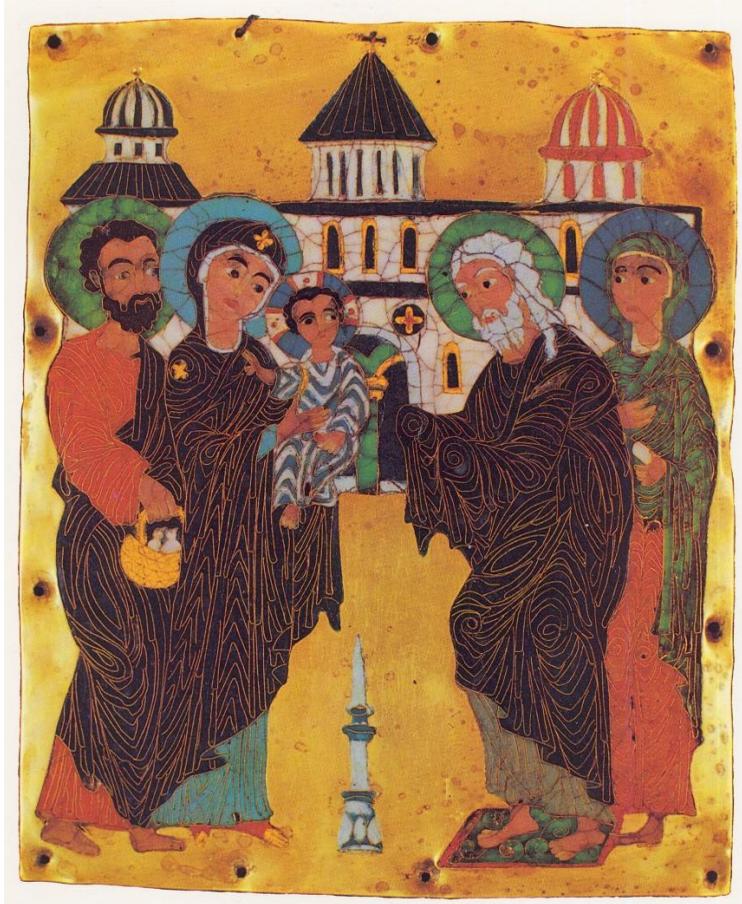




# Bethlehem Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center



## Second Sunday of Christmas

January 1, 2023

10 AM Worship

# Welcome to Bethlehem!

We hope you feel a warm welcome at Bethlehem. Please visit our website at [www.blcenc.org](http://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 – 6<sup>th</sup> 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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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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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 3 & 4



- 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, the dusty roads you walked and the cross on which you died, 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 READING

Psalm 139:1-12

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Bright and Glorious is the Sky – ELW 301

1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the  
heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.  
All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to  
heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the". The second staff continues: "heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.". The third staff continues: "All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to". The fourth staff concludes: "heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove." and ends with a double bar line.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:22-40

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Ex-Officio Bishop Rachel Line

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Love Has Come – ELW 292



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the  
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -  
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;  
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;  
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to  
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the  
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.  
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.  
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## 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 2



- 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

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

What Child Is This – ELW 296



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es-tate where ox and ass are feed-ing?  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?  
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.  
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;  
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

# SENDING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

## SENDING HYMN

Here We Come A-Caroling

Here we come a-caroling among the leaves so green.  
Here we come a-wand'ring so fair to be seen.  
Love and joy come to you. And to you glad Christmas too!  
And God bless you, and send you a Happy New Year!  
And God send you a Happy New Year!

We are not daily beggars that beg from door to door.  
But we are neighbors' children whom you have seen before.  
Love and joy come to you. And to you glad Christmas too!  
And God bless you, and send you a Happy New Year!  
And God send you a Happy New Year!

God be present in this place, likewise in our lives too.  
And bless all of your children that sit here in a pew.  
Love and joy come to you. And to you glad Christmas too!  
And God bless you, and send you a Happy New Year!  
And God send you a Happy New Year!

## 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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