



Second Sunday after Epiphany January 20, 2019



Welcome to Bethlehem!

The members of Bethlehem thank you for joining us today! We believe and teach that Jesus Christ is the only way to eternal life in heaven. So we will work to bring glory to Him in our entire service. We pray that more people will hear God's Word and come to know Christ as their personal Savior.

May God bless your worship with us! If you are our guest today, and if you are trying to find a spiritual family where you can feel at home, we are eager to share more about God and about Bethlehem. We would be honored to befriend you in Jesus Christ!

Guest Information

For parents with restless children; we are used to children! Their God-given voices won't make you unpopular around here. Special children's bags have been prepared next to the sanctuary entrance. If it seems right to take the child into the lobby / gathering space, feel free to do so, and return when you are ready. There is still sight and sound, so that you may benefit from the service as much as possible. A changing table is available in each restroom. Restrooms are located along the left-hand wall just outside the sanctuary. If you need assistance with anything, please speak to an usher.



The Distribution of the Lord's Supper

Holy Communion is being celebrated today. Through the Apostle Paul, the Lord tells us it is necessary to recognize Jesus' true body and blood in the sacrament. This comes through a belief in the teaching of the Real Presence. Otherwise, the communicant is sinning against that body and blood. "For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself (sins)," 1 Corinthians 11:29.

Joint reception of the Lord's Supper also is an expression of the common faith we declare primarily by unity with other Christians in church membership. Since Scripture tells us to take part in this Sacrament with prepared hearts (1 Corinthians 11:27-28) and unity of faith (1 Corinthians 10:17), we humbly ask visitors from congregations not in our fellowship to delay communing with us until the pastor has a chance to speak with you. We thank you for respecting our communion practice. Members of WELS and ELS, please speak with pastor prior to the service, if possible.

White grape juice is available for those who cannot have alcohol.

Liturgy and Hymns

God's service to us today is Christ-centered. The *liturgy* (from an old word that means "service") and songs are designed to revolve around salvation in Jesus Christ alone. Page numbers for the liturgy today begin in the front of the red hymnal. The hymns follow after, and they are numbered in order. Those liturgy pages and hymns are also posted on the hymn board.

The Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



The Scripture Lessons

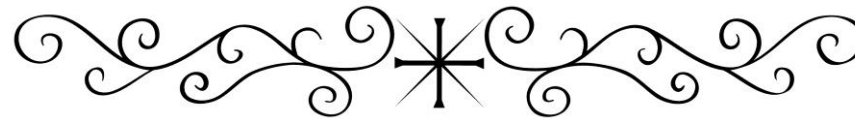
Isaiah 62:1-5: *The Lord proclaims good news to Zion: she is his bride. To his glory, she will stand together with him in righteousness and salvation.*

Psalms 133-134: *Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.*

Ephesians 3:14-21: *As his bride, rooted in his love, we can only begin to grasp the immeasurable width, length, height and depth of his love.*

Isaiah 49:3: Alleluia. He said to me, "You are my servant, in whom I will display my glory." Alleluia.

John 2:1-11: *The Savior Jesus revealed his glorious power with his first miracle. His divine authority confirmed his first disciples' faith.*



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Lessons next Sunday: Isaiah 61:1-6; Acts 4:13-21; Luke 4:14-21.

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Hymn CW # 500
For Christian Homes, O Lord
(Please stand for last verse.)

Liturgy, p. 38 in front of CW
Service of the Word

Prayer of the Day

Lessons | Isaiah 62:1-5
Psa. 133-4, p. 115
Ephesians 3:14-21

Verse of the Day, Isaiah 49:3

Children's Message

Hymn CW # 93
Hail To The Lord's Anointed

SERMON – John 2:1-11

God And The Good Times

1. An invitation for Jesus
2. An epiphany for everyone else

Apostles Creed, p. 41

Offering and Prayers

Lord's Prayer, p. 43

The Sacrament, page 35

Hymn CW # 371
O, Love, How Deep

Thanksgiving, p. 36

Hymn CW # 501
Our Father, By Whose Name
(Please stand for last verse.)

Benediction

C: Amen. Amen. Amen.