



Then *Joseph* Got Up,
took the *child* and his mother by night,
and went to **EGYPT.**

Matthew 2:14, NRSV

*Welcome to
Worship at Bethel*

*Sunday, December 29, 2019
First Sunday of Christmas*

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*“A Family in Christ;
Moved by His Spirit;
Sharing His Love.”*

*: Please stand if you are able.
LBW: Lutheran Book of Worship (green)
WOV: With One Voice (blue)

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INVOCATION

"We Gather"

*GATHERING HYMN

LBW # 40

"What Child Is This"

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

LBW p.77

*HYMN OF MERCY

"Bless His Holy Name"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, You wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature. In Your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Pew Bible page 679

Isaiah 63:7-9

PSALM

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Psalm 148

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; **praise him, all his host!**

Praise him, sun and moon; **praise him, all you shining stars!**

Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, **fruit trees and all cedars!**

Wild animals and all cattle, **creeping things and flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, **old and young together!**

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is
exalted; **his glory is above earth and heaven.**

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the LORD!

SECOND LESSON

Pew Bible page 1090

Hebrews 2:10-18

*GOSPEL VERSE

WOV # 612

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

*GOSPEL

Pew Bible page 874

Matthew 2:13-23

SERMON HYMN

LBW # 54

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

SERMON

Randy McKain

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*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

LBW # 67

"Away in a Manger"

*OFFERING PRAYER

**Generous God, You have given us life, this community,
and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of Your
grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use Your gifts to
bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

COMMUNION

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*Word's of Institution, *Lord's Prayer, Distribution

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Your Little Ones, Dear Lord" LBW # 52
"We Three Kings of Orient Are" WOV # 646

*COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Emmanuel, God with us, You grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that You love, telling the amazing news of Your coming to be Savior and Lord of all. Amen.

*BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*SENDING HYMN

LBW # 71

"Angels We Have Heard on High"