

Senior Choir

5. 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.

All

6. Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gaily 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!

Distribution Hymns

“As with Gladness Men of Old” 397
“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning” 400
“The Star Proclaims the King Is Here” 399

Hymn to Depart

“O Savior of Our Fallen Race”
Choir sings stanzas 2 and 4

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Epiphany of our Lord

January 7, 2026

6:30 p.m.

Jesus Christ Is the Light of the World! “Remember, Lord of life and grace, how once, to save our fallen race, You put our human vesture on and came to us as Mary’s son. Alleluia! Today, as year by year its light bathes all the world in radiance bright, one precious truth outshines the sun: Salvation comes from You alone. Alleluia! (Ancient Latin Text) Welcome to the Divine Service. Guests desiring to commune are asked to speak to the Pastor before approaching the altar. For the spiritual care and welfare of all we practice closed communion. Guests, please sign our guest register in the narthex.

Divine Service Setting Two Lutheran Service Book p. 167

Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 167. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Hymn of Invocation

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“Arise and Shine in Splendor”

Introit sung responsively with the choir

Antiphon (Ps. 45:17)
I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;*
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

Psalm (Ps. 45:6-8a)

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your
kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;*
you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness
beyond your companions;*
your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

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.

(antiphon is repeated.)

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

The Light of the Gospel of Christ shall shine.

Choral Response

“O Chief of Cities, Bethlehem” arr. James Melby

1. O chief of cities, Bethlehem,
Of David's crown the fairest gem,
But more to us than David's name,
In you, as man, the Savior came.
2. Beyond the sun in splendor bright,
Above you stands a wondrous light
Proclaiming from the conscious skies
That here, in flesh, the Godhead lies.
3. The Wise Men, seeing Him so fair,
Bow low before Him, And with prayer
Their treasured eastern gifts unfold
Of incense, myrrh, and royal gold.
4. The golden tribute owns Him king,
But frankincense to God they bring,
And last, prophetic sign, with myrrh
They shadow forth His sepulcher.
5. O Jesus, whom the Gentiles see,
With Father, Spirit, One in Three:
To You, O God, be glory giv'n
By saints on earth and saints in heav'n.

Epistle

Ephesians 3:1-12

The mystery of God's grace in Christ is revealed.

Alleluia-Verses *sung by the choir*

Alleluia. 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.
Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

The Magi are led by the star.

Matthew 2:1-12

Hymn of the Day

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” arr. Donald Busarow

All

1. O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God's own truth and light,
Aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's race, King David's son,
Our Lord and master, You have won
Our hearts to serve you only!
Lowly, holy!
Great and glorious,
All victorious,
Rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!

Women and Children

2. Come, heav'nly Bridegroom, Light divine,
And deep within our hearts now shine;
There light a flame undying!
In Your one body let us be
As living branches of a tree,
Your life our lives supplying.
Now though daily
Earth's deep sadness
May perplex us,
And distress us,
Yet with heav'nly joy You bless us.

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3. Lord, when You look on us in love,
At once there falls from God above
A ray of purest pleasure.
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food.
You are our dearest treasure!
Let Your mercy
Warm and cheer us!
Oh, draw near us!
For You teach us
God's own love through You has reached us.

Men

4. Almighty Father, in Your Son
You loved us when not yet begun
Was this old earth's foundation!
Your Son has ransomed us in love
To live in Him here and above:
This is Your great salvation.
Alleluia!
Christ the living,
To us giving
Life forever,
Keeps us Yours and fails us never!