



# Bethlehem Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center



## Season After Pentecost

November 13, 2022

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](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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# GATHERING

## WELCOME

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Renewing God, in the waters of baptism you claim us and call us to be your beloved children.

**C: May water be an ever-present sign that you make all things new.**

L: We thank you for the waters of baptism that bring us closer to your grace, hope, and unending love.

**C: Lord, send us your grace.**

L: Just as Jesus stretched his hand over the storming sea and said "Peace. Be Still," we ask for God's calming Spirit to still the waters of our fear and pain.

**C: Lord, send us your peace.**

L: We pray for the people and places that do not have clean water or whose source of water is threatened. We pray for those for whom sea rise threatens communities. We give you thanks for the water that stems wildfires and ends destruction.

**C: Lord, send us your healing.**

L: For water that renews us, for the Pacific Ocean near us, for all water that helps us to see the beauty of creation, we give you thanks.

**C: Lord, lift our spirits.**

L: Illuminate our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Refresh us with the good news of Christ's love and anoint us with your Holy Spirit, that we might know the fullness of the new life that you prepare for us in your kingdom. In the name of Christ, we pray.

**C: Amen.**



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.  
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

## 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.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
 hun - gry and the poor; that  
 friends and fam - i - ly; for  
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
 we may live out . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,  
 life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray ...

C: Amen.

## CHILDREN'S TIME

# WORD

## SCRIPTURE READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW pg. 188

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

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 15:1-10

R: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

## SERMON

Pastor Sam Nelson



1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound - ing God's de - light - ed laugh,  
 2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.  
 3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe.  
 Ev - 'ry crea - ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum - ble - bee.  
 cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



All cre - a - tion sings in won - der; e - ven rocks and trees re - jice  
 Spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon - key, chick - en, mouse, and snake  
 In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:



as they join the ring - ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.  
 live with - in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.  
 born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

## 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 AND THANKSGIVING

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE

We are an Offering – ELW 692

We lift our voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our  
lives up to You: we are an of-fer-ing Lord, use our voic - es, Lord, use our  
hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours: we are an of-fer-ing.  
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we  
give to you, we give to you. We lift our  
voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You: we are an  
of-fer-ing. We are an of-fer-ing.

## 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

ELW pg. 191



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN

Borning Cry – ELW 732



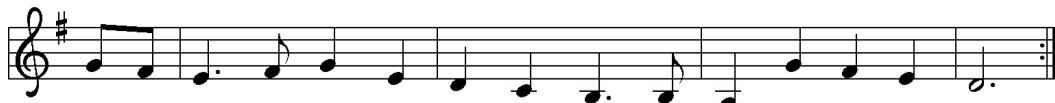
- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

**SENDING**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

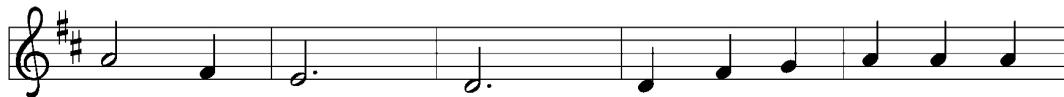
BLESSING

SENDING 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  
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . . with



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.  
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*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.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace with Christ beside you!

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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