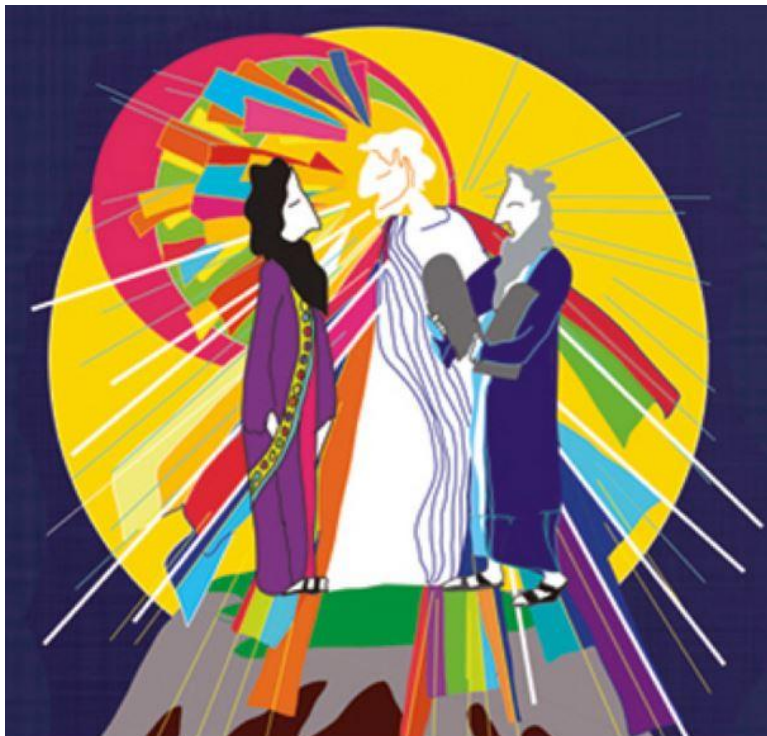




Bethlehem Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center



Transfiguration of Our Lord

March 2, 2025

Worship Services

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 HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light – ELW 815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Now the Feast and Celebration vs. 2



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,



all of cre - a - tion sings for joy



to the God of life and love and



free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -



er - more!



2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis-dom and



might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ



to Refrain

for ev - er.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray ...

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME (10:30 AM)

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Now the Feast and Celebration

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

GOSPEL READING

Luke 9:28-36

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Laura Ziehl

HYMN OF THE DAY

Arise, Your Light Has Come! – ELW 314



- 1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
- 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
- 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
- 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

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

As The Grains of Wheat – ELW 465 vs. 1

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.
1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
may we share the pres - ence of your love.

Refrain

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Lamb of God vs. 2 & 3



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:

world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 fear:
 peace:
 love.

Final Stanza*Congregation or Assistant:*

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Beautiful Savior – ELW 838



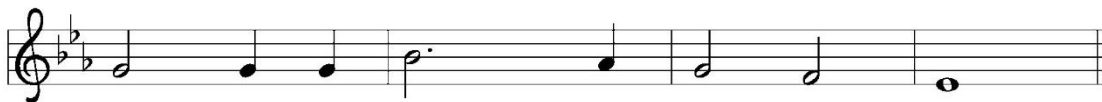
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING



1. Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, In the
3. As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, So our

midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing. Je - sus, Light of the
fac - es dis - play your like - ness, Ev - er chang - ing from

world, shine up - on us; Set us free by the truth you now
glo - ry to glo - ry, Mir - rored here, may our lives tell your

bring us: Shine on me; Shine on me.
sto - ry: Shine on me; Shine on me.

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

Blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, riv - er, flow,
flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy. Send forth your Word,
Lord, and let there be light!

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, live in the light!

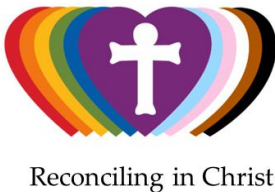
C: Thanks be to God!

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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