

Worship Guide for January 5, 2025

The Second Sunday of Christmas



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Welcome and Announcements

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

Call To Worship

Oh Lord, open our lips, **and our mouths shall declare your praise.**

Oh God, come to our assistance. **Oh Lord, make haste to help us.**

Let the words of our mouths **and the meditation of our heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and redeemer.**

We ask this all **in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God.

Brief silence for personal reflection.

Almighty God, **our Maker and Redeemer, we confess that we are by nature sinful and have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we ask for your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Our Almighty God has given Jesus Christ to die for you and, for His sake, forgives you for all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I declare that God forgives you all your sins in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

The First Noel



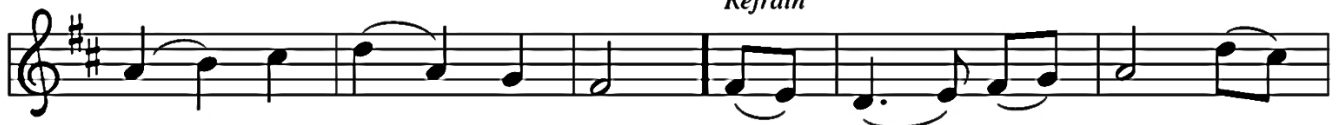
1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing
 3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . .
 4 This star drew near to the . . . north-west, o'er . .
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . .



cer-tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
 in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the
 wise . . . men came . . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
 Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and there it
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, and

Refrain

night that was so deep.
 tin-ued both day and night.
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
 place where Je - sus lay.
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray: ***Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***

Reading of the Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷ Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel."

⁸ See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹ With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." ¹¹ For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. ¹² They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. ¹³ Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. ¹⁴ I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Word of God, Word of Life. ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm: Psalm 147:12-20

¹² Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion,

¹³ ***who has strengthened the bars of your gates and has blessed your children within you.***

¹⁴ God has established peace on your borders and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

¹⁵ ***God sends out a command to the earth, a word that runs very swiftly.***

¹⁶ God gives snow like wool, scattering frost like ashes.

¹⁷ ***God scatters hail like bread crumbs. Who can stand against God's cold?***

¹⁸ The Lord sends forth the word and melts them; the wind blows, and the waters flow.

¹⁹ ***God declares the word to Jacob, statutes and judgments to Israel.***

²⁰ The Lord has not done so to any other nation; they do not know God's judgments.
Hallelujah!

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Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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Children's Message**Gospel Acclamation Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (sing 2X)**


Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your
 prais-es. I'm so glad you're in my life,
 I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heav-en to earth

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to show the way, from the earth to the cross my debt to pay;



from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;



Lord, I lift your name on high.

Gospel: John 1:[1-9] 10-18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Refrain
 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Hear us, O God, *Your mercy is great.*

Sharing the Peace**Tithes and Offerings****Offertory Hymn****Come to the Table**

Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Offering Prayer

Together we Pray: *Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

Words of Institution**Lord's Prayer**

Together we pray: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.*

Sharing Christ's Meal

Communion Hymn #1**Of the Father's Love Begotten**

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

A - men.

Welcome to New Salem - we are blessed to have you worship with us today!



If you are looking for a church home, please contact Traci Schanke in the church office at 218-586-2262 or via email at newsalem@paulbunyan.net. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book outside the church office.

Website: newsalemlutheran.org

YouTube Channel: New Salem Lutheran Church, Turtle River, MN

Worship Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are urgently needed to assist with various Sunday ministries here at New Salem! Ushers, readers/Communion assistants, helpers to set up Communion before the worship service and tidy up afterward, offering counters (we will train you!), and hosts for our coffee fellowship after worship. Sign up as a family or team up with a friend or two!

Signup sheets are available on the back table in the Fellowship Hall. **Remember: If no one signs up to host coffee fellowship, THERE IS NO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP.** ☹️



Communion Hymn #2

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard on the way;
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,
 as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,
 veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.
 he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
 comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Together we pray: *O God, in this holy communion, you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Let the Whole Creation Cry



- 1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
- 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
- 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants

Presiding Clergy: Pastor Terry Hagensen
 Ushers: Carol and Greg Gilbertson
 Reader/Communion Assistant: Sonya Kraft
 Fellowship Host: Joy Wilander
 Social Media: Nora Illies

Setting the Lord's Table: Sonya & Paul Kraft,
 Pianist: Cheryl Durant
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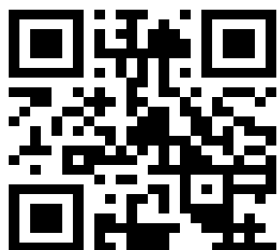
December 2024 Income vs Expenses (PRELIMINARY)

Total General Fund Income for Dec: \$40,125

Total Expenses for Dec: \$15,945

SURPLUS for Dec: \$24,180

12.29.24 General Fund Offering: \$637



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 Missions and Ministries of New Salem
 Electronically!**

Use your phone to scan the QR code to the left; it will take you to a secure Vanco page where you can quickly and easily make your gift!

Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 1.3.25)

Dec 29 Attendance (in person/online): 48/34

YouTube Views (2024 to date): 3,030

YouTube Subscribers: 118

Facebook reach (2024 to date): 68,912

Announcements for the Week of January 6, 2025**Church Office Hours Jan 6 – 10 (Traci)**

Mon, 1/6: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Tues, 1/7: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Wed, 1/8: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Thurs, 1/9: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Friday, 1/10: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Calendar for the Week of January 6

Wed, 1/8

Confirmation

4 p.m.

Choir Practice

5 p.m.

Thurs, 1/9

Bible Study

9:30 a.m.

Fri. 1/10

New Salem @ Food Shelf

9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

January Mission Partner – Churches United: Please prayerfully consider how you might support this important community resource. More information on Churches United and its programs can be found on the back of the worship guide.

Mark Your Calendars – The Annual Congregational Meeting/Potluck is Sunday, January 26!

The meeting will take place right after worship that morning, followed by a potluck lunch to celebrate New Salem’s 20th Anniversary in our current location. Please plan to attend this important annual gathering to hear updates regarding New Salem’s missions and ministries, finances, and vote for new Council members.

The Congregational Report needs to be prepared for the Annual Meeting. If you and/or your team are responsible for contributing an activities update, please prepare and send it (no PDFs; Word or Excel format please) to Traci Schanke in the church office by **Monday, January 13** (newsalem@paulbunyan.net). That way, there is ample time to format and assemble the final report for distribution on Sunday, January 19 – the week before the meeting.

Offering Reminder: Please remember to indicate on your check/offering envelope how you wish your gift to be credited. Unmarked offerings/those marked “general” go toward New Salem’s annual operating expenses; gifts marked for other entities are credited as such in your giving record and sent to those organizations. Thank you for supporting the missions of New Salem!

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Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence – Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885), alt./Music: French folk tune, 17th century

Let the Whole Creation Cry – Text : Stopford A. Brooke (1832-1916, alt.
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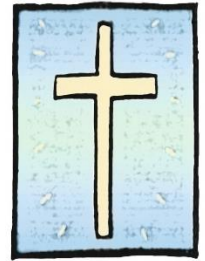
Make a joyful noise!



New Salem's Highlighted Mission Partner — January 2025

Churches United

"Welcoming the stranger as Jesus."



Churches United is a collaboration of Bemidji area churches led by the Spirit of Christ, organized to serve and meet the needs of homeless,

persistently poor, and impoverished individuals and families in the Bemidji area by providing individuals and families financial assistance and referrals in an empowering manner. One of more than 20 Bemidji area churches led by the Spirit of Christ to work together to meet the emergency needs of homeless and low-income people in a prayerful way, New Salem Lutheran Church has supported the work of *Churches United* for many years.

Through the various services it provides, *Churches United* assists impoverished people and people experiencing homelessness. There are three specific areas in which ***you can help Churches United*** transform the lives of those *Churches United* serves.

1. **Financial Support:** *Churches United* relies upon financial contributions from its participant churches to provide these diverse services but contributions from individuals are also quite important. *Churches United* accepts donations year round (cash or check). Note: All donations are tax deductible.
2. **Volunteering:** Please call **218-444-1380** to be sure that we are open, before coming to our office. We ask for just four (4) hours of your time per month. We have a job for you, no matter what your skill set is. If you like helping people, greeting people, filing paperwork, data entry, or just organizing the office; we have a job for you.
3. **Donations:** Churches United is taking donations of hygiene products, quilts, clean blankets, towels, etc. Please call ahead to be sure the office is staffed. All donations are quarantined for 72 hours prior to being inventoried and distributed. They are currently in need of the following items to help serve its clients:

- Women's Winter Gloves/ Mittens
- Men's Winter Gloves/Mittens
- Children's Gloves/Mittens
- Winter socks for all ages
- Handwarmers / Footwarmers
- Travel size lotions, shampoo, conditioner
- Child sized [small] and adult toothbrushes

- Gift cards to area grocery stores (Aldi, Lueken's, Target, and Walmart)
- Laundry detergent (single packs are preferred, for example, Tide Pods)
- Shaving Razors and Shaving Cream
- Deodorant
- Dish detergent
- Fruit cups, Granola bars, Snack crackers

Winter is here, please help us provide for the needs of our homeless neighbors.

God's Work, Our Treasure—January 2025

This month New Salem is lifting up the work of a mission partner, Churches United, and urges you to consider the various ways you might support this valuable ministry.

You can send your check to New Salem and indicate it is for the work of Churches United and we will forward your gift to them. For more information see: bemidjicu.org

Please prayerfully consider how you might support the work of this important ministry.