



EPIPHANY



Rho Ophiuchi, imaged by IRAS (1983)

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This image of the star-forming region Rho Ophiuchi was taken in 1983 by the Infrared Astronomical Satellite (IRAS), the first infrared telescope ever launched into Earth orbit... Rho Ophiuchi's thick clouds of gas and dust block visible light, but IRAS' infrared vision made it the first observatory to be able to pierce those layers to reveal newborn stars nestled deep inside. Rho Ophiuchi is located on the edge of the Milky Way Galaxy in the constellation *Ophiuchus*.

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 7, 2024

10:30 AM



↑ = *Stand* **C**: *Congregation* **A**: *Worship Assistant* **P**: *Presiding Minister*

Hymns may be found in the red hymnals in the pews. • Large-print hymns are available in the narthex as you enter. • Quiet Bags with books and soft toys, or Doodle Bags with markers are available in the narthex for children.

Prelude

Bright and Glorious Is the Sky
Knut Nystedt

Welcome

↑ Gathering Hymn

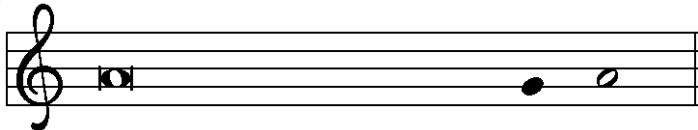
Arise, Your Light Has Come
ELW, Hymn 314

↑ Greeting

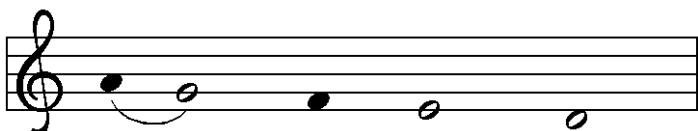
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

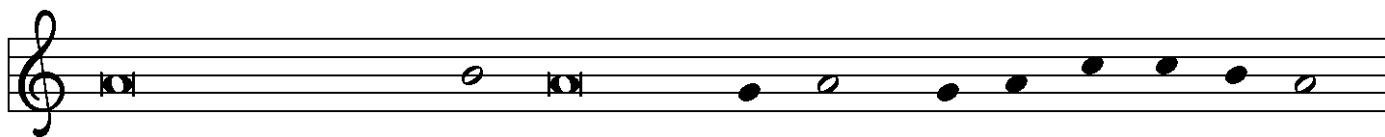
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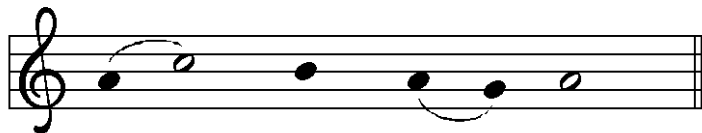
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



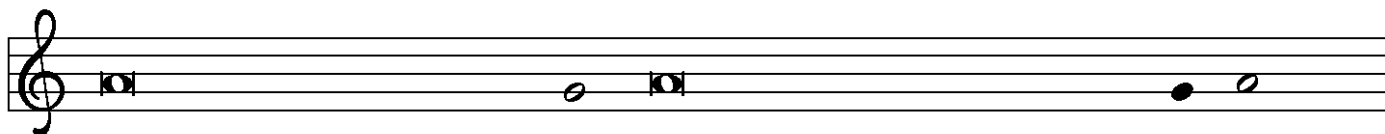
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



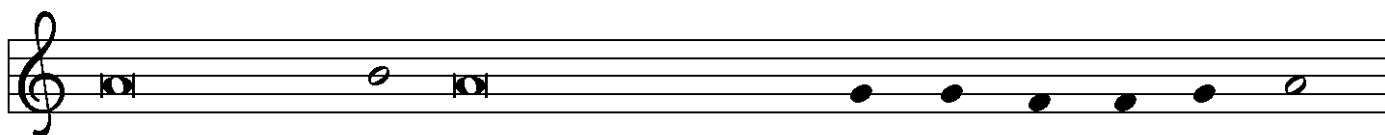
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

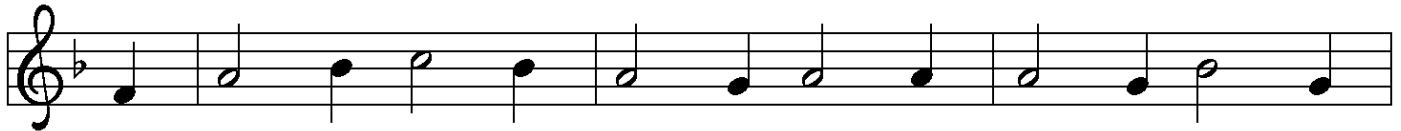


let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

↑Hymn of Praise



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - - men.

↑ **Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations
by the leading of a star.

Lead us now by faith,
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.

C **Amen.**

Children's Message

Pastor Dan

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

A: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

A: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

↑ **Gospel Acclamation**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

↑ **The Holy Gospel**

Matthew 2:1-12

P: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

G: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

G: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Finding God: from Cosmos to Christ

Pastor Dan Peterson

↑ **Hymn of the Day**

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

ELW, Hymn 303

↑ **Apostles' Creed**

G: **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.



The Apostles' Creed emphasizes the full humanity of Christ (e.g., he was born, suffered, and died) in response to one of the earliest heresies, namely, the view that Christ only "appeared" to be human. Why? Detractors believed that the Spirit of God, which is good, could not dwell in a material or physical body, which is evil. When we profess the Apostles' Creed, following Jewish tradition, we insist otherwise. The world God made is good! With great joy and without contradiction, therefore, we can say with John 1:14 that "the Word became flesh and dwelled among us."

Prayers of the Church (*please be seated or kneel*)

A: . . . Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

↑ **Sharing of Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Holy Communion – All people who seek a taste of the new and forgiven life in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the sacrament. We confess and believe that Christ, who fills all things, comes to us in a special way through the Sacrament of Bread and Wine and that by sharing in this meal, we share in Christ's real presence among us.

The ministration of the Sacrament is given in two ways:

In the pew:

You may commune in the pews with individual elements. These are available in the narthex as you enter.

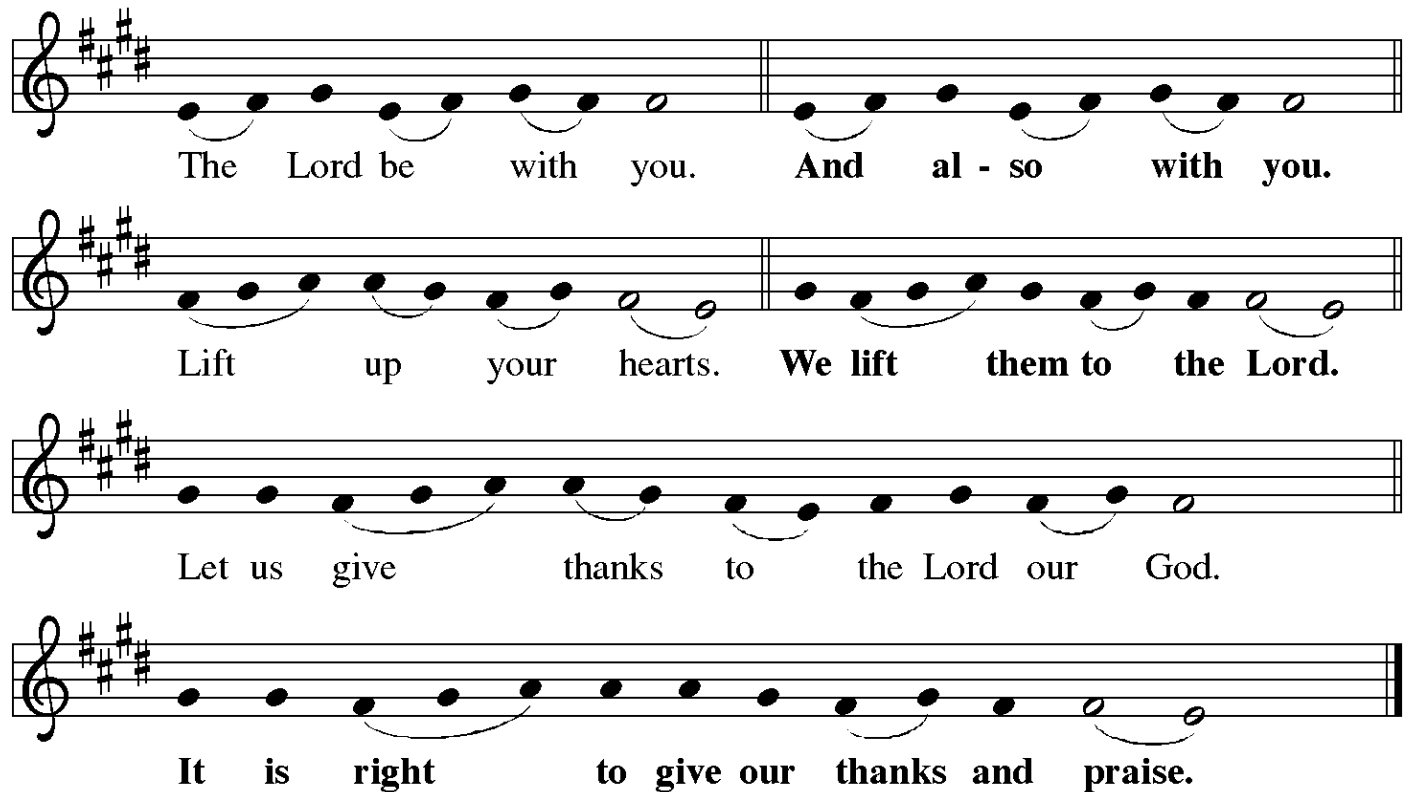
When invited to commune, peel off the bottom tab to eat the bread; peel off the top tab to drink the wine. The waste can go in the paper bag found in each pew.

By intinction:

When prompted by the ushers, come down the center aisle to kneel at the railing; please sanitize your hands.

Receive a wafer in your hands. Dip it in a chalice, either wine or grape juice, before partaking. Use the outside aisle to return to your seat.

↑ The Great Thanksgiving



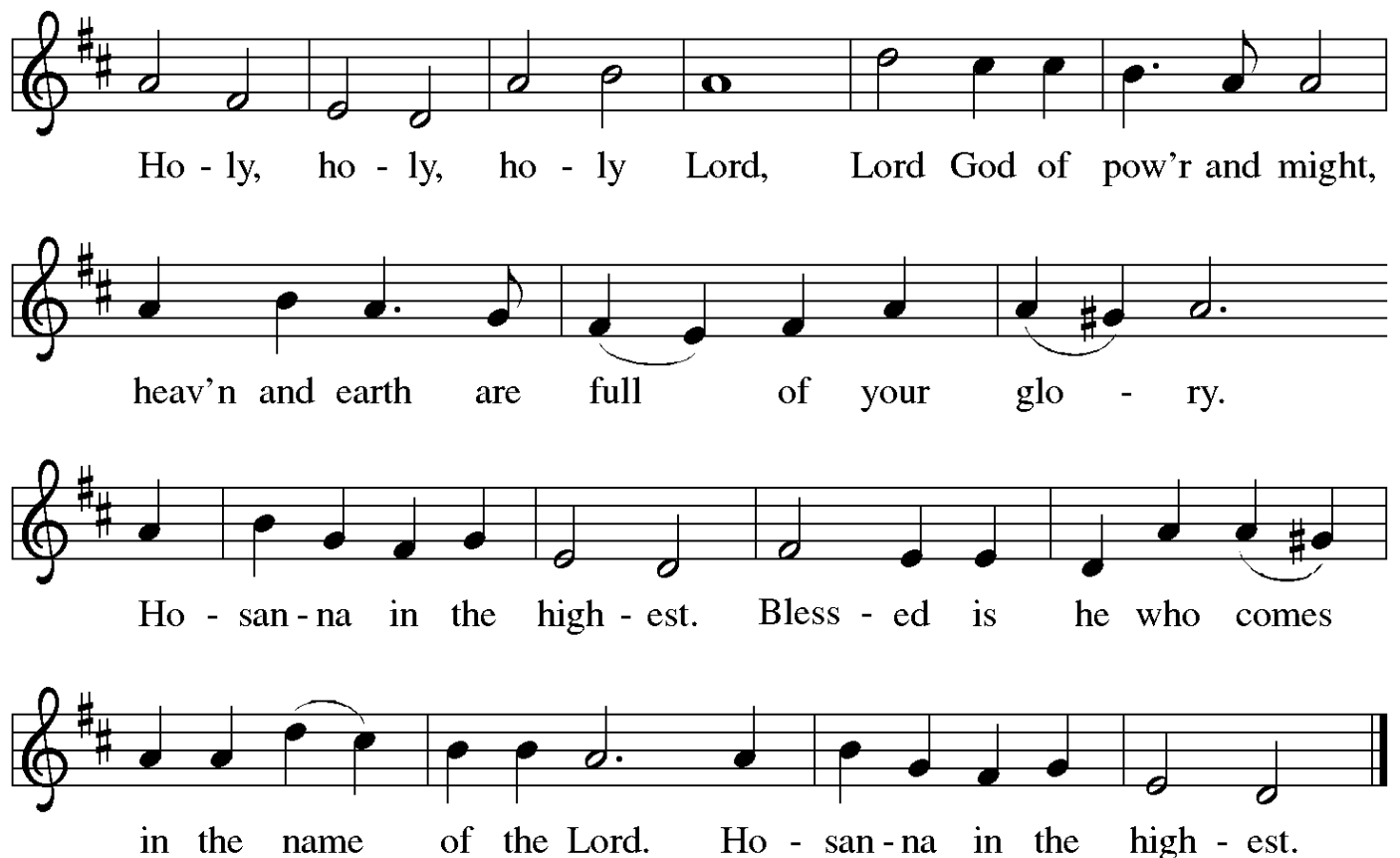
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .
. . . praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

↑ Words of Institution

↑ The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

↑ Invitation to the Table

P: Glory to God in the highest!
Come to the table of peace.

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

↑ **Distribution Hymn**

He Came Down
ELW 253

↑ **Post-Communion Prayer**

P: God our redeemer,
you have fed us at this table
with gifts of grace, truth, and life.
As you have gathered us in joy,
send us forth as messengers of your peace.
Make us shine with the good news of your glory,
born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Announcements

↑ **Benediction**

P: God bless you and keep you,
✠ Jesus grant you grace and truth,
and the Spirit bring you peace,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

↑ **Sending Hymn**

Stanzas 1, 2, 3 and 5

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
ELW, Hymn 308

↑ **Dismissal**

A: Christ the Savior is born!
Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET)
Dietrich Buxtehude

ANNOUNCEMENTS — JANUARY 7, 2024

WELCOME! Please fill out a CONNECT card if you are visiting us today, if you wish to receive our emails or newsletter, or if you want the pastor to contact you. PRAY cards may be used for prayer requests. Place cards in the offering plate.

WE WELCOME MARTHA FREITAG as our guest organist until January 21. Martha earned her Bachelor of Music in organ performance from Lawrence University Conservatory of Music, Appleton, WI, and a Master of Arts in musicology from UNC Chapel Hill, NC, where she studied harpsichord. She grew up in the Lutheran tradition and over the years has served various denominations as a church musician. She keeps a busy schedule as a free-lance organist and choir director in the Seattle area.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR today are provided by Virginia Stamey-Johnson, “to the glory of God and in memory of my mother’s birth on Epiphany; and in thankfulness for her life and for the faith she instilled in me.”

OUR WORSHIP CONTINUES after the service with fellowship. Today is a “no host” coffee hour; special thanks to anyone who shares treats or makes coffee.

NEW SIGN-UP TO HELP IN WORSHIP: On the narthex railing, you will find a new sign-up sheet to replace those that used to be on the narthex table. If you are able and willing to serve in worship, please sign up there! Online sign-ups are still available as well.

Please remember to pick up your **2024 OFFERING ENVELOPE PACKET** in the narthex today.

WARM CLOTHING DRIVE: Men’s jackets, sweaters, socks, gloves and hats are welcome. One large box of donations has already been delivered to Queen Anne Helpline to help our neighbors keep warm. Jim Margard will make another delivery there this Thursday, January 11.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, January 7

Worship 8:00 AM
 Worship 10:30 AM
 Executive Committee *after worship*

Monday

PDQ Quilting (*downstairs*) 5:30 PM
 Food Addicts in Recovery (FH) 7:00 PM

Tuesday

Church Council (*Conf. Rm/Zm.*) 7:00 PM

Wednesday


Sewing & Service (FH) 10:00 AM
 AA Counterbalance (FH) 7:30 PM

Saturday

Alanon (*upstairs*) 10:30 AM
 AA Shanty Trudgers (*upstairs*) 7:00 PM

Sunday, January 14

Worship 8:00 AM
 Worship 10:30 AM



YES, I CAN HELP MAKE WORSHIP HAPPEN
If you are able to serve in worship, please sign up here.

| Day | 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM | 12:00 PM | 1:00 PM |
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| SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 | Worship | Worship | Executive Committee | |
| SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 | Worship | Worship | | |
| SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 | Worship | Worship | | |
| SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 04 | Worship | Worship | | |
| SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 | Worship | Worship | | |
| ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 | Worship | Worship | | |
| SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 | Worship | Worship | | |
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JANUARY/ FEBRUARY FORUMS:

WOMEN OF THE REFORMATION –

Discussions about the Protestant Reformation often highlight the role of important male figures – Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, etc. However, the tenets of the Reformation brought changes for women. These sessions will explore the roles of women in the early Protestant Church, as well as highlight the important contributions of specific women, such as Katie Luther (Katharina von Bora) and Katharina Schutz.

This three-part Forum series begins **Sunday, January 21** with a presentation from **Bishop Shelley Bryan-Wee**. Two Sunday Forums on February 4 and 11 will be led by **Dr. Lynn Hofstad**.

Q&A WITH THE FINANCE COMMITTEE –

On **Sunday, January 28** during our 9 to 10 Forum time, the Finance Committee will answer any questions you have regarding the financial state of our church, and about the proposed Guidelines for Expenditure for 2024, which we will be voting on later that day at our Annual Meeting. Our Annual Report will be made available to members ahead of that day.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 – SAVE THE DATE!

We will be holding our **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** on Sunday, January 28. It will be held in-person after our 10:30 worship. The purpose of the annual meeting of the congregation is to review and celebrate the previous year's accomplishments; to elect officers and delegates for the coming year; and to hear and vote on next year's guidelines for expenditures and any other proposals requiring the majority approval of the membership. A quorum of members is required to accomplish our tasks, and of course we hope you will be able to attend

REQUEST – OR OFFER – A RIDE TO CHURCH

Do you, or someone you know, need a ride to church? Call the church office by noon on the Thursday before to make the request. Barb will send a stand-alone email out to the congregation with the subject line “RIDES REQUESTED” listing any requests and including a link to the riders' contact info in Sign-Up Genius.

Are you available to give a ride? This is a volunteer opportunity that requires **no commitment beyond a one-Sunday-at-a-time response**. Volunteer drivers use the emailed link to access the Sign-Up Genius page; sign up, and use the information there to contact the rider directly to make arrangements for that Sunday. If you are planning to be at church anyway and can provide a ride to someone else, please consider fulfilling a ride request.

QUEEN ANNE LUTHERAN CHURCH FINE ARTS PRESENTS

DR. WYATT SMITH, organ



with

DR. TRACELYN GESTELAND,
mezzo-soprano

and original paintings on
exhibit by **JON SEALS**



Three art forms converge

to illuminate the church year

through art song, organ solo, and visual art.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 • 4:00 PM

QUEEN ANNE LUTHERAN CHURCH

suggested donation: \$20 GENERAL/\$15 SENIOR/STUDENT

or pay as you can

Save the date for this unique collaboration across the mediums of music and visual art! Inspired by the Lutheran chorale tradition, concert organist Wyatt Smith explores the liturgical year with two modern masterworks as the centerpiece of the program:

Liturgy LIVE! is a collection of six pieces for organ by composer Pamela Ruiten-Feenstra based upon Lutheran chorales that span the church year. Inspired by Ruiten-Feenstra's organ compositions, visual artist Jon Seals created six paintings depicting the human condition in relation to each liturgical season—each painting will be exhibited at the concert, near the organ.

Composer Craig Phillips has set poet Bethany Carlson's meditations on each season of the church year as a song cycle, entitled **Six Seasonal Songs**, which will feature Tracelyn Gesteland, mezzo-soprano.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
³Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
⁴Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their
nurses' arms.
⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be
brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
⁶A 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 proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for
Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for
surely you have already heard of the commission
of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and
how the mystery was made known to me by
revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a
reading of which will enable you to perceive my
understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former
generations this mystery was not made known to
humankind, as it has now been revealed to his
holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is,
the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members
of the same body, and sharers in the promise in
Christ Jesus through the gospel.
⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant
according to the gift of God's grace that was given
me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am
the very least of all the saints, this grace was
given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of
the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to

make everyone see what is the plan of the
mystery hidden for ages in God who created all
things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom
of God in its rich variety might now be made
known to the rulers and authorities in the
heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with
the eternal purpose that he has carried out in
Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access
to God in boldness and confidence through faith in
him.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born
in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East
came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "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." ³When King Herod heard this,
he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with
him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and
scribes of the people, he inquired of them where
the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In
Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by
the prophet:

⁶"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."

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men
and learned from them the exact time when the
star had appeared. ⁸Then 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." ⁹When 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. ¹⁰When they
saw that the star had stopped, they were
overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On 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. ¹²And having been
warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they
left for their own country by another road.