



Bethlehem Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center



3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 24th, 2021

Annual Meeting Zoom Worship

GATHERING

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Named and claimed as beloved children of God, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Blessed are you, holy God.

C: You are the creator of the waters of the earth.

You are the fire of rebirth.

You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel.

You breathe life into our dry bones.

Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us, that the world may know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into each of us.

L: Merciful God, you are the Ocean, the source of all life.

You are the River, saving us from death.

You are the Stream, restoring our community's strength.

We praise your triune name Creator, Christ, and Counselor today, tomorrow, forever.

C: Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

“One Day” – Matisyahu

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray ...

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 62:5-12

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

R: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Laura Ziehl & Pastor Sam Nelson

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

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always,

C: And also with you!

You are now invited to prepare your communion elements.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you, C: **And also with you.**
L: Lift up your hearts, C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 112

**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.**

*If you have prepared communion elements, you are invited to commune now saying:
 "The body of Christ, given for you." & "The blood of Christ, shed for you."*

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

“(Your Love Keeps Lifting Me) Higher and Higher”
– Jackie Wilson

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Be the Light of Christ! C: **Thanks be to God!**

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All Are Welcome!

We live in a diverse world. We are hurting, broken and heavy hearted. We are loving, celebrating, and above all — we are welcoming. Regardless of the color of your skin or the color of your hair, regardless of your gender identity, sexual orientation, relationship status, or political affiliation — you are welcome here.

If you are a believer, a doubter or a seeker after Christ — you have a place here.

If you own, rent, or have nothing at all — you are welcome here.

If you are fully abled, disabled, or a person of differing abilities, if you have regrets, fears, addictions, or afflictions — you have a place here.

All who are wise and all who are confused, all who have found love and all who have lost it, all who celebrate this welcome statement and all who fear it — are welcome here.

For these are all of the things that make you who you are: the person God loves. Come as you are and be celebrated for who you are. The time is now. Your place is here. Bethlehem Lutheran Church is an all-inclusive church.

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