



Bethlehem Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center



Season of Epiphany

January 26, 2025

Worship Service

9:00 am | 10:30 am

Welcome to Bethlehem!

We hope you feel a warm welcome here at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Please visit our website at www.blcenc.org for more information about the congregation. If you are 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 the sanctuary for worship at Bethlehem. If you prefer, there is a comfort room at the back of the sanctuary. Busy bags are available in the narthex. After Children's Time at our 10:30 AM service children ages 3 years – 6th grade may either attend our Learning Circle program or remain with you.

COMMUNION

We practice **open communion**, meaning all are welcome to participate. We commune by intinction where the pastor dips the bread into a divided chalice with white wine or red grape juice. There is a gluten-free station on the left side of the sanctuary. We are happy to bring communion to individuals with limited mobility.

PARTICIPATION & ACCESSIBILITY

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. Hearing assistance devices are located at the back of the sanctuary and large-print bulletins are available in the narthex. If you, or someone you know, identify as neurodivergent and have questions about how to participate in worship or in one of our church ministries, please feel free to ask either the pastors or the church office for help.

PRAYER

In addition to the pastors, our Stephen Ministers are always available to pray with you about whatever is on your heart this day. Please look for the folks wearing a blue name tag with the Stephen Ministry logo. Healing prayer stations are available during communion on the second Sunday of each month.



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GATHERING

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the face of the deep waters, and as a part of all that you created, you made humankind in your own image.

C: Help us to see the image of God, the spark of the divine, in each and every person that we meet.

L: From the Red Sea to the mighty Jordan River, where you named and claimed Jesus as your beloved son, water has played a central role in how you have chosen to love and save your people.

C: We thank you for the unconditional grace that you continue to pour out into our lives.

L: You sustained your people in the wilderness with water from the rock.

C: May your love bubble up in our lives like a living spring that overflows and blesses those whose cups are empty and dry.

L: Just as a small rock can create cascading ripples that multiply in ever-expanding rings, we know that one small act of love, acceptance, welcome, or kindness can have far-reaching effects.

C: Stir up our hearts, that we might help your justice to roll down like waters, and your righteousness be like an ever-flowing stream.

L: Like the light that dances across ocean waves, may our hearts dance with joy as we give thanks and praise to you, the water of life.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"Take Your Shoes Off Moses" – Patton

**I'm the Lord, thy God, God spoke to Moses at the burning bush
At the burning bush, burning bush
God spoke to Moses at the burning bush
Saying I'm the Lord, thy God**

**Take your shoes off, Moses, you're on holy ground
Holy ground, holy ground
Take your shoes off, Moses, you're on holy ground
For I'm the Lord, thy God**

**Go yonder, Moses, and smite that rock. Smite that rock, smite that rock
Go yonder, Moses, and smite that rock. For I'm the Lord, thy God**

**Take your shoes off, Moses, you're on holy ground
Holy ground, holy ground
Take your shoes off, Moses, you're on holy ground
For I'm the Lord, thy God**

**Stand still, Moses, see the salvation work. See salvation work, salvation work
Stand still, Moses, see salvation work. For I'm the Lord, thy God**

**Take your shoes off, Moses, you're on holy ground
Holy ground, holy ground
Take your shoes off, Moses, you're on holy ground
For I'm the Lord, thy God (repeat x2)
For I'm the Lord, thy God**

GREETING

**L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.**

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray ...

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME (10:30 AM)

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 36: 5-10

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Shepherd Me, O God – ELW 780

Shep-herd me, O God, be-yond my wants, be-yond my fears, from

death in - to life. life.

2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you

lead me by path-ways of righ - teous-ness and truth, my

spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.

GOSPEL READING

John 2:1-11

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Laura Ziehl

SONG OF THE DAY

“Everlasting God” – Brown

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord.
We will wait upon the Lord. We will wait upon the Lord.
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We will wait upon the Lord. We will wait upon the Lord.
Our God You reign forever. Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer.

You are the everlasting God The everlasting God.
You do not faint You won't grow weary.
You're the defender of the weak You comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

(Repeat all)

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Holy Water” – Cash

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 FROM THE NEW ZEALAND PRAYER BOOK

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

In remembrance of Me eat this bread.

In remembrance of Me drink this wine.

In remembrance of Me pray for the time when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of Me heal the sick.

In remembrance of Me feed the poor.

In remembrance of Me open the door. And let your brother in let Him in.

Take eat and be comforted drink and remember too.

That this is My body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of Me search for truth.

In remembrance of Me always love.

In remembrance of Me don't look above.

But in your heart but in your heart look in your heart for God.

Do this in remembrance of me do this in remembrance of me.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

“Lead on Good Shepherd” – Mayberry

Well, I've been turned 'round, but I've never been lost.
Seen the water get troubled, but we walked across.
When my knees were shaking, You held my hand,
Turning my problems to a promised land.

Refrain: Lead on, Good Shepherd I'll follow all my days.
There ain't nothing sweeter than to watch You make a way.
You've walked me through the valley, but You never steered me wrong.
So lead on, good shepherd, lead on.

Seen some mighty deep canyons that You brought me through.
Seen some mighty big mountains that just up and moved.
Glory, glory hallelujah, yeah, that's my song,
Walking with my Father into the great unknown.

Refrain.

Step by step, day by day lead me on, Lord I pray.
Road gets dark, walk by faith lead on, good shepherd.
Step by step, day by day lead me on, Lord I pray.
Road gets dark, walk by faith lead on, good shepherd.

Refrain.

Step by step, day by day lead me on, Lord I pray.
Road gets dark, walk by faith, lead on, good shepherd
Step by step, day by day lead me on, Lord I pray.
Road gets dark, walk by faith lead on, good shepherd.
Lead on, Good Shepherd, Lead on, Good Shepherd.
Lead on, Good Shepherd, Lead on, Good Shepherd.
Lead on, Good Shepherd, Lead on.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, live in the light!

C: Thanks be to God!

All Are Welcome!

We live in a diverse world. We are hurting, broken and heavy hearted. We are loving, joyous, and above all, we are welcoming. Regardless of the color of your skin, or the color of your hair; regardless of your gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, relationship status, or political affiliation, you are welcome here. We honor indigenous people and are committed to the work of anti-racism and the stewardship of the creation.

If you are Buddhist, Roman Catholic, agnostic, Muslim, Jewish, seeking, have never set foot in a church, or are a life long Lutheran; you have a place here. If you own, rent, or have nothing at all; you are welcome here. If you are neurodivergent, 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.

Come as you are and be celebrated for who you are. Your place is here. Bethlehem Lutheran is an All are Welcome church.



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