

Prelude Molly Wheeler, Leslie Gott, piano duet

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Beth Brashear

Confession of Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who shines in glory, clothes us in compassion, and bears gifts of mercy for all.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sins with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness. God, wonderful counselor,

All: We confess that we have turned from your gifts and chosen our own way.

We have not made room for you in our hearts or in our world.

We have lived in fear; we have not welcomed the stranger; we desire gifts that will not endure. Forgive us our sins, known and unknown, and open us to receive the peace of Jesus dwelling in and among us. Amen.

Pastor: God's lovingkindness has appeared to us in Christ our Savior.

We are saved, not by anything we have done, but by God's mercy poured out on us richly. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Through the Spirit living in you, God give you faith to trust Jesus, who is Love born for you, now and always. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: "As With Gladness of Old"

Red Hymnal no. 302

Prayer:

Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Anthem: "Come and See" by Lenny LeBlanc Dan Hibbett, solo

Readings:

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Ephesians 1:3-14

Tammy Witcosky, reader

Rina Harvieux, reader

Gospel Acclamation: "Emmanuel" by Bob McGee

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.**

Gospel: John 1:1-18

Pastor Beth

Sermon

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Sermon hymn "The First Noel" Red hymnal no. 300

Profession of Faith – The 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.

Prayers of the People

The Offering ~ Our gifts go to ministry here and around the world.

Offertory Music

Molly Wheeler, piano

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer

The Words of Institution

The 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.

During Distribution:

"Love Has Come"

"What Child Is This?"

Piano Meditation

Red hymnal no. 292

Red hymnal no. 296

Molly Wheeler

Benediction

Sending hymn: "Arise, Your Light Has Come!" Red Hymnal no. 314

Postlude

Tom Skyler, organ

Welcome!

Thank you for joining us for worship!

Here is how we work to keep one another healthy:

- Thank you for wearing your mask during worship! Worship leaders may remove their mask while reading or leading prayers so long as they are at least 6' from anyone outside of their household; otherwise we all mask out of care for our neighbor.
- For those who want it, we have physically distanced seating in the last pews on each side of the sanctuary, and in the narthex.

Holy Communion

In Holy Communion, Christ enters our lives anew: all who hunger to grow in connection with God are welcome to partake. Ushers will invite you forward via the center aisle to receive Communion bread from the pastors. Please keep your mask on as you proceed to the station along the altar rail with the wine (red) and grape juice (white). Once at the station, you may remove your mask to partake of the bread and the wine or grape juice. Put your empty glass in the basket at the station, then mask as you return to your seat via the side aisle.

- Gluten-free wafers are available: simply ask a pastor.
- If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

Blessings in the journey of faith!

St. Luke Staff

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Flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God.



Epiphany of Our Lord

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