



Bethlehem Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center



Season After Epiphany

January 29, 2023

Worship Services

9:00 am | 10:30 am

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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: People of God, in the baptismal waters we travel with Christ from death to life. Our past, our sin, our failure, our doubt, and our shame are drowned and gone here.

C: You, O God, wash us clean.

L: Our fear, our confusion, our self-righteousness, our despair – all these are washed away by grace.

C: You, O God, wash us clean.

L: Our pride, our hypocrisy, and other people's opinions of us no longer have the power to define us. Help us to claim our identity as your beloved children.

C: You, O God, give us new life.

L: The Spirit lives and moves through us now, a great and joyful mystery, so we may bring love and mercy into the world as the body of Christ.

C: You, O God, give us new life.

P: And so, as we begin worship, we give thanks to God for the gracious gift of baptism that joins us together in Christ by the Spirit's power and clothes us with God's mercy and forgiveness forever.

C: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

GATHERING SONG

“Blessed Be Your Name” – Redman & Redman

Blessed be Your name, in the land that is plentiful.
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name, when I’m found in the desert place.
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I’ll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say:

Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name, when the sun’s shining down on me.
When the world’s all as it should be, blessed be your name.

Blessed be Your name, on the road marked with suffering.
Though there’s pain in the offering, blessed be your name.

You give and take away. You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say: Lord blessed be Your name!

Every blessing You pour out I’ll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say:

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be Your glorious name.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray ...

C: Amen.

CHILDREN’S TIME

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Thy Word” – Grant & Smith

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

I will not forget Your love for me, and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side. I will love You to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

And a light unto my path. You're the light unto my path.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

R: The Gospel of the Lord

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

SERMON

Pastor Laura Ziehl

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Day by Day” – Schwartz

Day by day.

Day by day.

Oh, Dear Lord three things I pray:

To see thee more clearly,

Love thee more dearly,

Follow thee more nearly,

Day by day.

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“Oh, Draw Me, Lord” - Baroni

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

“Go Light Your World” – Rice

There is a candle in every soul, some brightly burning, and dark and cold.
There is a spirit who brings a fire, ignites a candle, and makes his home.

Carry your candle. Run to the darkness. Seek out the helpless, confused and torn. Hold out your candle for all for to see it. Take your candle and go light your world. Take your candle and go light your world

Frustrated brother, see how he’s tried to light his own candle some other way.
See now your sister, she’s been robbed and lied to still
holds a candle without a flame

So carry your candle. Run to the darkness. Seek out the lonely, the tired and worn. Hold out your candle for all for to see it. Take your candle and go light your world. Take your candle and go light your world.

We are a family whose hearts are blazing. So let’s raise our candles and light up the sky. Praying to our Father in the name of Jesus,
make us a beacon in darkest times.

Carry your candle. Run to the darkness. Seek out the hopeless, deceived and worn. Hold out your candle for all for to see it. Take your candle and go light your world. Take your candle and go light your world

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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus!

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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