

LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD ✠

JANUARY 7, 2024

The feast of Epiphany, manifestation, concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.



Winter Landscape with Church, Caspar David Friedrich, 1811

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*Inspired by Christ, living and growing in faith,  
we are a loving and open community of worship, witness,  
and service in God's world.*  
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Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship
Psalm 72
*Please stand as
you are able.*

✠ Gathering ✠

Following the call of God's Spirit, the community of faith gathers, welcoming one another and praying for God's mercy to fill the church and the world.

We invite you to use the prelude time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Trio on Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Kristina Rizzotto (b. 1989)



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.

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.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen

Gathering Hymn

Verse 1 All,

Verse 2, Women

Verse 3 All in Harmony,

Verse 4 Men,

Verse 5 All.



The First Noel

ELW #300

1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star shin - ing
 3 And by the light of that . . same star three . .
 4 This star drew near to the . . north - west, o'er . .
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . men three, full . .

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
 in . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and the
 wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
 Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it
 rev - 'rent - ly . . up - on . . their knee, and of - fered

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave . . great light, and so it con -
 king was their . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
 did both stop . . and stay right . . o - ver the
 there in his . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . and

night that was so deep.
 tin - ued both day and night.
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
 place where Je - sus lay.
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Apostolic 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.**

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.

✠ Word ✠

*The Word of God comes alive for the gathered community,
as God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.*

Children's Message



Children's Dismissal Song *Vss 1, 5 & 6.*

Bright and Glorious is the Sky

ELW #301



1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the
2 On that ho - ly Christ-mas night through the dark - ness
3 Sa - ges from the east a - far, when they saw this
4 Him they found in Beth - le - hem, yet he wore no



heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.
beamed a light; all the stars a - bove were pal - ing,
won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions
di - a - dem; there they saw a maid - en low - ly



All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to
all their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing as the won - drous
and to of - fer their ob - la - tions to the child, the
with an in - fant pure and ho - ly rest - ing in her



heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.
star drew nigh, as the won - drous star drew nigh.
new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.
lov - ing arms, rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.

5 Guided by the star, they found
him whose praise the ages sound.
We too have a star to guide us,
which forever will provide us
with the light to find our Lord,
with the light to find our Lord.

6 And this star, as bright as day,
that will never lead astray
with its message so appealing,
is the word of God, revealing
Christ, the way, the truth, the life,
Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

*Jerusalem is assured
that nations will make a
pilgrimage to her;
because the light of
God's presence is in her
midst.*

R: Arise, 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.

R: Word of God, word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia
*Please stand
as you are able.*



Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909
Music: VICTORY, Giovanni P. da Palestrina, 1525–1594, adapt.

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

*God's promise shines
bright in the night as
magi follow a star to
honor a new king.
Strangers from a
faraway land, they
welcome the
long-awaited messiah
of Israel.*



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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: In 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.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon
Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day
Only verses 1-3
Please stand as
you are able.



Following the sermon, we will take a moment of silence to reflect on today's gospel message.

As With Gladness, Men of Old
ELW #302



1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to thy low-ly bed,
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare at thy cra-dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day keep us in the nar-row way;
5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre-a-ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
there to bend the knee be-fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,
and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led by thee.
so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly king.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.
there for-ev-er may we sing al-le-lu-ias to our king.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

Prayers of the
Church

P: Trusting in God's good news of great joy for all people, we offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and the world God loves.

A brief silence.

A: Humble the hearts of the faithful people Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, God of abundant grace, we commend all of whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Greeting of Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

After the greeting, please share a word of peace with your neighbors.



Anthem

Offertory Response
*Please stand as
you are able.*

Offertory Prayer

✠ Offering ✠

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church is supported through the generous gifts of time, talent and treasure of our friends and members. In order to fulfill our mission and ministry, we need to receive approximately \$7,900 in offerings each week.

*We thank you for your support and partnership
in the proclamation of the good news.*

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Noel Regney & Gloria Shayne

Said the night wind to the little lamb
Do you see what I see? Way up in the sky, little lamb
Do you see what I see? A star, a star, dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite.

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy
Do you hear what I hear? Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy
Do you hear what I hear? A song, a song high above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea.

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king.
Do you know what I know? In your palace warm, mighty king
Do you know what I know? A Child, a Child shivers in the cold
Let us bring him silver and gold

Said the king to the people everywhere
Listen to what I say! Pray for peace, people, everywhere
Listen to what I Say! The Child, the Child sleeping in the night
He will bring us goodness and light.

What Child is This

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!**

A: God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
C: **Amen.**

✠ Meal ✠

We lift our hearts with praise and thanksgiving as the table is set, and we receive the bread and wine—the humble meal through which we are fed by the presence of Jesus the Christ and united as the body of Christ in the world.



Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

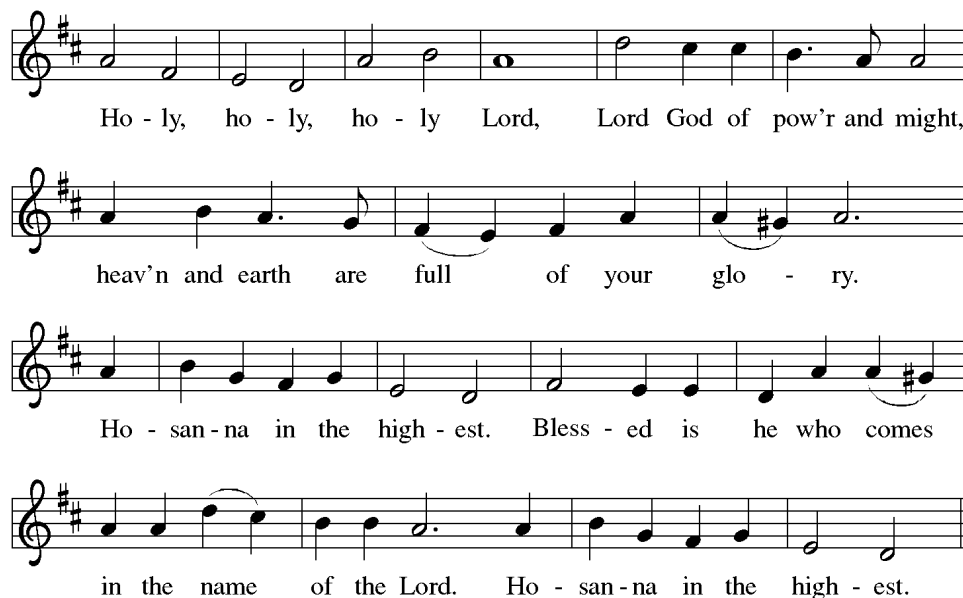
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



Words of Institution

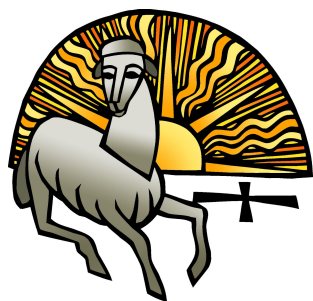


Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

Invitation to
Communion
Please be seated.

P: Come to me all who are tired and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. The table has been prepared. All are welcome.



O Christ Thou Lamb of God

LBW #103

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up-on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -
est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up-on us!
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace! A - men

Distribution

Communion will begin in the front of the church, nearest where the pastor and assisting minister will distribute the bread and wine. Please take either a glass of red wine or white grape juice from the full tray and place your emptied glass into the extra tray which is in front of the first pew.

Your offerings will also be received as the usher directs you toward the front of the church for communion.

Distribution Music



We Three Kings of Orient Are

WOW #646



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
bring to crown him a - gain; king for - ev - er,
owns a de - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
God and Sac - ri - fice; heav'n sings al - le -



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891, alt.
Music: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT, John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891

Post-Communion Blessing

*Please stand as
you are able.*

Post-Communion Prayer

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

A: 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.

Closing Hymn
Verses 1 & 4.



✠ Sending ✠

*We receive the blessing of God and leave in peace,
Sent out to live the way of Jesus for the sake of the world God loves.*

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

ELW #308

1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -
3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,

God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.
when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!

Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es
Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here

you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though
heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your
and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -

ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and
mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For
lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life

in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.
you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.
for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Announcements



Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

We Three Kings

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

You are free to leave during the Postlude or remain to enjoy the offering of music & praise.

WELCOME

*We thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us this week, and we invite you back again—
for prayer and worship. We will continue to have Sunday services online.*

*We hope the message of God's grace will guide and strengthen you
as you grow in love and faith in your daily life.*

YOUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY Pastor.....Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug
Organist.....Dr. Kristina Rizzotto
Worship Assistant.....Mary Sabatke
Communion Assistant.....David Ackerman
Altar Servers.....David & Mary Goplen
Reader.....Mike Huttner
Usher.....Ellie Holmquist
Coffee Hosts.....Eric & Naomi Mechels
Worship Tech Assistant.....Jim Olson

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SCAN TO GIVE



CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JAN 7	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion... & Sunday School</i>	Sanctuary Sunday School Rooms
	10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Fellowship Hall
	2:30 PM	<i>RDO Meeting</i>	Christy Room
MONDAY, JAN 8	4:30 PM	<i>Confirmation</i>	Zoom
	7:00 PM	<i>AA</i>	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>Prayer Ministry</i>	Zoom
TUESDAY, JAN 9	7:00 PM	<i>Men's AA</i>	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>AA/Recovery & Spirituality</i>	Christy Room
WEDNESDAY, JAN 10	10:00 AM	<i>Bible Study</i>	Library/Zoom
	12:00 PM	<i>Staff Meeting</i>	Christy Room/Zoom
	7:00 PM	<i>Choir Rehearsal</i>	Sanctuary
THURSDAY, JAN 11	12:00 PM	<i>Al Anon</i>	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>Growlers & Theology</i>	Parsonage
SATURDAY, JAN 13	5:00 PM	<i>Punschklubben Dinner</i>	Fellowship Hall
SUNDAY, JAN 14	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion... & Sunday School</i>	Sanctuary & YouTube Sunday School Rooms
	10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Fellowship Hall

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer List

Please keep the following friends & members of our community of faith in your prayers of thanksgiving or for comfort, peace, and healing:



Kathy Dahl, daughter of Phyllis Dahl; **Marta Brown**, daughter of Liz & Mike Brown; **Graham Rawle**, friend of Mark Duff & Michelle McCreery; **Matthew Moen**; **Anna Lena Stenberg Skold**; **Trygve Svard**; **Cecelia Morris**, friend of Kathy & Mark Hering; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jennifer Cook; **Beth Addington & Elizabeth Muench**, friends of the congregation; **Natalie Mozey**, daughter of Alan & Mary Poulsen; **Bunny & David Anderson**, sister & brother-in-law of John Bergford; **David Cook**, brother of Jenny Cook; **Kathy Sawyer**, niece of Philip Friedlund; **Joey Juras & Fitz Loula**, friends of the Gruys family; **Dona Duff**, mother of Mark Duff; **Alison Reagon**, friend of Mark Duff & Michelle McCreery; **Lyle Kuehn**, brother-in-law of Carol Kuehn; **Amanda Frahm**, sister-in-law of John & Alyson Frahm; **Nancie Nelson**, friend of Michelle McCreery; **Phyllis Thomson**, friend of Michelle McCreery; **Donna Shroyer**, cousin of Linda Nelson; **Avey Egsgaard**, friend of Jana & Michael Kavoukjian; **Vonnie Norum**, mother of Liz Brown; **Mary Ann Westweet**, sister of David Hagford; **Debbie Daline**, friend of Michael & Jana Kavoukjian; **Marion Eddebuettel**, grandmother of Nico & Lauren (Rondestvedt) Eddebuettel; **Judy Hentges**, friend of Mary Sabatke; **David Beebe**, brother-in-law of Suzanne Pepin; and **John Thomas**, friend of Rick Pepin.

Meditation

LOTI is available during office hours for a time of quiet meditation. You can use the sanctuary to spend time in prayer, light a candle, listen to recorded sacred music, and/or use a guided meditation tool. Please call the church office to reserve a time.

Loved Ones In The Military

Please keep all the members & families of the military in your prayers of thanksgiving and protection.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mary Goplen 1 /8 Bernie Reisberg 1/9
Kathy Hering 1/10 Ruth Lee 1/12
Dominik Amann 1/12

Kid Worship Materials

Kid worship materials are available in the Narthex (back of Sanctuary). Crayon packets and a variety of coloring pages and activity sheets are available for your children to enjoy during worship.

Staffed Nursery in the Christy Room

Our Nursery is staffed today for our littlest ones in the Congregation to use. Ushers can help you with directions to the Christy Room or simply follow the signs provided in the back of the Sanctuary.

Visiting Sunday School Age Children

Children ages 3 through 6th Grade are welcome to visit Sunday School. We do ask that a parent or guardian accompany your child to Sunday School to get them checked in and settled before returning to worship.

New Member Sunday

January 21st

New members to Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church will be received on Sunday, January 21st. Please contact the church office if you would like to be welcomed as a member.

Growlers & Theology
Thursday, January 11th
7:00 PM

Parsonage

Following the model of Luther in his home in Wittenberg, Germany, Pastor Haug leads the informal study of theology and *adult beverages*.

LOTI Book Club
Friday, January 26th
5:00 PM

Home of Deb Gilroy

Next up is *The Night Watchman*, by Louise Erdich, Join us! Bring a snack to share if you like...

Isles Ensemble Concert
All In Good Fun

Sunday, January 21st
2:00 PM

Sanctuary

String Quartet In E-Flat Major, Op. 33, No. 2 Joke

Franz Joseph Haydn

Sonata For 4-Hand Viola And Keyboard

PDQ Bach

Serenade In C Major, Op. 10, For String Trio

Ernő Dohnányi

Humoresque, Op. 101, No. 7 For Violin And Piano

Antonin Dvorak

Trio In E-Flat Major Kegelstatt, K. 498 for Violin, Cello, And Piano

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

What happens when composers let loose and journey into the world of humor, pranks, and games? The answer is a lot of fun – and some good music too! Join us for a program of lighthearted surprises.

Stephanie Arado, violin; David Leung, violin;

Leslie Shank, violin & viola; Kenneth Freed, viola;

Tom Rosenberg, cello; Laura Sewell, cello;

Ivan Konev, piano.



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GOD'S WORK
OUR HANDS

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