Mercy sent from heaven Angels fill the sky with highest praise

Emmanuel God with us Emmanuel King Jesus
The Savior of the world is born
Emmanuel God with us Emmanuel King Jesus
The Savior of the world is born

Go tell it on the mountain This baby born of virgin birth
The ruler of all nations The glory of our God has come to earth

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Message

"DEI"

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

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.

Blessing

℣ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

☩ Amen.

Sending Song

"I Believe"

I believe there is one salvation One doorway that leads to life
One redemption one confession I believe in the name of Jesus Christ

I believe in the crucifixion By His blood I have been set free
I believe in the resurrection Hallelujah His life is death's defeat

All praise to God the Father All praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit Our God has overcome
The King who was and is and evermore will be
In Jesus' mighty name I believe

I believe in the hope of heaven He's preparing a place for me
Far beyond what hearts imagine Ears have heard or eyes have seen

I believe that day is coming He's returning to claim His bride

Light the altar keep it burning See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion

All praise to God the Father All praise to Christ the Son

All praise to the Holy Spirit Our God has overcome

The King who was and is and evermore will be

In Jesus' mighty name I believe

No I'll never be ashamed Of the gospel of Jesus Christ

How could I ever walk away From the One who saved my life

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