

As We Gather: Right here. Right now. Jesus is present. Take a moment and let that sink in. Jesus—the very Son of God and King of the universe—is present! As He was at the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee, where He gave the first sign of His glory, He also is present with us today through the Word proclaimed and the “sign” received in His body and blood. The Table will be prepared. The bread and the wine will be plentiful. And communicants will be invited to come: “Take, eat. Take, drink.” Christ’s true presence is here for you, and you are richly blessed! Savor this hour as we gather and receive Jesus into our midst. What a holy hour this is! Right here. Right now. You are blessed by Jesus’ presence.

✝ SERVICE OF PREPARATION ✝

Greeting

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

Hymn of Invocation “Come, Join in Cana’s Feast” #408 (G)

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✝ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✝

Introit and Gloria Patri^① *Psalm 36:5–9; antiphon: Song 2:4*



P [The Lord] brought me to the ban- | queting house,*
and his banner over | me was love.

C **Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the | heavens,***
your faithfulness | to the clouds.

P Your righteousness is like the moun- | tains of God;*
your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, | O LORD.

C **How precious is your steadfast love, | O God!***
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow | of your wings.

P They feast on the abundance | of your house,*
and you give them drink from the river of | your delights.

C **For with you is the foun- | tain of life;***
in your light do | we see light.

All **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.



① “Introit” is pronounced “in-troh-it” & Latin for “he enters.” Here the Pastor enters the Chancel with the reading/chanting of these Psalm/Scripture verses. “Gloria Patri” is Latin for “Glory be to the Father” which is acclamation of praise before the final antiphon (a refrain that begins and concludes the Introit).

P [The Lord] brought me to the banqueting house,*
and his banner over me was love.

Kyrie..... *omitted on Sundays after Epiphany until Transfiguration*

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P [♪] Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C [♪] Amen.

Old Testament **Isaiah 62:1-5**
[God is the Bridegroom to His people.]

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

⁵For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

Gradual^② and Verse *Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8; St. John 2:11*

P Praise the Lord, all nations!

C Extol him, all peoples!

P For great is his steadfast love toward us,

C and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

P Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

C bring an offering, and come into his courts!

P This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory.

C And his disciples believed in him.

Epistle..... **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**
[God gives the gifts of His Spirit for the common good.]

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one

① "Gloria in Excelsis" is Latin for "Glory To God In The Highest" is based on the song of the angels announcing the birth of Jesus.

② "Gradual" comes from the Latin "gradus" meaning 'step.' In the ancient church these Psalm & Scripture verses were chanted from the steps of the Altar. It is a response to the First Lesson and a bridge to the Second Lesson.

speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

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

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Holy + Gospel **St. John 2:1–11**

[Jesus works His first sign at the Cana wedding feast.]

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter. **C** (♩) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. ⁹When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** (♩) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day “**The Only Son from Heaven**” #402

Sermon “**No Time for Silence**” Isaiah 62:1-5

1. Bad News
2. Good News

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Prayer of the Church

The prayers begin.

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

Each petition concludes:

P Let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Matter of Importance:

Please Note: *If you are visiting and have not already done so, please read **Communion Information** in the bulletin.*

Offering and Attendance Registration

Your Preparation for the Sacrament

Prayers may be found on the inside front cover of the Hymnal, "Lutheran Service Book."

Offertory ~ *What Shall I Render to the Lord* Pages 159-160

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

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The Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first, the presiding minister communing himself and his assistants.

*Communicants are ushered forward by rows. **Please receive the host upon an open palm.** The Chalice (or common cup) is available at every table. The Duty Elder will offer the individual cups and is followed by the Pastor who will offer the Chalice. **Please tip the base of the chalice yourself** to avoid spillage. The individual cups in the center ring contain de-alcoholized wine for those who have so requested.*

Distribution Hymns "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" #636
"Jesus Has Come And Brings Pleasure Eternal" #533
"Hail To The Lord's Anointed" #398 (OT)

Post-Communion Canticle^⑤ ~ *Thank the Lord* Pages 164

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Hymn of Departure "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" #394 (G)

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Dismissal:

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **G** Thanks be to God!

① "Sanctus" is Latin for "Holy." This Hymn is based on *Isaiah 6:3 & St. Matthew 21:9*

② These are the very Words of Christ which make the elements of bread and wine a sacrament. Our Confessions state "When the Word is joined to the external element, it becomes a sacrament" (Large Catechism, v.10).

③ "The Peace of the Lord" – The purpose of the Pax is a confessional declaration that the peace that passes all understanding is here present in the body and blood of Christ. For this reason the Celebrant now lifts the Chalice and Host.

④ "Agnus Dei" (pronounced 'ahn-yoos day-ee') is Latin for "Lamb of God"

⑤ This hymn of Thanksgiving is based on *1 Chronicles 16:8-10* and expresses our thanks to God who sends us forth into the world with rejoicing.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY [SANCTITY OF LIFE] JANUARY 20, 2019

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: *Steadfast in the Word, Bethlehem Lutheran Church shares Christ and serves people with friendship in His love in all of God's world.*

WELCOME TO BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH! We extend a most joyous welcome to all who are worshipping today. We are confident the Lord will reveal Himself to you through this Divine Service so that you may know the joy of His presence in your life. To our guests: If you have any questions about the Christian faith or about Lutheran worship and practice, please ask the Pastor, one of our Elders, or any of our members. God bless you in Christ Jesus!



COMMUNION INFORMATION: Bethlehem is an orthodox, confessional Lutheran congregation. Following the teaching of God's Word, we believe that the Lord's Supper is more than a mere symbol, but that in the Lord's Supper we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ with the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. Through this eating and drinking, we receive the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. The Apostle Paul notes the importance of those who come to the Lord's Supper coming in a worthy manner (1 Corinthians 11:25-19), that is, coming in an attitude of repentance, recognizing the bread and wine as the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus, and firmly believing Christ and his words that this is given for the forgiveness of sins. We also recognize that the Lord's Supper is also an outward sign of doctrinal unity. The Apostle Paul notes the importance of unity within the body of believers who receive this sacrament (1 Corinthians 10:16-17). For these reasons and since Christian Churches vary widely in their teachings about the Lord's Supper, we ask that **all guests please speak to the Pastor prior to approaching the Altar.** All communicants are asked to sign the Registration sheet in the Narthex.

WORSHIP NOTES: The Chasuble is a Eucharistic Vestment which the Pastor puts on before preparing the Sacramental vessels. It is a visual mark indicating that in the transition from the Service of the Word to the Service of the Sacrament something extraordinary is about to take place. The use of such a vestment is in keeping with both Lutheran tradition and practice; as our Lutheran Confessions state (*Ap XXIV*).

AS WE COME INTO THE SANCTUARY - let us be sensitive to the needs of those who use the quiet and reverence of the Prelude as a time to prepare their hearts and minds for the Divine Service. **ALSO:** Out of respect for God's House and courtesy for other worshippers, please turn off all cell phones. Please also encourage one another to show respect to God, His Word, our fellow-worshippers, and our Pastor by limiting movement during Scripture Readings, Sermon & prayers. Thank you.

OUR WORSHIP STYLE: We are a "liturgical" church. That means that the basic pattern of our worship is drawn from the services that have been used by Christians for many centuries all across the world. The components of the Liturgy come from the Bible and serve to focus our worship on God's Word and our response to His Word in faith. As Martin Luther once said, "We worship to hear God speak and to speak to the God who hears us." If you are new to our worship format let it serve as a witness of our response to God who reaches out to us. In time, we pray that you, too, will celebrate the rich spiritual rewards of our heritage in Worship.

TODAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON is "The Visit of the Wise Men," as told in Matthew 2. This Bible story teaches us that the Savior came into the world for the salvation of all people. Just as the Wise Men came to Bethlehem to see the Savior and honor Him, so we come to church to see the Savior in His Word and Sacraments. With these gifts, He both honors and blesses us. Consider discussing, "How are we sometimes like Herod? How are we like the Wise Men?"

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY: "The Life of Saint Paul" – We will study that section of the New Testament which deals with the life and work of St. Paul; primarily using the Acts of the Apostles and St. Paul's Epistles.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the Glory of God by Lana Bowden in memory of Henry Lawson and Paul and Jo Ann Tugwell in celebration of their 52nd anniversary!

DOOR OFFERING FOR LIVING ALTERNATIVES - Living Alternatives of Palestine is a non-profit crisis pregnancy center for women and girls with unplanned pregnancies. It provides counseling, parenting education, post-abortion counseling, and basic care for infants through 12 months (including cribs, car seats, highchairs, strollers, clothes food and diapers). All services are confidential and free of charge.

MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES include choir practice at 5:15 PM, a pot luck supper at 6:00 PM, and Bible classes at 7:00 PM. The Adults are studying "**Habakkuk: A Victorious Faith.**" Sooner or later one question comes to the lips of every child, youth, and adult: Why do the wicked prosper and the righteous suffer? In the midst of personal, national, and world problems Habakkuk helps us find God's answer — in a victorious faith.

CHILI FRIDAY: is **THIS FRIDAY**, January 25th! We are still looking for helpers and silent auction donations. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Please see Megan Taylor or Donna Hughes if you would like to help.

SUPER BOWL SUBS: The Youth will be taking orders for sub sandwiches (includes chips and a cookie) today and next Sunday, the 27th. The cost is \$7 each and they can be picked up after church February 3rd, Super Bowl Sunday.

NEWSLETTER –The **JANUARY** edition of *The Bethlehem Star* newsletter is in your mailbox in the narthex. Make sure you have picked up your copy. Items for the February newsletter are due in the church office today. Thank you!

THE QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING will take place after the Divine Service next Sunday, January 27th.

LUTHERAN WITNESS AND CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: If you have not yet paid for your Lutheran Witness subscription, or your poinsettia please do so. If you are not sure, please contact the church office. Thank you!

PORTALS OF PRAYER devotion booklets for January through March are on the shelf in the narthex. Make sure you have one and pick up an extra copy for a friend!

A SCHOLARSHIP FUND has been established for Aaron Jackson's college expenses. Aaron is attending Concordia University/Seward, NE to prepare for full-time Church Work as a Minister of Music. If you would like to contribute, please indicate on your check and place it in the offering plate. You can also send Aaron an encouraging note at: Concordia University, Aaron Jackson, 800 North Columbia Ave., Seward, NE 68434-1500.

ABOUT THE COVER: How fitting that the first miracle of Jesus' ministry is at a wedding. Jesus has come to seek out His Bride, the Church. Celebration is the right response because He brings the best. As we look forward to that heavenly feast when He comes again, today we get a foretaste in Holy Communion, where Jesus has given us not merely bread and wine but His very body and blood.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; St. Luke 4:16-30.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LAST WEEK			
OFFERINGS		ATTENDANCE	
General Offering	\$3364.76	Sunday School	35
<u>[Needed per week]:</u>	<u>\$2,668.00]</u>	Divine Service	74
Building Fund	\$0.00	Mid-Week	24
<u>[Needed per week]:</u>	<u>\$350.00]</u>		

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY THIS WEEK

<p>Sunday (01/20)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9:00 AM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10:15 AM</p> <p>Acolyte/Crucifer:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Pianist:</p> <p>Altar Guild:</p> <p>Duty Elder:</p> <p>After Church:</p>	<p>Epiphany 2</p> <p>Sanctity of Life Sunday</p> <p>Sunday School & Bible Classes</p> <p>Divine Service / Holy Communion</p> <p>Kristen Harris</p> <p>Sylvia Frenzel</p> <p>Lea Rosier & Lana Bowden</p> <p>James Taylor</p> <p>Evangelism Board / Newsletter Items Due</p>
<p>Wednesday (01/23)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5:15 PM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6:00 PM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7:00 PM</p>	<p>Choir Practice</p> <p>Potluck Supper</p> <p>Bible Classes</p>
<p>Friday (01/25)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">11:00 AM – 7:00 PM</p>	<p>Chili Friday</p>
<p>Sunday (01/27)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9:00 AM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10:15 AM</p> <p>Acolyte:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Pianist:</p> <p>Altar Guild:</p> <p>Duty Elder:</p> <p>After Church:</p>	<p>Epiphany 3</p> <p>Sunday School & Bible Classes</p> <p>Worship</p> <p>Matthew Jackson</p> <p>Sylvia Frenzel</p> <p>Lea Rosier & Lana Bowden</p> <p>James Taylor</p> <p>Quarterly Voter's Meeting</p>

IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

National Leadership and Military: including members Kyle Lawson and Kyle Shepherd, as well as Robert Garcia [Juanita's son], James Reed [Devin Jackson's co-worker] and Jeremy Stafford [Marcy Hogan's nephew]

Health needs - Members: Bobby Fulmer, Albert Harris, George Nelson...**Friends: Jerry Dukes** (1/20) [friend of Jackson's]

Homebound - Members: Dorothy Jackson, Martha Kaudelka, Johnnie Weaver

In Prison: William Schatte (LC-MS member @ Faith/Plano, incarcerated at Powledge Unit)

Celebrating this week: Birthdays: Matthew Howard ... **Wedding Anniversaries:** Paul & Jo Ann Tugwell

All who commune

NOTE: New prayers requests are in **BOLD**. Prayers submitted will stay on the prayer list for two weeks unless updated. Please inform the Pastor and the Church Office regarding the status of submitted prayers so we may be timely and up-to-date in petitions to our gracious God.

TO ADD PETITIONS TO OUR PRAYER CHAIN CALL LEA ROSIER AT (903) 729-1879 or (903) 391-5678

Note: The Letters in parentheses after the Hymn number indicate hymns selected because of direct connection to the Propers (i.e., Scripture Readings) for the day ... OT=Old Testament, FR=First Reading, SR= Second Reading , Ps=Psalm; V=Verse; E=Epistle, G=Gospel. Hymns with no such indication are hymns that, while having no direct connection to the Propers, still support the theme of the day.

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“To Give Light to Those who Sit in Darkness”

