



# *Epiphany's Wise Men*

## *Faith Lutheran Church*

### **Gathering Music**

### **Welcome and Introduction**

**Opening Song:** "Gather Us In" Hymn #532. vs. 1-2

### **Opening Litany:** *(written by Christine Sine, Vanderbilt U.)*

P: Arise, shine, inheritors of God's Light! You came and heard!

**C: The Light of God has come into our world. It reached across time and space into our hearts.**

P: And Nations will come to its brightness. Arise, shine, bearers of Christ's Light!

**C: You came and saw, the Light of God's Son brings salvation, proclaimed God's Justice and Love, overcomes the darkness and gives new life.**

P: Arise, shine, privileged ones, who live in the light of Christ, you came and followed.

**C: Christ redeemed our world, and draws us into a loving family, from every tribe and family and culture.**

P: Arise, shine, sharers of God's Light. No longer be satisfied with your old life. Go and tell others!

**All: Learn to love your neighbor as yourself, so that they too may know Christ, and the hope his message brings!**

**Song:** "Gather Us In" Hymn #532. vs. 3-4



# The Epiphany Word

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 2:1-15

**Mystery Box:** "I smell something!"

**Song:** "Bright and Glorious Is the Sky". Hymn #301 vs. 1-3

**Second Reading:** "The Annunciation" by Denise Laverton

**Message:** "¡Maria!"

**Hymn:** "Bright and Glorious Is the Sky". Hymn #301 vs. 4-6

## Epiphany Reminders

P: God of all nations, remind us of your Light that has been given for all peoples!

**C: Help us to see in the "outsiders" your light, presence, and their humanity.**

P: Remind us of the resilient courage of your daughter Mary, who in the face of incredible impossibilities said "Here am I....,"

**C: "...the servant the Lord; let it be done with me according to your word."**

P: Remind us that we too have been visited and invited to do the impossible.

**C: Instill in us again your directive: "Do not be afraid for you have found favor with God."**

P: Remind us that as with our sister Mary who sought refuge and safety, we all carry stories of hope, joy, sadness, and loss.

**C: Fill our hearts with empathy and compassion for all in our midst, especially those who are strangers in this land.**

P: Forgive us when we resort to stereotyping and fearfulness

**C: Forgive us when we forget your mandate to love, include, and welcome the neighbor.**

**ALL: We look to you, Triune God, to restore in us trust, courage, and a right spirit!**

## Communion and Offering

## Epiphany Sending

**Sending Hymn:** "We Are Called" Hymn #720

## Benediction and Sending

Go in peace! Be the **Courageous Light** that dwells in you! **Thanks be to God!**

