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The light that
shines in
darkness!

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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
Joyfully Live, Learn, Share, and Serve'***

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

Second Sunday after Christmas

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

"The Gift We Bring"

Glory glory in the highest The Savior of the world has come
Born to rescue and revive us Born to bring Heaven to earth

The King of kings Emmanuel Let praises be the gift we bring
The Prince of peace the Great I Am Let praises be the gift we bring

Glory glory in the highest The Savior of the world has come
More than gold that can be given More than frankincense and myrrh
We join the song with choirs of angels We join with hallelujahs

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Holy holy holy Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy We join and sing
Worthy worthy worthy Worthy worthy worthy
Worthy worthy worthy The gift we bring
Glory glory in the highest The Savior of the world has come

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“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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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.

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.

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"The King is in The Room"

Come open the doors and make way
The King is in the room The King is in the room
Expectant for strongholds to break 'Cause we know what You can do
We know what You can do

We're gonna see lives changed Souls saved
Broken hearts made new
The King is in the room

Lord we enthrone You upon our praise
The King is in the room
There's freedom and life anywhere You reign
Jesus we bow only to You We're laying down all of our crowns
The King is in the room The King is in the room

Come see all the captives run free He's tearing down the walls
He's tearing down the walls
There's grave shaking power when we sing The Name above them all
Your Name above them all The King is in the room

Lord we enthrone You upon our praise
The King is in the room There's freedom and life anywhere You reign
Jesus we bow only to You We're laying down all of our crowns
The King is in the room

Fear has to flee Shame has to leave Before the King Before the King
Chains have to break Dry bones awake Prepare the way Oh
Fear has to flee Shame has to leave Before the King Before the King
Chains have to break Dry bones awake Prepare the way The King is in the room

Lord we enthrone You upon our praise The King is in the room
There's freedom and life anywhere You reign
Jesus we bow only to You We're laying down all of our crowns
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First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ² For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³ And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴ Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C 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, ² saying, "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." ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They 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.'" ⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And 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." ⁹ After 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. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And 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.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Message Song

“Glorious Day” (Passion)

I was buried beneath my shame. Who could carry that kind of weight?

It was my tomb 'til I met You.

I was breathing but not alive. All my failures I tried to hide.

It was my tomb 'til I met You.

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

Now Your mercy has saved my soul. Now Your freedom is all that I know.

The old made new, Jesus, when I met You.

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

I needed rescue. My sin was heavy, but chains break at the weight of Your glory.

I needed shelter. I was an orphan. Now You call me a citizen of Heaven.

When I was broken, You were my healing;

now Your love is the air that I'm breathing.

I have a future. My eyes are open,

'Cause when You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!
You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

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Message

“Light Leads”

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

“Crown Him”(Christmas)

Crown Him with many crowns The King who left His throne
Creator of the universe Born to the world He holds
And with that first drawn breath The Word has become flesh
Emmanuel has come to us O crown Him all the earth

Crowned by the angel choir They tell His royal birth
Sing glory in the highest height And peace upon the earth

They break the silent night Announcing endless worth
The King of grace and love is here O crown Him all the world
Crowned by their royal gifts Gold frankincense and myrrh
Wise men approach this manger throne With honors from afar
Behold the Son of God And bow down in this place
The Prince of Peace has come to us O crown Him with your praise
Crown Him with many crowns The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing God sent His Son for me
Now hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity
Crown Him crown Him crown Him with many crowns
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