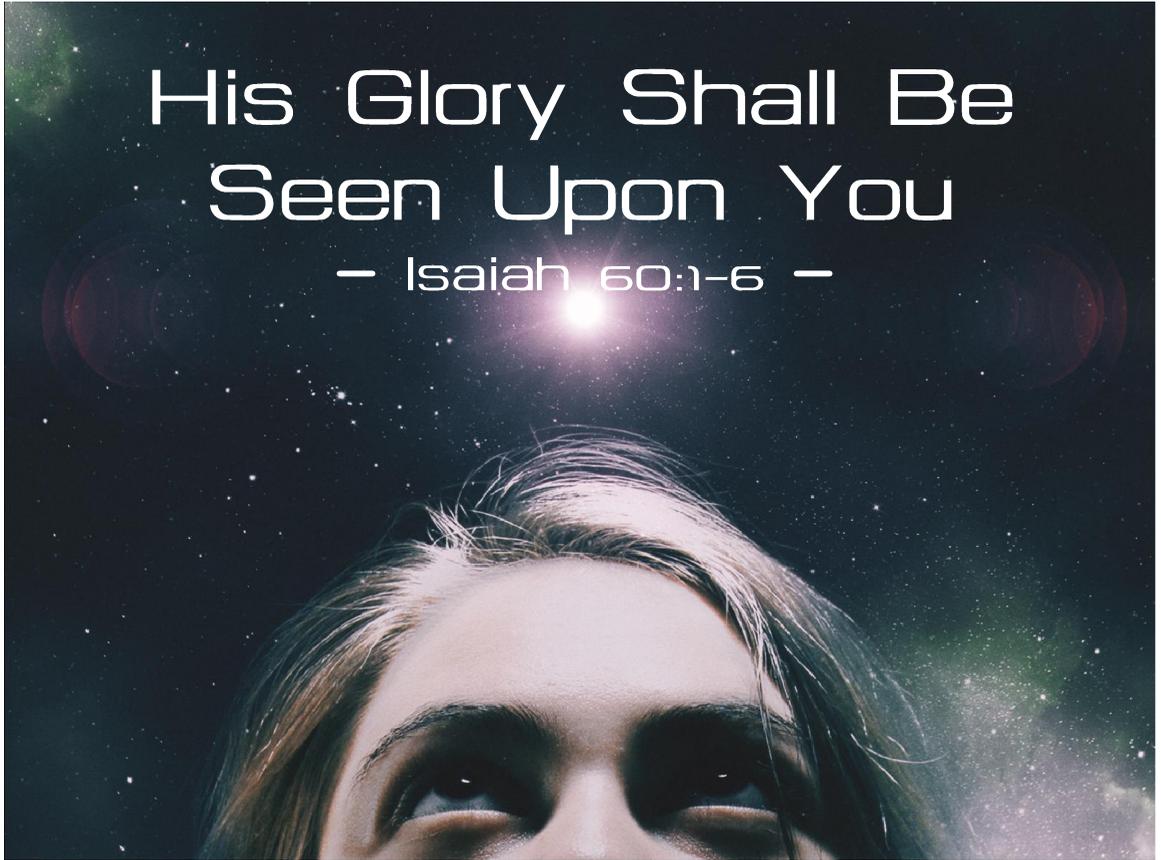


His Glory Shall Be Seen Upon You

— Isaiah 60:1-6 —



The Epiphany of Our Lord Sunday, January 6, 2019

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month
Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,
Mandi Diver – Choir/New Music Accompanist

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated according to the Lutheran Confessions based on the teaching Jesus gave his disciples and us that he is truly present in this meal. Confident that our sins are forgiven, we experience our oneness with him and each other as he gathers us at his table. His true body and blood, given and shed for us, we share in this meal as he invites in Matthew 26:26-28, "Take and eat; this is My Body ... This is My Blood..." Baptized Christians sharing these beliefs are invited to receive Communion. All others are invited to the altar rail for a blessing. Wine can be taken by common chalice, individual cup, or by dipping your wafer into the chalice. Please address questions to the Elders or the Pastor. ***Non-alcoholic wine is in purple-colored cups.***

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

SERVING TODAY

Sunday 8:00AM

Elders: Mike Bandman
Comm/Asst. Elder: **OPEN**
Acolytes: Kelsi Mulley, Griffin Pavletic
Lay Readers: Diane Boehm, Madeline Adams
Ushers: John Kozlik, Christie Kozlik
Greeters: Mason Family,
Messmer Family
Fellowship: Heidlauf
Jan. Altar Guild: Sheila Bunnell
Jan. Counters: Margie Tatgenhorst

Sunday 10:45AM

Randy Gifford
Dave Ziegler
Jacob Chudy, Annika Chudy
Ellen Dalrymple, Deb Pellettieri
Lance Rasmussen, Scott Gutzke
The Adams Family,
OPEN
Diane Sanders
Sue Best

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

Don Heidlauf for Joanne's birthday today.

In Today's Prayers

*If you have something you'd like added,
please go to one of the Prayer Stands,
write down your request, & put in the plastic rack.*



In our weekly Worship Prayers, we lift up praises, thanksgivings, requests, and concerns to our Lord. In order to help us pray to God about the wholeness of our lives in the world, we have a schedule for when we will focus on specific areas for prayer. Any immediate needs will always take priority, but in general, we will follow this schedule. Please note that this means on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, Pastor will speak the names of everyone on our health concerns list, but on other Sundays, this will be lifted up only as a general prayer for health and healing.

1st Sunday

Missionaries

Pastor Nicholas Salifu and churches in Northern Ghana
Chris, Heather, Moses & Micah Shepherd
Carlos & Suzanne Tejada, former preschool family, Costa Rica

Prayers for Justice

Heal our communities, break systems of injustice, use us as Your people
help us see others as children of God

Our local partners

Love INC—serving churches to help Christians serve those in need
COOL—food bank and transitional housing
PADS—homeless advocacy and support
A Safe Place—support for those affected by domestic violence
Ricky Bueno & Frontline Street Intervention—local gang outreach & ministry
Informed Choices—Pregnancy & Parenting centers, Grayslake & Crystal Lake

Congregation: Care in Community

We will provide direct assistance and build supportive relationships

EPIPHANY REFRAINS

An order of service using refrains and hymn verses related to Epiphany and God's revealing of His Son.

Opening Refrains *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

LSB 395 sts. 1-2



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



own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!
our hearts now shine; There light a flame un - dy - ing!



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 -



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!
es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing.



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



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.

Holy Gospel for the Epiphany

Matthew 2:1–12 (ESV)

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶““And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.””

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Invocation

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Alleluia.

P: *Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?*

Matthew 2:2b

C: For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him. Alleluia.

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Introit Refrains (Entrance Verses)

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

LSB 395 sts. 3, 5

3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls
from God a - bove A ray of pur - est plea - sure.
Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls
with heav'n-ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!
Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!
For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.

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!

Introit (Entrance Verses)

Psalm 45:6–8a, 72:18–19; antiphon (repeated verses): Psalm 45:17

P: I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

C: Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.

P: The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;
you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

C: Blessèd be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessèd be his glorious name forever;

may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!

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.

P: I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

C: Amen.

Confession (Admission) of Sin

P: As we praise the Father for sending His Son, we are bold and confident to approach the Lord, admitting our sin, and clinging to His forgiveness...
Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Absolution (Forgiveness)

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Thanksgiving Refrains **O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright** LSB 395 sts. 4, 6

4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when
not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!
Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him
here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing
Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

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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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1–6 (ESV)

- ¹Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- ²For 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.
- ³And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.
- ⁴Lift 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.
- ⁵Then 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.
- 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 bring good news, the praises of the LORD.
- L: O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Reading

Psalm 72: 1–11 (ESV)

- ¹Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
- ²May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!
- ³Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!
- ⁴May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!
- ⁵May they fear you while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
- ⁶May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!
- ⁷In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
- ⁸May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!
- ⁹May desert tribes bow down before him and his enemies lick the dust!
- ¹⁰May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!
- ¹¹May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!
- L: O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C: Thanks be to God.**

Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also 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: Amen.

Hymn of the Day

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.

Versicles

Isaiah 9:2a; John 1:15; Isaiah 9:2b; John 1:14b; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:14

P: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

C: The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

P: On those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

**C: We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son
who came from the Father.**

P: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C: In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.

Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

Offertory

Rejoice, Rejoice This Happy Morn

LSB 391

Re - joice, re - joice this hap - py morn, A Sav - ior un -
to us is born, The Christ, the Lord of glo - ry!
His low - ly birth in Beth - le - hem The an - gels from
on high pro - claim And sing re - demp - tion's sto - ry!
My soul, ex - tol God's great fa - vor; Bless Him ev - er
For sal - va - tion; Give Him praise and ad - o - ra - tion!

Prayers

Confession of Faith 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed and Luther's explanation

P: What do you believe about Jesus Christ?

C: ***I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.***

P: What does this mean?

C: ***I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.***

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

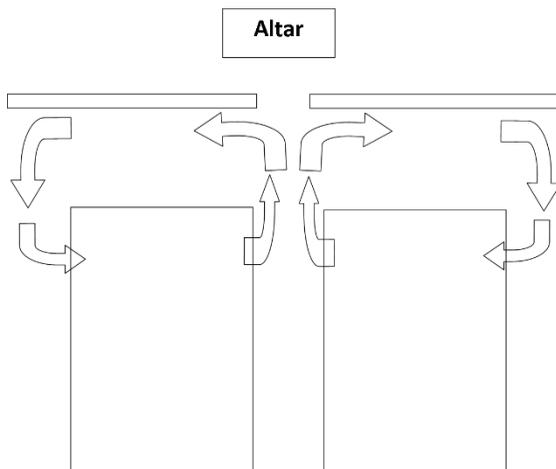
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe, we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.



Communion Distribution

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.
- Use the distribution time to prepare yourself for communion, sing the hymns as prayers to God, and maintain this as meditative time.



Preface Verses

Let All Together Praise Our God

LSB 389 sts. 1, 4



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His
4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To
hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.

The Lord's Prayer

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

All: 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.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

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

C: And also with you.

(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")

First 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,



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.



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;

Continues...



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

- 5 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
 Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
 Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
 Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Second Distribution Hymn

The People That in Darkness Sat

LSB 412



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious
 2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring
 3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a
 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -



light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In
 na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their
 Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All
 last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
 har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.
 pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
 God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.

- 5 His righteous government and pow'r
 Shall over all extend;
 On judgment and on justice based,
 His reign shall have no end,
 His reign shall have no end.
- 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
 And make us Thine alone,
 Who with the Father ever art
 And Holy Spirit, one,
 And Holy Spirit, one.

Common Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord... **C: Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. Lord God, the bright splendor whom the nations seek: with the wise men we have been drawn by Your light. May we also like them discern the glory of Your presence in Your incarnate Son in this meal we have received of His body and blood. For He suffered, died, and was buried, and now is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Benediction

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: Amen.**

Closing Refrains

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

LSB 394 sts. 1, 5



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

Announcements