



**New Year's Eve  
Brooklyn Ev. Lutheran  
Church**

December 31, 2011  
7:00 pm

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Evening Prayer: Page 52**

**HYMN CW 69 "Across the Sky the Shades of Night"**

P: O Lord, open my lips.

**C: And my mouth shall declare Your praise.**

P: Hasten to save me, O God.

**C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lord God, You have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank You for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in Your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of Your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, Who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

**First Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-6 (Page 1141)**

**In Place of the Psalm: CW 441**

*"Our God, Our Help In Ages Past"*

**Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:22-25 (Page 1887)**

**HYMN CW 71 vs. 1-4**

*The Old Year Now Has Passed Away"*

**Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 (Page 1591)**

**HYMN CW 78 "O Light of Gentile Nations"**

**SERMON: Luke 2:22-40 (Page 1591)**

*"Another Year With Jesus"*

Offering

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

P: I will exalt You, my God the King; I will praise Your name for ever and ever.

**C: Every day I will praise You and extol Your name.**

P: It is fitting, O Lord, in the final hours of this year, to express our gratitude for the countless gifts of grace we have received from you.

**C: You have been faithful to Your promises and loving toward all You have made.**

P: You clothe Your creation with beauty; You feed even the birds and tell us that we are much more valuable than they.

**C: You know what we need, and You give us all good things.**

P: Clothing and food, safety and health, possessions and money, even life itself—all these come to us from Your generous hand.

**C: We thank You for these blessings, and ask that You continue to grant them to us.**

P: We thank You especially for Your Word and Holy Supper, which strengthen our faith, shield us from temptation, and equip us for service.

**C: Increase our commitments to these precious gifts, so that we may continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring You our private petitions.

Silent Prayer

P: Almighty and eternal God, You have been gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and rich in love. As You led Your people Israel with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, so lead us by the light of Your Word that we may live our lives to Your glory and be prepared to die in Your peace.

**C: We ask these things in the name of Jesus. In His name we began this year; in His name we bring it to a close. Amen**

**HYMN CW 70 "Help Us, O Lord, for Now We Enter"**

**COMMUNION SERVICE: (insert)**

*"For The Turning Of The Year"*

**CLOSING HYMN: CW 64 "Let Us All With Gladsome Voice"**



THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 1, 2012

**Alleluia! We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him. Alleluia!**

**WELCOME to**

**Brooklyn Lutheran Church.**

VISITORS please sign the guest book.

**Come and worship with us again soon!**

Available from an usher:

- **Bibles** to follow along with the Scripture Readings.
- **large print hymnal** is available.
- **Quiet bags** for small children.

Please return these to our ushers following the Service.

We welcome children to our Worship Service. We have an area located in our fellowship hall for you to calm your child and a changing station is located in the women's restroom. The ushers will direct you.

**Prayer Before Worship:** Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for using Your Word and Sacraments to give me life through Your Holy Spirit. Grant that I may never grieve Your Spirit by indifference or stubbornness, but humbly accept His gracious work in me. Amen

**HYMNS: 80 83 79 91 vs. 1, 2, 5**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:**

Service of Word and Sacrament, page 26

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY—Spoken by all together.**

Lord God, by the leading of a star You once made known to the nations Your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know Him now by faith, to come at last to the perfect joy of Your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **♪ Amen**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

**First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6 (Page 1155)**

The glory of the Lord shines for all nations; it is revealed in Jesus, the Savior of the world.

**In Place of Psalm: CW 81 vs. 1 & 4**

**Second Lesson: *Ephesians 3:2-12 (Page 1820)***

Hard as it was for the Jews to understand or accept, the gospel is for all people, Jews and Gentiles alike. Like Paul, our task is to make this truth known.

**SERMON: *Matthew 2:1-12 (Page 1497)***  
**Why Seek the Christ Child?**

#### WEEK AT A GLANCE

Meditation Theme for week:

**“It’s a Family Matter!”**

Offering Counters: D. Gabrielson, L. Gens

Today **10:00 Worship –**  
Ushers: A & M Boyd

Tues Brooklyn Bridge resumes  
7:45 Wallyball at BP Comm. Center

Thurs. 3:00 & 3:30 Prairie Lodge

Fri. The Epiphany of our Lord  
9:30 Bible Class

**Next Sun. - 6:30am Time of Grace, TV ch 9**  
**8:45 Sunday School**  
**8:55 Bible Classes**  
**10:00 Worship-** Ushers: R. Stelter, S. Death

**Poinsettias!** Thanks to all who provided poinsettias for our chapel chancel display. Please take yours with you today, checking off on the list by chapel keyboard.

**Next Sunday, January 8, we will undecorate the church** after the 10:00 service. If you are willing and able to help, we can use all the help we can get.

**Bible Classes** start next Sunday, 8:55am! Upstairs: Jesus’ 8 “I AM” statements from the Gospels. Downstairs: God’s planned roles for men and women as heirs together of God’s gracious gift of life.

**Synod Yearbook** is available for \$19. It features all the congregations(worship schedules), schools, and most organizations with complete addresses, emails, and phone numbers. It also has the same for all called workers. Short of having your own book, please ask Pastor or Jan about worship opportunities that might be available anywhere you might away vacationing or on business. This information is also always available at [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net).

**Town Meeting** will be Sunday, 11am, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Annual Meeting has been reset for February 5th.

Pick up your **2012 Offering Envelope Boxes** today! This is a good time of year to consider electronic transfer offering giving! Check with Roger Lucht or our office for more information.

#### **Other January Dates:**

16 – Elders meet with Circuit Pastor Martin Bentz

17 – Lutheran Homes Annual Meeting, noon in Belle Plaine, riders welcome along with Pastor

20 – Brooklyn Lutheran Night at West Lutheran High School: game times from 4:45 to 7:30pm. Free entry and bag of popcorn!

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**Last Sunday** Worship Attendance: 52  
Offering: \$2304.00;  
Christmas Eve: 50; Offering: \$3121.50  
Needed for Budget Week - **\$2,531**



*Brooklyn Evangelical*

*Lutheran Church*

**Our Mission:**

*We exist to use the  
Gospel of Christ to  
win the lost and to  
nurture  
believers, all to the  
glory of God.*



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