Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church 6514 E 750 N Ossian, IN 46777

A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



The Epiphany of our Lord (observed)

Divine Service – Setting Three January 7, 2024 Vol. 126-06

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Order of Holy Baptism pg. 268 (June Rory Lambert)

Service of the Word pg. 184

Introit (sung responsively)



Behold the Lord, the rul- er, has come,*

and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.

Give the king your justice, | O God,*

and your righteousness to the | royal son!

May he judge your people with | righteousness,*

and your poor with | justice!

May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him | tribute;* may the kings of Sheba and Seba | bring gifts!

May all kings fall down be- | fore him,*

all nations | serve him!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

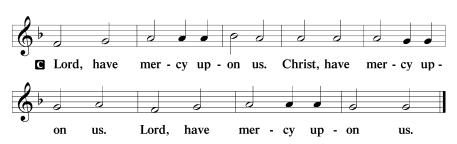
as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Behold the Lord, the rul- er, has come,*

and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in his hand.

Kyrie



Gloria in Excelsis





Salutation and Collect of the Day



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.



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

The Future Glory of Israel

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.

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

Gradual

Those from She- | ba shall come.*

They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises | of the LORD.

Arise, shine, for your | light has come,*

and the glory of the LORD has risen up- | on you.

Epistle Ephesians 3:1–12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which 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. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁶Of 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. ⁶To 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, ⁰and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in 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.

Alleluia



Holy Gospel Matthew 2:1–12

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



The Visit of the Wise Men

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; 4 and 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.



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,

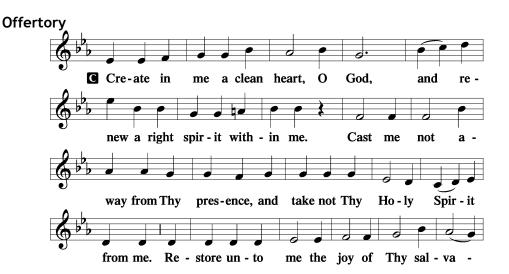
and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

#395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Sermon





Offering

Prayer of the Church

We remember all those in need of continued strength and healing:

Patsy Gallmeyer (knee surgery)

Margaret Whitesel, Joellen Meyer, Norwin Bauermeister

Ellie Anderson (friend of Sarena Wirgau)

Joyce Krumma (aunt of Rick Krumma)

Donita Yates (Cousin of Clara Conrad)

Brandon Tomlinson (son in-law of the Brinkleys)

Tom Black (father of Ed Black), Sandra Flum (Susan Graft's sister)

Barbara Murphy (Melissa Price's grandmother)

Baptismal Blessings: June Rory Lambert

In time of sorrow: Helen McDonald (grandmother of Lynae Laley)

We pray for our expectant mothers: Betsy Dodgers, Kristin Gresley,

Mariel Kleppinger, Jessica Schumm, Abigail (Springer) Mayer, Margaret Moore, Reese Springer,

Lauren Stoppenhagen, Shelby Todd

We pray for protection: Pastor and Mrs. Moehring's son Stephen in Israel.

We pray for our members shut-in:

Jackie Werling, Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare)

Imogene Bultemeier- in Hospice, Marilyn Meyer (Woodcrest)

Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)

Gloria Siela (home), Charlotte Bultemeier (StoryPoint West)

Rev. Donald Lutz (Lutheran Life Village)

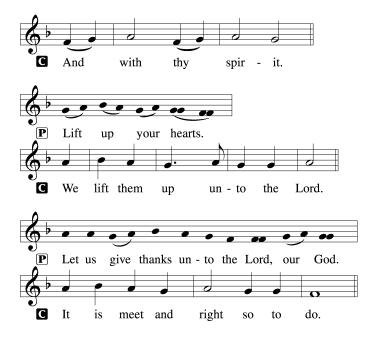
We pray for our Church, School and all her workers

We pray for all military personnel

Service of the Sacrament pg. 194

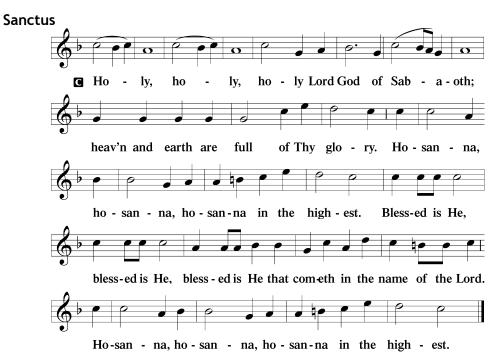
Preface





Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:



Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord

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 Hody, 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 Holood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

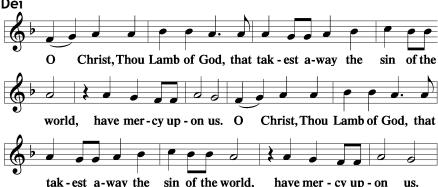




P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



Agnus Dei



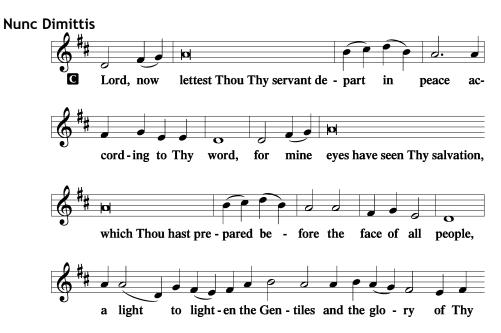


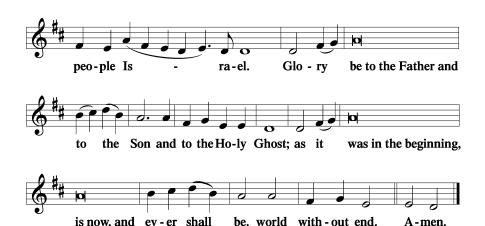
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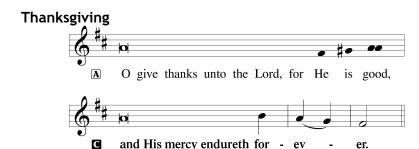
<u>Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper</u> in our worship. Bethlehem Lutheran Church administers this Holy Supper in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we receive, along with the Bread and Wine, the very Body and Blood of Jesus through which we receive the forgiveness of sins. Furthermore, the communicants as a body of believers make a confession of the unity of their faith. Those desiring to receive the Sacrament with us, who are not communicant members of Bethlehem or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, are asked to please speak with the Pastor before the service.

Distribution Hymns

#628 Your Table I Approach #396 Arise and Shine in Splendor #398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed #399 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here







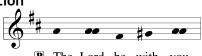
Post-Communion Collect

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.



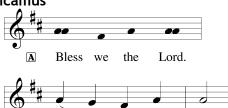
Salutation



P The Lord be with you.

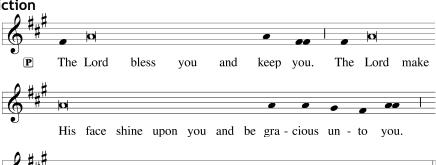


Benedicamus



Thanks

Benediction



God.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



Closing Hymn

#397 As with Gladness Men of Old

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching/Celebrant Rev. Samuel Wirgau **Fieldworkers** Sem. Morgan Phillips and Sem. William Bales Wendy Boehm Deaconess Glen Werling Head Elder **Elders on Duty** Ted Schumm and Jerry Meyer Richard Brinkley **Kantor** Paizlev Price and MacKenzie Price Acolyte Altar Guild Chairman Tisha Laley and Cheryl Louison Ushers Jared Conrad, Mike Nahrwold, Jacob Meyer Trent Bultemeier, Andrew Stoppenhagen, Jacob Werling

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Website for Church and School: www.BethlehemOssian.org

TODAY 9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class and Sunday School 11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

MONDAY 7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY 10:00 a.m. Chapel Service 5:30 p.m. Catechesis Class

7:00 p.m. Spoken Divine Service 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

FRIDAY-SATURDAY TBA Bethlehem Varsity Girls Tournament

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class and Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Board of Elders Meeting

11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at <u>bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com</u> or the church office at 597-7121.

https://www.youtube.com/bethlehemlutheranchurchossian 9:00 a.m. Livestream

BAPTIZED TODAY into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is June Rory Lambert, newborn daughter of Adam and Olivia Lambert. Sponsors for June are: Peyton Laley, Collin Laley, Gavin Laley and Kaden Laley. We welcome June as a member of the Kingdom of God and joint heir with us of all God's blessings.

SPECIAL VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING - Sunday January 21, 2024 at 11:15 am

ATTENTION WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM - There will be an all-women's meeting on Sunday January 21 from 8-845am in the fellowship hall. We will specifically be discussing remodeling the church bathrooms, mounting of the television in the fellowship hall, and possibly relocating the mural in the fellowship hall. We highly encourage all women to attend to voice their opinions and/or concerns. If women cannot be there the 21st, they are welcome to contact Jessica Schumm (260) 414-6559 or Marissa Geiger (260) 417-8033.

The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society is hosting a Dinner and Square Dance with Bill Werling and the Breakaway Band on Saturday, January 13, 2024 at the Mirage Banquet Hall (1640 Winchester Street; Decatur, IN 46733). Doors open at 5 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person, 12 and under is \$10. Sponsored by the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society. 260-580-0812. (see insert in today's bulletin for more info)

SPECIAL GUEST - Next Sunday (January 14th) we will have Dr. Alexey Streltsov, President of the Lutheran Seminary in Novosibirsk Siberia, and his wife Elena as our guests at Bethlehem. Dr. Streltsov will preach for our morning Divine Service and give a presentation during the Bible Study hour. Please come receive Christ's gifts at Bethlehem and stay for this special presentation as we continue to thank God for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Siberia.

<u>Donations for New Library Bookshelves - Library Improvement Phase II</u>

Once again, thank you to everyone who contributed to Phase I of our room swap for the Library and Kindergarten. It was a great success! We are now beginning to raise money for Phase II, which will improve our library with new bookshelves. These will be wooden bookshelves, handmade by a member of our church. This project will also create more space for books, with shelves for all three walls of the new library, which will add room for our collection to grow. Please consider making a donation to this beautiful and useful project. Make checks out to Bethlehem Lutheran School and include a memo: Library Phase II.

<u>SHARPER IRON</u> – Hosted by Timothy Appel with guest Rev. Samuel Wirgau, Monday, January 8th at 8:00 a.m. for a study on Series: "Nothing but Christ Crucified" 2nd Corinthians 1:1-7. Listen Live or On-demand at: KFUO.org/sharperiron.

<u>LUTHERAN BIBLE INSTITUTE</u> – Make it your New Year's resolution to come and learn at the 55th annual Decatur Lutheran Bible Institute. Classes meet at Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School. Students and adults can choose from four stimulating courses. Please see today's insert for more information or contact Mike and Linda Bultemeier.

CTSFW UPCOMING EVENTS – EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND

Evening Prayer with the CTSFW Kantorei will be held Tuesday, January 16, at 5 p.m. in Kramer Chapel. Evening Prayer brings together the people of God at the end of the day to laud and magnify His glorious name.

On Wednesday, January 17, at 5 p.m., come your hearts and voices raising for a special **Hymn Festival with the Schola Cantorum** in Kramer Chapel. The Schola Cantorum and local LCMS church choirs, directed by Jonathan Busarow and accompanied by Kantor Kevin Hildebrand, organist, and professional instrumentalists, will reprise highlights of the Good Shepherd Hymn Festival of November 2023.

The final special worship and music event is **Vespers and a short organ recital**, which will be held in Kramer Chapel Thursday, January 18, at 5 p.m.

<u>Please plan to attend an Open House for Sylvia Wann's to celebrate her 80th birthday!</u> Saturday, January 13th from 11-1:00 pm at New Hope Lutheran Church in Ossian. No gifts, just your presence would be appreciated!

Offering Dec. 31, 2023	
Average weekly need \$13,818	
Home Fund Env.	\$25,635.77
Synod	23.83
Loose	697.98
Scholarship Fund	
Improvement Fur	nd 245.85
Endowment Fund	4,000.00
Music Fund	
Sunday School	
Christmas Eve	747.00
Christmas Day	2,668.00
New Year's Eve	710.00
Library Phase II	<u>2,050.00</u>
	\$36,778.43

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance \$117.69

Next week bills due: \$6,000 Bills due two weeks: \$15,000

Savings Account Balance \$43,267.31

Borrowed from Savings: Paid Operating Loan Debt: (\$6,750)

Church/Communion Attendance

Sunday Morning 189/145 New Year's Eve 40/28 Wednesday 23/14

WOB Church Bathroom Project: \$10,387.13

RECITATION & PRAYER FOR CLASSROOM AND HOME

The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A hymn may be sung.

Recite Together:

The Ten Commandments

You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it Holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and 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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Additional Memory Work for the week may be recited.

Scripture Reading and/or Devotion Lesson

Prayers and Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Learn-by-heart all or some of the provided text as age and ability of your household allows.

What is the Introduction to the Lord's Prayer? Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean?

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

What is Galatians 3:26?

For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. Galatians 3:26



CELEBRATING 55 YEARS!

Decatur Lutheran Bible Institute

2024 Sessions: January 23 & 30, February 6 & 13

Choose one of these stimulating courses:

The Acts of the Apostles through Four Windowpanes

Rev. Dr. Jon Bruss - Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

Climb Every Mountain: Getting to Know the Shape of the Divine Service

Rev. Dr. Paul Grime – Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

Joseph as a Death and Resurrection Figure

Rev. Leonard Tanksley - Pastor, St. Peter Lutheran (Fuelling)

Lutheran Doctrine: What We Teach and Why It Matters

Rev. Samuel Wirgau - Pastor, Bethlehem Lutheran (Ossian)

Tuition: \$10 per adult (covers 4 sessions), FREE for all students!

Bring your own personal Bible.

Enrollment: Opening night at 6:30 pm followed by

classes from 7-9:15 pm

Location: Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School,

US Hwy 27, just north of Decatur

Minimal Time Commitment! Low Cost! No Homework!

SAVE THE SIBERIAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY MISSION Fundraiser

DINNER & Square Dance

w/ Bill Werling and the Breakaway Band

and

Rev. Dr. Alexey Streltsov, President of the Lutheran Seminary in Novosibirsk Siberia

Mirage Banquet Hall 1640 Winchester Street Decatur, IN 46733

Saturday, January 13, 2024

5:00 p.m. – Doors Open for Dinner & Drinks (cash bar)

Square Dance Lessons for Beginners
5:45 p.m. – Comments from Siberian Lutheran Mission Society & Dr.

Streltsov

6:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Dancing and Fellowship

\$20 per person

Cash Bar Available (12 and under - \$10)

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