

THE CIRCUMCISION & NAME OF JESUS

Sunday, January 1, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

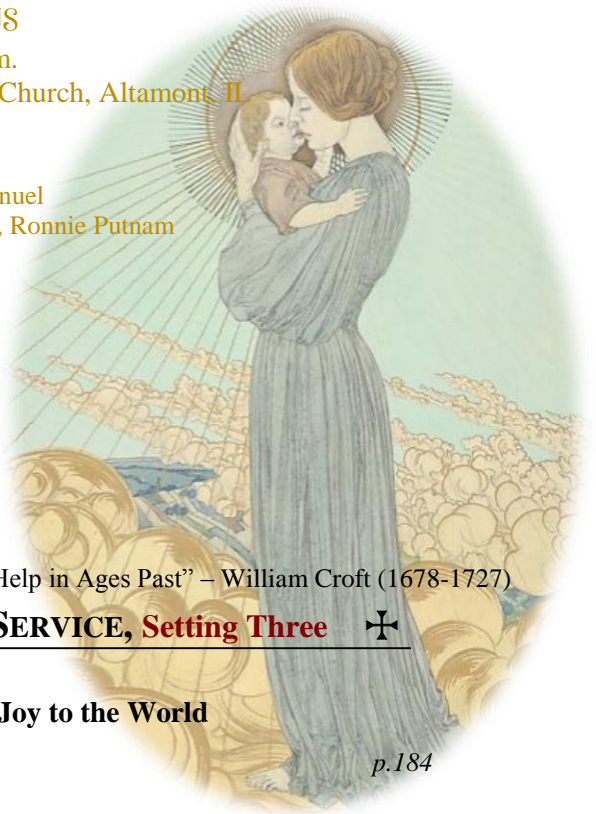
Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Altamont, IL

Rev. Gary Fortkamp

Elder: Dennis Guffey

Organist & Choir Director: Dean Manuel

Ushers: Ray Braasch, Jason Koester, Ronnie Putnam



Preservice Music

Ringing of Bells

Prelude ST. ANNE – “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” – William Croft (1678-1727)

✠ **DIVINE SERVICE, Setting Three** ✠

*Please stand*

Processional Hymn LSB #387 Joy to the World

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Introit Psalm 40:6–8; antiphon: 40:16

*(respond with the words in bold)*

May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;\*

may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great | is the  
LORD!”

Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an |  
open ear.\*

**Burnt offering and sin offering you have | not required.**

Then I said, “Behold, | I have come;\*

**in the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:**

I desire to do your will, | O my God;\*

**your law is with- | in my heart.”**

May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;\*

may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great | is the  
LORD!”

♪ The Gloria Patri

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♪ Kyrie

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♪ Gloria in Excelsis

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♪ Salutation

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## Collect of the Day

P: Let us pray. Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: ♪ Amen**

*Please be seated*

**Old Testament Reading:** *Numbers 6:22–27*

<sup>22</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>23</sup>“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

<sup>24</sup>The LORD bless you and keep you;

<sup>25</sup>the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup>the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

<sup>27</sup>“So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading:** *Galatians 3:23-29*

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup>For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**C: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel:** *Luke 2:21*

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

**C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed**

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*Please be seated*

**Hymn of the Day LSB #900 Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love**

**Sermon**

Texts: Luke 2:21 & Philippians 2:9-11

Theme: "No Change Needed"

*Please stand*

♪ **Offering**

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*Please be seated*

**Offering**

*Please stand as the offering plates are brought forward during the offering hymn.*

**Offering Hymn #370 What Child Is This st. 3**

*Please stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

*Response after each petition:*

**P:** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C:** hear our prayer.

**P:** ... for You live and reign with Christ and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

♪ **Preface - ♪ Sanctus - ♪ Lord’s Prayer - ♪ The Words of Our Lord –**

♪ **Pax Domini - ♪ Agnus Dei**

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*Please be seated*

**Distribution Hymns**

**LSB #624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born**

**LSB #898 The Ancient Law Departs**

**LSB #733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

*Please stand*

♪ **Nunc Dimittis - ♪ Thanksgiving - ♪ Benedicamus - ♪ Benediction** p.199-202

**Recessional Hymn LSB #392 God Loves me Dearly**

*Face the cross as it leads us to live in Christian faith (Mt. 16:24; 1 Cor. 2:2).*

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

 **Prayers** 

**In our prayers we remember:**

Those in need of healing & comfort: *Howard “Butch” Bahrns, Pam Berg-Kepley, Jim Brasel, Mike Gaede, Bernice Graumenz, Arlin Grobengieser, Lillian Grobengieser, Luella Rubin, Steve Voelker, Gene Wharton, and Marcella Wolf.*

Those celebrating **Birthdays:** (12/25/2022-01/07/2023): 12/27 – Emmett Carlson, Marcus Manley; 12/29 – Laverne Brookshier; 01/01 – Mary Schmidt; 01/02 – Clark Phillips; 01/07 – Jennifer Alwardt

 **Church News** 

**Trustee’s Report:**

Offering collected for Home Purpose General Fund on December 18: \$6,361

Offering collected for Home Purpose General Fund on December 24: \$4,839

Land Rent funds deposited on Dec. 28: \$2,873

Zion Dual Parish for November 2022: \$1,981.<sup>44</sup>

<i>Weekly amount needed for Bethlehem’s tuition students to ALIS</i> .....	\$3,238.46
<i>Weekly budgeted for salary and home purpose in addition to tuition</i> .....	\$2,733.54
<i>Weekly total</i> .....	\$5,972.00

**Loose change in the offering plate has been designated for the LWML Mites.**

Sunday School offering has been designated for our Radio Ministry.

Attendance: 12/18 Sunday Advent 4, 9:30am: 126

12/24 Christmas Eve 7:00pm: 152    9:30pm: 34

12/25 Sunday, Christmas Day: 47

*Thank you to Pastor Fortkamp for leading us in our worship service today. Pastor Fortkamp is serving us at Zion on New Year's Eve and at both parishes on New Year's Day. He was honored at St. John's Effingham for 56 years in the ministry in 2022.*

**Pastor out of Town:** Pastor Manley is in Indiana preaching at his home congregation on Jan. 1st. But he is available if you need pastoral care, please call him on his cell phone: (712) 880-2452.



**No Bible Class or Sunday School Today**

**Tuesday Matins - 9:30am at Bethlehem** - Whether you were unable to make it to church on Sunday, have the day off, or need to pray about something, Join us on Tuesday! Tuesday's Matins service is themed around a part of the Small Catechism.

Date	Hymn	Catechism/Theme	Bible
Jan. 3	<i>No Matins</i>		
Jan. 10	582	3 <sup>rd</sup> Commandment	Ps.19:7-13(ant.14); 2 Chron. 34:1-2,8,14-21
Jan. 17	867	4 <sup>th</sup> Commandment	Ps. 44:1-8, 26    Ruth 1:1-19a
Jan. 24	<i>No Matins</i>		
Jan. 31	430	5 <sup>th</sup> Commandment	Ps. 143    1 Tim. 1:12-20

**This Week at Bethlehem:**

**Tuesday, January 3**

– *No Matins service*

**Wednesday, January 4**

– 4:30 p.m. – Kinderchor practice

– 7:00 p.m. – Choir practice

**Friday, January 6 (Epiphany)**

– 6:30-7:30 a.m. – Private Confession

**Sunday, January 8 – Epiphany (observed)**

– 9:30 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion

– 10:45-11:30 a.m. - Adult Bible Class & Youth Sunday School

– 8:00 a.m. – Pastor Manley's Radio program on KJ Country/102.3FM

– 5:00 p.m. – Sunday morning worship service TV broadcast Ch.81

(Recording of today's worship service is also available on our YouTube channel - link via our church website)

TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
&  
THE SALVATION OF MAN