

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



*Second Sunday in Christmas*  
*January 2, 2022*

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**The Order of Worship**  
**Divine Service Setting One (LSB 151)**

*(Please stand if you are able for portions of the liturgy marked with an \*)*

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**Announcements**

**Opening Hymn: Let All Together Praise Our God** **LSB 389**

**Confession and Absolution\*** **LSB 151**

**Introit** (Ps. 8:1, 4-6; antiphon: Ps. 8:2)

Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength because of your  
foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

**O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

**You have set your glory above the heavens.**

What is man that you are mindful of him,  
and the son of man that you care for him?

**Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings  
and crowned him with glory and honor.**

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under his feet.

**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.**

Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength because of your  
foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

**Kyrie\*** **LSB 152**

**Gloria in Excelsis\*** **LSB 154**

**Collect:** Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate  
Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus  
Christ, Your, Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 30:8-17**

### **Genesis 46:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. <sup>2</sup> And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, “Jacob, Jacob.” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>3</sup> Then he said, “I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. <sup>4</sup> I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again, and Joseph's hand shall close your eyes.” <sup>5</sup> Then Jacob set out from Beersheba. The sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons that Pharaoh had sent to carry him. <sup>6</sup> They also took their livestock and their goods, which they had gained in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his offspring with him, <sup>7</sup> his sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters. All his offspring he brought with him into Egypt.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual:** Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise. You, O LORD, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name.

### **Epistle:** 1 Peter 4:12-19

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup> But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup> Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. <sup>17</sup> For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup> And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” <sup>19</sup> Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Holy Gospel\*: Matthew 2:13-23**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” <sup>14</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.” <sup>16</sup> Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. <sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: <sup>18</sup> “A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.” <sup>19</sup> But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup> saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.” <sup>21</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup> And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed\*****LSB 158****Hymn of the Day: From East to West****LSB 385****Sermon****Installation of Officers****Prayer of the Church\*****We Give Thee But Thine Own\*****LSB 781****Service of the Sacrament\*****LSB 160****Distribution Hymns: 370, 362, 380, 361, 389 (Sing All)**

**Post-Communion Canticle\*: Thank the Lord  
Benediction\***

**LSB 164**

**Closing Hymn: O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly**

**LSB 897**

### **Announcements**

**Epiphany Divine Service:** Join us on **Thursday, January 6 at 7:00pm** as we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. This feast day centers on the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, this day has been referred to by some as “The Gentile Christmas.’ This day also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. While Christmas has focused on the Incarnation of our Lord, the Season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation of God in the flesh of Christ.

**Wednesday Night Religion:** Wednesday Night Religion resumes this week at 6:00pm.

**Church Officers Needed:** We are still in need of a member to sit on both the Board of Elders and Board of Education. If you have been asked to serve on one of these boards, please prayerfully reconsider. Or, if you know of someone who is interested, please speak with either the Board of Elders or Board of Education.

**Assistant Sunday School Superintendent:** If you or someone you know that would like to be the Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, please speak to either Dena Brammeier or Deb Albers. We need someone to take over this position in January.

**Contribution Envelope Boxes:** The Contribution Envelope boxes for 2022 are now in your mailboxes. Begin using these **January 1, 2022**. Please discard your unused 2021 envelopes after **December 31, 2021**. If you currently do not have contribution envelopes & would like to have a box, please contact Caroline Tate or Jennifer Brink.

**Men’s Club:** The servers for the Men’s Club meeting on **January 3<sup>rd</sup>** are Rob Gerstenecker and Carl Hanke.

**Poinsettias:** The poinsettias can be taken home after the Epiphany service on **January 6<sup>th</sup>**, or they can be picked up in the office on **Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**.

**Annual Report:** The time is drawing near for the Annual Report to be printed. If all organizations (Men's Club, Ladies Aid, Agape Youth, Preschool, Cemetery Committee, Treasurers, Wednesday Night Religion and Confirmation, & any others I may have missed) would please get me their reports by **January 10<sup>th</sup>** so that I may put the report together by the January voter's meeting. Thank You

**Flower Chart:** The flower chart for 2022 is up in the north office. Please stop by and sign up for any Sundays you would like to have flowers on the altar. Any questions, please contact Sylvia Kleiboeker or Lois Pigg.

**Apple Butter:** There are still a few pints of apple butter available. Please contact Caroline Tate or Deb Albers if you are interested in purchasing any. Thank you

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**This Week in Our Congregation:**

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School  
9:30am Divine Service

Monday: 8:30am–11:00am Preschool  
7:00pm Men's Club Meeting

Wednesday: 8:30am Matins  
8:30am–11:00am Preschool  
6:00pm–7:30pm Religion/Confirmation Class

Thursday: 7:00pm Divine Service (The Epiphany of Our Lord)

Friday: 8:30am–11:00am Preschool

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School  
9:30am Divine Service