

Old Testament *Isaiah 2:1–5*

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³and many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Epistle *Ephesians 4:1–6*

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility

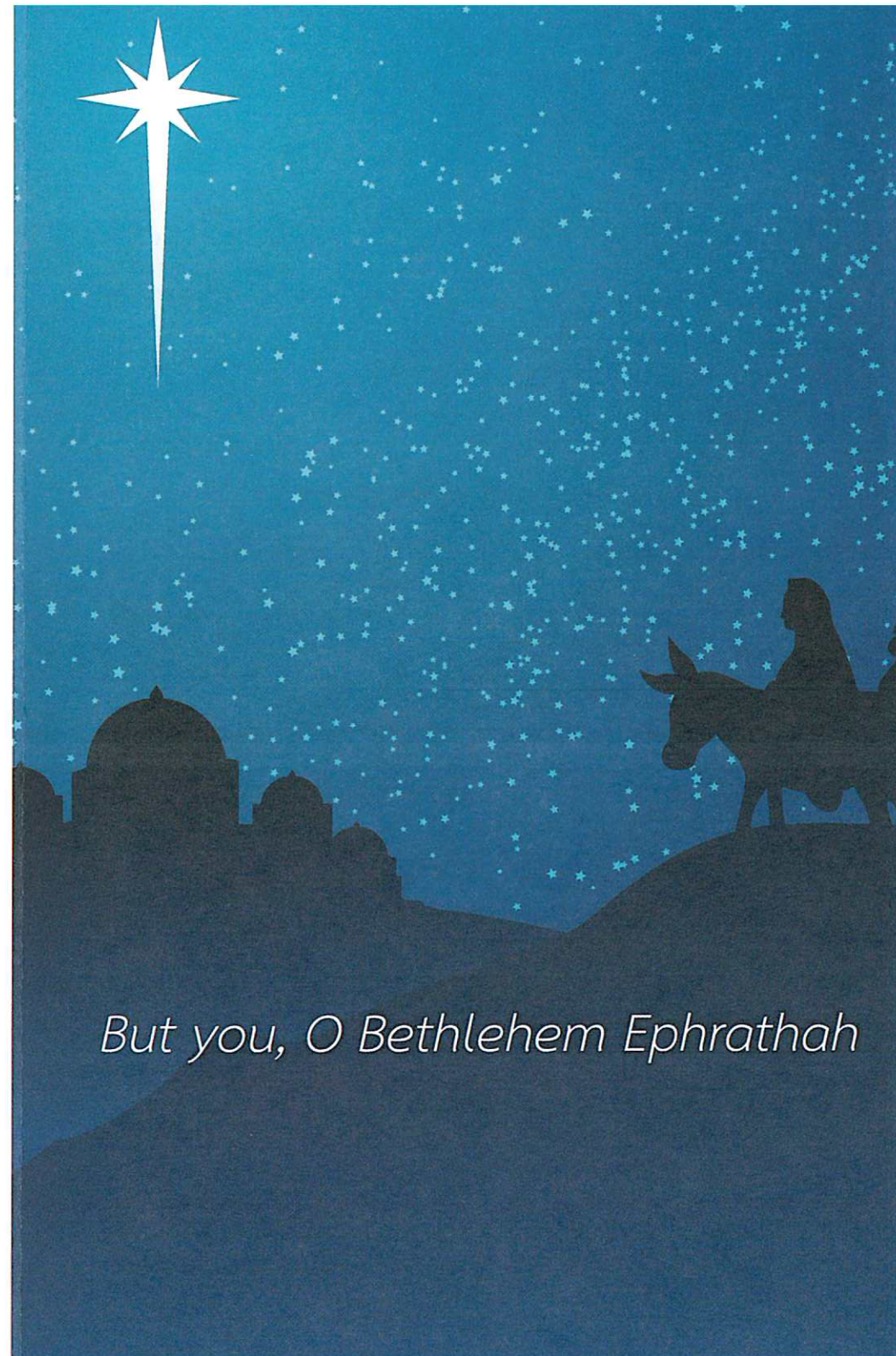
and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Holy Gospel *John 14:1–6*

¹[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.



About the Cover: The little town of Bethlehem was “fruitful” (the meaning of *Ephrathah*) because the Lord deigned to be born there. The places where the Lord chooses to be present are life-giving because He is there. How often He chooses humble means to do amazing things! Every Sunday, by His Word and Sacraments, He joins His Word to simple things like water, bread, and wine to do the amazing acts of creating and sustaining faith.



But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 23, 2018

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Hymns: 357 vs. 1-2, 5-7, 368, 346, 343, 918
Sermon: "God With Us – Our Guide"
John 14:1-6

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 12/12 (Wed.): 54	Offering: \$1,070.00
Attendance 12/16 (Sun.): 143	Offering: \$2,192.00
S.S. – 23	Staff – 8
Budget Needs: \$3,397.00	Scrip Profit: 12/16: \$55.88

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

MON (12/24) 4:00 & 8:00 p.m. – Candlelight Service
TUES (12/25) 9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.
(Continuous Distribution)
WED (12/26) No Confirmation
No Worship Service
SUN (12/30) No S.S./No B.C.
9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.
MON (12/31) 5:30 P.M. – Worship w/Comm.

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Lorriane Evel as her health diminishes; Marla Evel, Lorraine Evel's daughter, whose earthly days are drawing to a close.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Scott & Mary Eickert.

REMINDER: Annual Report items are due January 1, 2019. You may drop them off at the church office or email them to sblcbrillion@gmail.com. *Thank you!*

WORLD RACE PRESENTATION & BREAKFAST - Sunday, January 13 @10 a.m. Join us as Nicole Wittmann gives us a recap of her 11-month mission journey and shares with us a Central American breakfast. Breakfast will consist of eggs, beans, fruit, etc. Please sign up on the bulletin board by Wednesday, January 9. There is no cost.

NEWSLETTER HARD-COPY – If you would like a hard-copy of the church newsletter, please contact the church office and we will put one in your church mailbox each time it is printed.

2019 FLOWER CHART & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP – If you would like to donate flowers or sponsor bulletins for next year, please sign up on the bulletin board.

2019 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES may be picked up from the table in the coat room. Please do not start using them until January 1, 2019.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – Students & staff invite you to join us for our Children's Christmas Program, "O Christmas Tree: Reveal to Us a Savior" at Trinity Rantoul Church. Dress Rehearsal is on Friday, December 21st at 11a.m. at church. A potluck luncheon in the school gym follows the service. The Christmas Eve Children's service is at 4 p.m. Dec 24. Please join us as we celebrate our Saviors Birth!

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

Philippians 4:5b-6 *"The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."* Wouldn't you like to be free from worry and anxiety? Isn't it worry and anxiety that often keep us from living the generous life God has called us to? St. Paul contrasts anxiety with prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving in making our requests known to God. In other words, when you are tempted to anxiety and worry, pray to the Lord with a thankful heart and pour out your supplications before Him.