

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace
Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen

Bell

Sending Hymn: O Morning Star, how fair and bright!

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!

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!

Dismissal: Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace.
Proclaim this good news! **Thanks be to God.**

Mark your calendars:

- Sunday, January 15th - 9am at Nora, 10am Sunday School, 11am Service at Kirkebo, Annual Meeting and potluck to follow Cantata at 2pm at Kirkebo
- Wednesday, January 18th – Confirmation at 6:15 at Nora
- Sunday, January 22nd - 9am at Kirkebo, 10am Sunday School and 11am Service at Nora, Annual Meeting and potluck to follow

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Prelude and Bell

Gathering Hymn: As with Gladness Men of Old
As with gladness, men of old did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to Thee.

As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare;
So may we, with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ! to Thee our heavenly King

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

God of life,
You promise good news of great joy for all people and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen

Prayer of the Day:

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 72:1-7 and 10-14 (Read Responsively)

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.
May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.
May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

He has pity on the weak and the needy and saves the lives of the needy.

From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

Holy Gospel according to Matthew 2:1-12, **Glory to you O Lord**

The Gospel of our Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ**

Children's Message

Message

Hymn of the Day/Offering: We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are. Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain following yonder star
O Star of wonder, star of night. Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding guide us to thy Perfect Light

Glorious now behold Him arise King and God and Sacrifice
Alleluia, Alleluia, Earth to heav'n replies

O Star of wonder, star of night. Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding guide us to Thy perfect light

**Offering Response – We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be.
All that we have is thine alone a trust o, Lord in thee.**

Apostle's 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 the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the people (God of Grace, Hear our Prayer)

Meal

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

C: In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

Words of Institution

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen

Lord's Prayer (spoken)

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. 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