

Epiphany 2023

# Listening TO GOD'S VOICE



SUNDAY, JAN 8 / BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

\* Congregational responses in **bold**

## Gathering Music

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

Dieterich Buxtehude

## Words of Welcome

## Call to Worship

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Processional Hymn

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!* (stanzas 1-4)

ELW 308

## Greeting

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

## Baptism Song

*I'm Going on a Journey*  
(stanza 1,2-choir, stanza 3-congregation)

ELW 446

## Promises of Baptism

**Emmett Arthur Streukens**  
son of Ben and Kristin Streukens

## Affirmation of Baptism

**Harper Elizabeth Wohlrabe**

## Profession of Faith

Do you renounce the voices within that are not God's voice of love and grace?

**We renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers that rebel against God?

**We renounce them.**

Do you renounce the temptations that isolate you from God and from community?

**We renounce them.**

## Apostle's Creed

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**We 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?

**We 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.**

## Thanksgiving at the Font

### Baptism

### Affirmation of Baptism

### Celebration of Baptismal Life

Let us rejoice with Emmett and Harper, as we celebrate their lives and remember our own baptisms, drenched in the abundant promises of God!

**We embrace you as important members of the body of Christ and welcome you into the mission we share. Together we will give thanks and praise to God, bringing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world!**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Christ Be Our Light* (stanza 1, refrain)

ELW 715

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

*Refrain*      Christ, be our light!  
                 Shine in our hearts.  
                 Shine through the darkness.  
                 Christ, be our light!  
                 Shine in your church gathered today.

## Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

The Holy Gospel reading in Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Word of God, Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Response

*Christ Be Our Light* (stanza 4, refrain)

ELW 715

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

*Refrain* Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

## Sermon

"Listening to God's Voice"

Pastor Rebecca Gamble

## Hymn of the Day

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

ELW 543

## Thanks for Your Generosity

## Sharing of the Peace

## Music at the Offering

*Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day*

John Gardner

## Noisy Offering | Offertory Response

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*(Children are invited to cheerfully bring their "Noisy Offering" to the front during the Doxology.)*

## Prayers of the People

God of every Child, **Hear our prayer.**

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!*  
(stanzas 5 and 6)

ELW 308

## Blessing and Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**

## Sending Music

*Noel: Votre bonté Grand Dieu*

Claude Balbastre

# A TAKE - HOME EPIPHANY BLESSING

*The Church has a custom of blessing homes at Epiphany and the weeks following.*

*Family and friends gather to ask God's blessing on their homes and those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.*

*A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk blessed during the liturgy for the Feast of Epiphany and write the following above the home's entryway:*

**20 + C + M + B + 23**

*The letters C, M, B abbreviate the Latin words Christus mansionem benedicat;*

*"May Christ bless the house."*

*The "+" signs represent the cross and 2023 is the year.*

*You may choose to chalk your own door or porch steps in this way, using the following (or a similar) blessing!*

May God the Father, who led the Wise Men by a star to find the Christ, lead us on our pilgrimage.  
May God the Son, who transformed the ordinary into the extraordinary make of us a new creation.

May God the Holy Spirit fill us with love, light and true joy.  
and may the presence and blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with us  
and those we love and pray for, today and always.

Amen.

## Worship at Normandale

### Worship Leaders:

**Preaching:** Pastor Rebecca Gamble

**Liturgists:** Pastor Paul Pettersen,  
Pastor Ian McConnell

**Organist & Choir Director:** Gregory Peterson

**Acolytes:** Bergen Johnson, Lucia Feyder

**Baptismal Deacon:** Pat Lindstrand

**Crucifer:** Gene Diaz

**Lector:**

**Cantor:**

**Choir:** Normandale

**Ushers:** Chin Team

### Hymnals

We use the ELW (red) and ACS (purple) hymnals. Both are located in the pew backs.

### Live Stream

Take us with you! Visit [normluth.org/livestream](http://normluth.org/livestream) to watch Sunday worship wherever you are.

### Ways to Give

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### Hearing Devices

are available to enhance your worship experience. Please ask an usher if you would like one.

### NLC Kids:

**Prayground** is located in the front of the sanctuary, and is filled with quiet toys and comfy seating, available for the littlest in our midst and their caregivers.

**Busy Bags** filled with quiet activities and are hanging outside the main entrance of the sanctuary.

**Bulletins & Coloring sheets** along with crayons are located on a table outside of the main sanctuary doors

**Nursery** is available for children 6 months to 4 years from 9:20-11:30 every Sunday and is located on the first floor.