



Bethlehem Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center



First Sunday of Christmas

December 25, 2022

10 AM Worship

Welcome to Bethlehem!

We hope you feel a warm welcome at Bethlehem. Please visit our website at www.blcenc.org for more information about the congregation. If you're visiting with us, please fill out an information card and place it in the offering basket so we can stay connected.

CHILDREN

All children are welcome in worship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (BLC). There is a comfort room at the back of the sanctuary. Busy bags are available in the narthex. During our 10:30 AM service, after Children's Time, children ages 3 years – 6th grade may either attend our Learning Circle program or remain with you. Nursery care is available for young children during the 10:30 AM service. Ask the host for more information.

COMMUNION

We practice **open communion** meaning all are welcome to participate. We commune by intinction. The pastor will dip the bread (or gluten-free wafer) into a divided chalice that has white wine or red grape juice. We are happy to bring communion to individuals with limited mobility.

ACCESSIBILITY

Hearing assistance devices are located at the back of the sanctuary, and reading glasses are available in the narthex.

PARTICIPATION

The different movements that happen during worship (sitting, standing, making the sign of the cross) are all optional; please engage as you are comfortable or able.

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GATHERING

WELCOME

CHRISTMAS DIALOG

L: Amazing God, you love us so much that you came to us as an infant.

C: Born in a stable because there was no room at the inn.

L: You call us to love the world as we have been loved by you.

C: Wrapped in swaddling clothes, you slept in a manger because there was no crib.

L: You command us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

C: Shepherds welcomed you.

L: You call us to create an inclusive church in which everyone is welcomed and loved.

C: No one was turned away from the stable door.

L: You keep calling us to open our doors, to welcome the outcasts, house the homeless, feed the hungry, and turn over the tables in the temple.

C: Lambs and cows, chickens and donkeys, men, women, children, angels of all kinds surrounded you.

L: One star brighter than the rest led the world to your door. Help us to create a world and a church in which all of your children are safe and loved, affirmed, welcomed, and fully accepted, where we all have a community of angels surrounding us.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Jesus, the Light of the World – ACS 914

Verses 1 & 2



- 1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
- 2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je-sus, the Light of the world;
- 3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
- 4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je-sus, the Light of the world;



“Glo - ry to the new-born king,” Je-sus, the Light of the world.
join the tri - umph of the skies; Je-sus, the Light of the world.
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je-sus, the Light of the world.
Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Refrain



We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray ... Dear Child of Bethlehem,

C: As we remember the stable and the manger and the dusty roads you walked, give us the faith and courage to tell your truth and make it our own. May your story guide us and help us claim the sacredness in our own lives and stories. Help us follow you with all of our hearts and minds and souls and strength, for you are our hope and redeemer.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 1:30-33

Isaiah 11

Luke 1:46-49

Isaiah 9:1-2, 6

HYMN

Magnificat – Holden Evening Prayer

All

1., 3. My soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my
spir - it re - joic - es in you. You have looked with love on your
ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
strong is your kind-ness ev - er - more. How you fa - vor the
weak and low - ly one, hum - bling the proud of heart!

D.C.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 1:50-52

Isaiah 58:5-9a

HYMN

Holy Child Within a Manger – WOV 638

1 Ho - ly Child with - in the man - ger, long a -
go yet ev - er near; come as friend to ev - 'ry
stran - ger, come as hope for ev - 'ry fear.
As you lived to heal the bro - ken, greet the
out - cast, free the bound, as you taught us love un -
spo - ken, teach us now where you are found.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 1:52-55

Isaiah 58:9a-12

HYMN OF THE DAY

Canticle of the Turning – ELW 723 vs. 1, 2, & 4



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

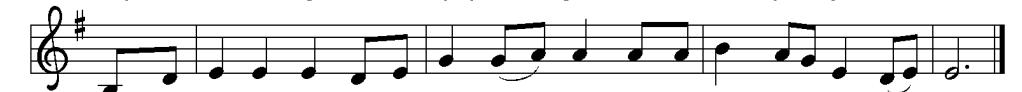


name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always, C: **And also with you!**

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice – ELW 288

Verse 1



- 1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
- 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
- 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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

Sung to Away in a Manager – ELW 277

**Our Father in heaven, all praise to Your name!
Your kingdom among us, Your will done the same.
By mortals and angels, come, Lord, reign alone:
Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne.**

**The bread that we yearn for provide us each day;
As we forgive others, our sins take away;
In times of temptation, to lead us be near:
From evil deliver Your children most dear.**

**For Yours is the kingdom; o'er all things Your reign.
And Yours is the power; all things You maintain.
To You be the glory, resounding again.
From all of creation, forever! Amen.**



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

Refrain



Glo

ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo



ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Joy to the World – ELW 267 vs. 1, 2, & 4



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the newborn King!

C: Thanks be to God!

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.



Reconciling in Christ



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