

Welcome!

We are glad to share God's Word with you! Please take a minute to sign the worship register located in the hymnal rack.

Order of Service

8am Broadcast Hymn **200, vv 1 & 2**

Welcome

Hymn 92 **Brightest and Best**

Common Service with Communion **p. 15**

Prayer of the Day: 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.

First Lesson **Isaiah 60:1-6**

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.”

Psalm 72 **p. 93**

Second Lesson **Ephesians 3:2-12**

Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him. Alleluia.

Choir **Arise, Shine For Your Light Has Come**

Gospel **Matthew 2:1-12**

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.” When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: ‘But

you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.’” Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.” After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Nicene Creed **p. 19**

Hymn 79 **How Lovely Shines the Morning Star**

Sermon **Matthew 2:1-12**
A Star Shines!

Create in me... **p. 20**

Offering & Hymn 83
As with Gladness Men of Old

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

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Lord, now you let... **p. 24**

Blessing

Announcements

Hymn 556 Rise, Shine, You People

The Owosso Lutheran Hour broadcast is provided in loving memory of Hank Fischer with memorials given at the time of his passing.

**In Loving Memory of
Nancy Ruth Bishop
Entered Earthly Life: March 28, 1942
Entered Eternal Life: December 31, 2018**

**In Loving Memory of
Elizabeth Martha Elsworth
Entered Earthly Life: July 14, 1927
Entered Eternal Life: January 1, 2019**

This Week at Salem
Sun (6) 8 & 10:30am Communion Services
 9:30am Bible Class/ Sunday School
 1:30pm Youth Confirmation Class
Tue (8) 10:30am Bible Class
 7:00pm Elders
 7:00pm Sisters Serving Christ
Wed (9) 6:00pm Handbells
 7:15pm Choir
Thur (10) 7:00pm Worship Service
Fri (11) 8:10am Chapel at school

Attendance: Dec 23 98+129=227
 Dec 24 235+132= 367
 Dec 25 157
 Dec 30 78+110= 188
 Dec 31 85

Salem's Open Forum will be January 13 after the late service. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

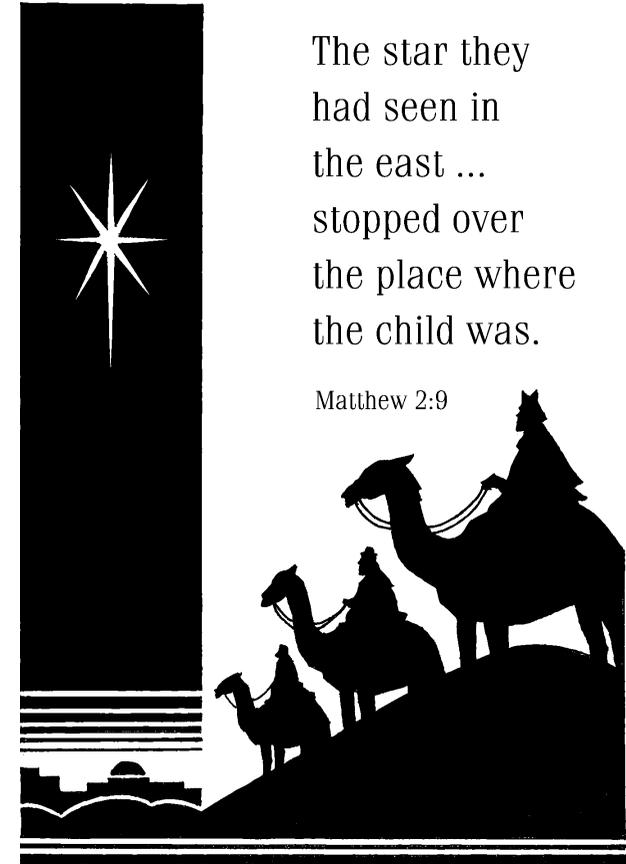
The Adult Sewing Class will begin on January 14th. The class meets at church beginning at 6:30pm. This is open to anyone who would like to learn how to sew.

	Dec 23-25	To Date
Offerings received	\$20,446	\$521,842
Budgetary needs	\$11,260	\$563,100
Owed to internal line of credit:		\$47,500

Looking ahead to January 10 & 13
 Text: Matthew 3:13-17
 Theme: Epiphany Light on our Path through Life:
 Baptism- The Beginning
 Service of the Word

Epiphany

January 3 & 6, 2019



The star they had seen in the east ... stopped over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:9

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Thursday at 7pm
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