

# ✠ The Epiphany of Our Lord ✠

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Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

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*Please stand and face the processional cross.*

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### Entrance Hymn

*Arise and Shine in Splendor*  
LSB 396



1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; Let night to day sur -  
2 See earth in dark - ness ly - ing, The hea - then na - tions  
3 The world's re - mot - est rac - es, Up - on whose wea - ry  
4 Lift up your eyes in won - der— See, na - tions gath - er  
5 Your heart will leap for glad - ness When from the realms of



ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near. A - bove, the  
dy - ing In hope - less gloom and night. To you the  
fac - es The sun looks from the sky, Shall run with  
yon - der From sin to be set free. The world has  
sad - ness They come from near and far. Your eyes will

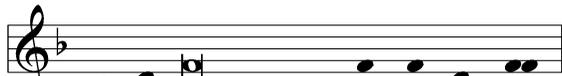


day is beam - ing, In match - less beau - ty  
Lord of heav - en— Your life, your hope— has  
zeal un - tir - ing, With joy Your light de -  
heard Your sto - ry; Her sons come to Your  
wake from slum - ber As peo - ple with - out



gleam - ing; The glo - ry of the Lord is here.  
giv - en Great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.  
sir - ing That breaks up - on them from on high.  
glo - ry; Her daugh - ters haste Your light to see.  
num - ber Re - joice to see the Morn - ing Star.

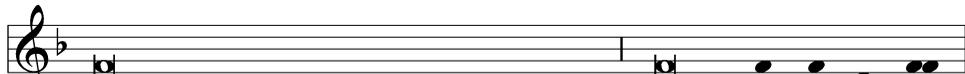
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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



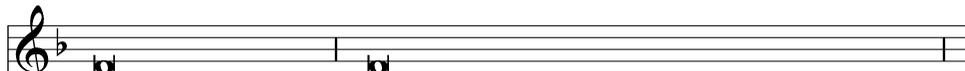
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



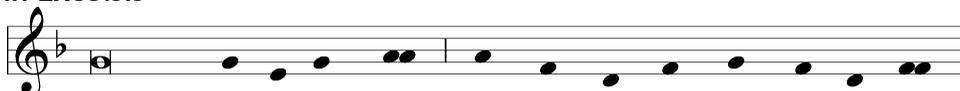
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
<sup>2</sup>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.  
<sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.  
<sup>4</sup>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.  
<sup>5</sup>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.  
<sup>6</sup>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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 24



<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's and the full- | ness thereof,\*  
 the world and those who | dwell therein,

<sup>2</sup>for he has founded it up- | on the seas\*  
 and established it upon the | rivers.

<sup>3</sup>Who shall ascend the hill | of the LORD?\*

And who shall stand in his | holy place?

<sup>4</sup>He who has clean hands and a | pure heart,\*  
 who does not lift up his soul to what is false  
 and does not swear de- | ceitfully.

<sup>5</sup>He will receive blessing | from the LORD\*  
 and righteousness from the God of his sal- | vation.

<sup>6</sup>Such is the generation of those who | seek him,\*  
 who seek the face of the God of | Jacob.

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates!  
 And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,\*  
 that the King of glory | may come in.

<sup>8</sup>Who is this King of | glory?\*

The LORD, strong and mighty,  
 the LORD, mighty in | battle!

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates!  
 And lift them up, O | ancient doors,\*  
 that the King of glory | may come in.

<sup>10</sup>Who is this King of | glory?\*

The LORD of hosts,  
 he is the King of | glory!

## Epistle

*Ephesians 3:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— <sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*



1 We praise You, Je - sus, at Your birth; Clothed in flesh You  
 2 Now in the man - ger we may see God's Son from e -  
 3 The vir - gin Mar - y's lul - la - by Calms the in - fant  
 4 The Light E - ter - nal, break - ing through, Made the world to



came to earth. The vir - gin bears a sin - less boy  
 ter - ni - ty, The gift from God's e - ter - nal throne  
 Lord Most High. Up - on her lap con - tent is He  
 gleam a - new; His beams have pierced the core of night,



And all the an - gels sing for joy. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Here clothed in our poor flesh and bone. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Who keeps the earth and sky and sea. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 He makes us chil - dren of the light. Al - le - lu - ia!

- 5 The very Son of God sublime  
 Entered into earthly time  
 To lead us from this world of cares  
 To heaven's courts as blessed heirs.  
 Alleluia!
- 6 In poverty He came to earth  
 Showing mercy by His birth;  
 He makes us rich in heav'nly ways  
 As we, like angels, sing His praise.  
 Alleluia!
- 7 All this for us our God has done  
 Granting love through His own Son.  
 Therefore, all Christendom, rejoice  
 And sing His praise with endless voice.  
 Alleluia!

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# Hymn of the Day

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*  
LSB 395

St. 1 – All      St. 4 – Men  
St. 2 – Women    St. 5 – All  
St. 3 – Choir    St. 6 – All



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's  
2 Come, heav'n - ly Bride-groom, Light di - vine, And deep with - in  
3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls  
4 Al - migh - ty Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when



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



Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -  
In Your one bod - y let us be As liv - ing branch -  
Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls  
Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!  
es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing.  
with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!  
here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,  
Now, though dai - ly Earth's deep sad - ness May per - plex us  
Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing



Rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
And dis - tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy You bless us.  
For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.  
Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

5 O let the harps break forth in sound!  
Our joy be all with music crowned,  
Our voices gladly blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way—  
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
His love is never ending!  
Sing out! Ring out!  
Jubilation!  
Exultation!  
Tell the story!  
Great is He, the King of Glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,  
The Lord we love is first and last,  
The end and the beginning!  
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
Transport us to that happy place  
Beyond all tears and sinning!  
Amen! Amen!  
Come, Lord Jesus!  
Crown of gladness!  
We are yearning  
For the day of Your returning!

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## Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

# Prayer of the Church

Sit

## Offering

*Tonight's offering is designated to support the ministry of the Kantorei children's choir program.*

## Choral Anthem

*Bright and Glorious Is the Sky*

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grudtvig

Setting: Jeffrey Bleresch

*Bright and glorious is the sky, radiant are the heavens high where the golden stars are shining.  
All their rays to earth inclining. Beckon us to heaven above.*

*Sages from the East afar, when they saw this wondrous star, went to find the King of nations  
and to offer their oblations unto Him as Lord and King.*

*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.*

*As a star, God's holy Word leads us to our King and Lord; brightly from its sacred pages  
shall this light throughout the ages shine upon our path of life.*

Stand

## Offertory

LSB 159

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

# ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

## Preface

LSB 160



**P** The Lord be with you.



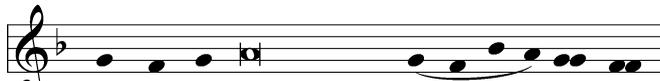
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



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

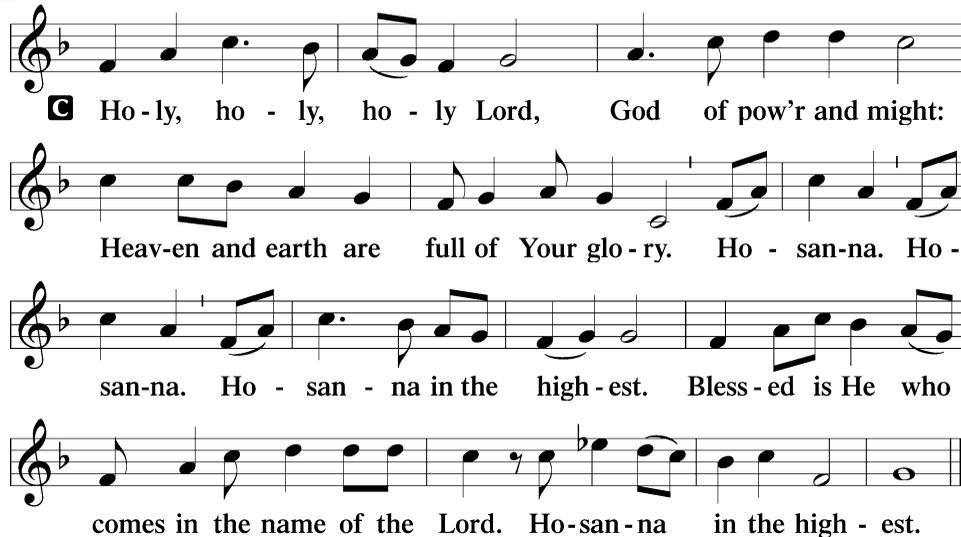


**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 161



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

Hymn

*Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*  
LSB 400

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
2 Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;  
3 Shall we not yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,  
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,  
5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;  
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;  
Fra - grance of E - dom and of - f' rings di - vine,  
Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure.  
Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;

Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion;  
Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,

Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.  
Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.  
Myrrh from the - est and gold from the mine?  
Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

Hymn

*The Star Proclaims the King Is Here*  
LSB 399



1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,  
2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far And fol - lowed  
3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood The heav'n - ly  
4 And oh, what mir - a - cle di - vine, When wa - ter  
△ 5 For this Thy glad e - piph - a - ny All glo - ry,



why this sense - less fear? For He who of - fers heav'n - ly  
on His guid - ing star; And, led by light, to light they  
Lamb in meek - ness stood That He, of whom no sin was  
red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it  
Je - sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -



birth Seeks not the king - doms of this earth.  
trod And by their gifts con - fessed their God.  
known, Might cleanse His peo - ple from their own.  
flowed In streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.  
dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

*Stand*

**Dismissal**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**G** Amen.

**Canticle**

*Nunc Dimittis*  
*George Dyson*

*Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace: according to Thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Benediction

*LSB 166*



**P** 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.



**C** A - men.

## Closing Hymn

*As with Gladness Men of Old*  
LSB 397



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-at-ed 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.

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## Postlude

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*  
Georg Philipp Telemann

*All are invited to attend a reception hosted by the Kantorei parents in the church basement auditorium.*

### ✠ Servants in the Lord's House ✠

Presiding Minister – Rev. Randy Asburry

Assisting Minister – Rev. Bart Day

Organist & Choirmaster – Mr. Matthew Janssen

Choir – Kantorei

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# THE KANTOREI

The Kantorei, Hope's choir for children ages eight through fourteen, is in its sixteenth season. It is comprised of choristers from Hope Lutheran Church and the St. Louis community. It is open to any child who has attained the ability to match pitch and has an unchanged voice.

The Kantorei exists to train young people for lifelong musical service to the church, to provide children with an exceptional musical experience, and to give children an opportunity to sing beautiful and well-crafted music. The Kantorei rehearses weekly to prepare music for services approximately once a month and other feast days throughout the academic year. Rehearsals are spent developing each chorister's voice, teaching music literacy, learning hymns and psalms, and learning repertoire for services.

Outside of the weekly rehearsals and the monthly services, the Kantorei participates in other events, both locally and nationally. In 2008 nine choristers traveled to Seward, Nebraska to participate in the Select Children's Choir at the LCMS's tri-annual worship conference. In September of 2010 the Kantorei was invited to sing for the installation service of President Harrison at the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus on the campus of Concordia Seminary. In November 2010 the Kantorei was the featured children's choir at the Good Shepherd Institute at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. In June of 2016 the Kantorei sang for the Missionary Sending Service at the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod International Center. On October 31, 2107, the Kantorei participated at the Reformation500 celebration at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. The Kantorei is an affiliate member of the Royal School of Church Music in America and since 2009 choristers have attended Royal School of Church Music Summer Courses, in part due to scholarships provided from the annual Epiphany service.

Each year the congregation of Hope Ev. Lutheran Church kindly designates offerings from the Epiphany service to benefit the Kantorei. The generosity of church members and friends supports this program entirely, enabling the Kantorei to continue to build a music library of wonderful music, purchase vestments, provide accompanists and instrumentalists, and provide tuition assistance for choristers to attend RSCM summer courses.

If you know any children interested in singing with the Kantorei please contact Kantor Janssen at [mjanssen@hopelutheranstl.org](mailto:mjanssen@hopelutheranstl.org).

## 2022 – 2023 Kantorei

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