

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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We encourage children to feel welcome in church during worship. And we recognize that kids need to move and fidget while we share this time together. Tables and coloring pages are available to kids in both the front of the worship space and in the Commons. Parents, please feel free to let your kids move around as needed.

# Today's Worship

## Prelude

"This Little Light of Mine" arr. Aaron David Miller  
 See hymn ELW#677 for reference or at  
<https://hymnary.org/hymn/ELW2006/677>

*(please stand)*

## Confessions and Forgiveness

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*(silence for reflection)*

Leader: Holy One, source of our renewal,

**All: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Leader: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of Christ our Savior.

**All: Amen**

## Gathering Hymn

"Gather Us In"

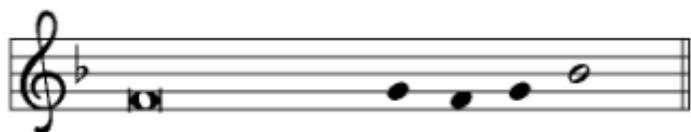
ELW#532

## Greeting

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

All: **And also with you.**

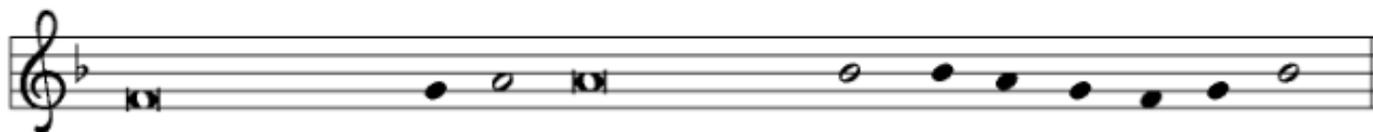
## Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



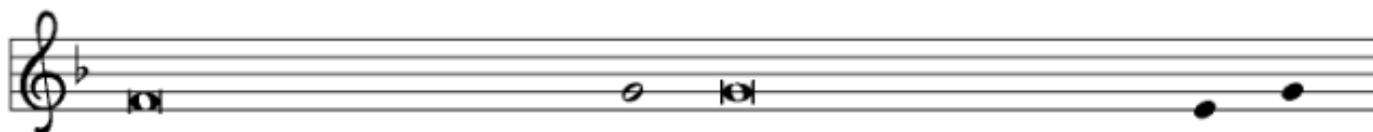
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



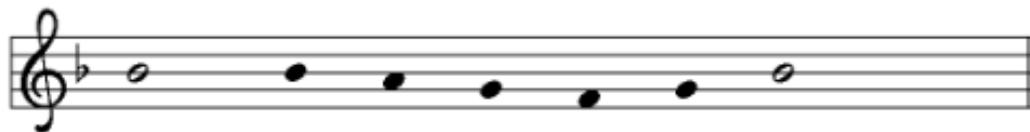
God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

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## Hymn of Praise



This is the feast of vic-to - ry for our God.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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## Prayer of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: **Amen**

*(be seated)*

**First Reading****Isaiah 58:1-9a**

<sup>1</sup>Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

<sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. <sup>3</sup>“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.

<sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

<sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

<sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

<sup>9a</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: 112:1-10**



- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who <sup>1</sup> fear the LORD  
and have great delight in <sup>1</sup> God's commandments!
- <sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty <sup>1</sup> in the land;  
the generation of the upright <sup>1</sup> will be blessed.**
- <sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be <sup>1</sup> in their house,  
and their righteousness will <sup>1</sup> last forever.
- <sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness <sup>1</sup> for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full <sup>1</sup> of compassion. R**
- <sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be gener- <sup>1</sup> ous in lending  
and to manage their af- <sup>1</sup> fairs with justice.
- <sup>6</sup> **For they will nev- <sup>1</sup> er be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlast- <sup>1</sup> ing remembrance.**
- <sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any <sup>1</sup> evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting <sup>1</sup> in the LORD.
- <sup>8</sup> **Their heart is established and <sup>1</sup> will not shrink,  
until they see their desire up- <sup>1</sup> on their enemies.**
- <sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands <sup>1</sup> fast  
forever;  
they will hold up their <sup>1</sup> head with honor.
- <sup>10</sup> **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and <sup>1</sup> pine  
away;  
the desires of the wick- <sup>1</sup> ed will perish. R**

**Second Reading****1 Corinthians 2:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

<sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him” —

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand)*

## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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## Gospel Reading

### Matthew 5:13-20

Leader: The Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

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

*(be seated)*

## Children's Sermon

### Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

"Christ Be Our Light"

ELW#715

*(please stand)*

### Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Prayers

Leader: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

Leader: Merciful God,

**All: receive our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Leader: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**All: Amen.**

*(be seated)*

## Offering

“Come, My Light”

Anne Krentz Organ

Bethlehem Lutheran Choir

The offering is a celebration of God’s gift to us in Christ’s life, death, and resurrection. The table is prepared and we prepare our hearts to receive Holy Communion. As Christ poured out his love for us we pour out that same abundance through our generosity to our neighbors. Thanks be to God for your gifts. Remember, you can give on line at [www.bethluth.org/give](http://www.bethluth.org/give).



*(please stand)*

## Offertory Prayer

Leader: Let us pray.

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

**All: Amen**

## The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,  
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

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

*(be seated)*

### Distribution of Holy Communion

*All are welcome at the table of Christ. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available.*

### Lamb of God

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.

## Communion Hymn

“When We Are Tested”

Below



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
 trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,  
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,  
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

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## Communion Hymn

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

ELW#712

“This Little Light of Mine”

ELW#677

*(please stand)*

## **Communion Blessing**

Leader: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: **Amen.**

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

Leader: Let us pray.

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

All: **Amen.**

## **The Benediction**

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

"Go, Make Disciples"

ELW#540

## **Dismissal**

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

"Christ, Be Our Light"

arr. Jerry Van der Pol

See hymn ELW#715 for reference or at

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/ELW2006/715>

## Worship Assistants Needed

**Greeters - Ushers - Readers - Cantors - Communion Assistants -  
Communion Set-up - Donut/Coffee Hosts**

About 8-10 people are needed every week to help make church happen. **We need YOU to add your gifts and talents.** If everyone takes a role once or twice a year, we can make it happen! Most sign-ups can be done using the **Volunteer/Sign-up page** at [www.bethluth.org](http://www.bethluth.org). Or you can **call the office** and Kellie will help you find a day and time that will work for you.

Pick a date that works for you and sign-up today! **Thanks!**



## "Shrove Tuesday on Sunday"

**Pancake and Sausage Breakfast** planned for **Sunday, Feb 19th at 10:30 am**, following worship. We would love to have as many youth helpers as possible. The congregation is invited to enjoy breakfast and fellowship. We will be doing the Make Sale Silent Auction at a later date. Contact Jana Pursell 406 261-1162 or Bill Erickson 406 260-8530 if you can help.

## Dwelling in the Word

Join Pastor Scott for a new way of encountering the Bible! Dwelling in the word is a way to hear scripture and share with others about what God is saying to us as individuals and as a community. Each gathering is only 30 minutes and you don't have to prepare ahead of time... Choose your own day and time:

- Tuesdays at BLC – in Sanctuary – 3-3:30pm
- Wednesdays on Zoom – 12-12:30 pm
- Thursdays at Bias Brewery – 5:30-6pm

AND/OR - Watch the video every Monday Morning on Facebook or in your email inbox (make sure Pr. Scott has your email address!).

## Join Gosbells

Gosbells is gearing up again! If you would like to ring in the Bell Choir, contact Marshall. Full time ringers and subs are needed. Also, no experience necessary!

## Warming Center

BLC will be delivering meals to the Warming Center on Feb 25th, March 25th, and April 29th. We are looking for volunteers to help make food. There's a sign-up sheet in the Commons for those interested in helping.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

# Matthew 5:16

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Flashlight  
Good  
Father  
Shine

5:16  
Jesus  
Glorify  
Light

Works  
Heaven  
Bible  
Matthew



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## Prayer Concerns: Illness/surgery:

Louise Gullick, Parker, Carol Counsell, Ed Lindsay, Taejen Breeding, Doug Anderson, Rick Ulvin, Tommy Roland, Linda, Karen Fisher, Don, and Rosalee Kent.

### A Special Thank You To Our Assisting Ministers:

<u>Assisting Mnstr/Reader:</u>	Julie Miller
<u>Cantor:</u>	Duane Anderson
<u>Communion Assistants:</u>	Jana Thompson
<u>Communion Setup Assts:</u>	Julie Miller
<u>Ushers:</u>	Maggie Mohl



### This Week at Bethlehem

<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b> 9:00am	<b><u>02/05</u></b> Worship/Sunday School
<b><u>MONDAY</u></b> 6:00pm	<b><u>02/06</u></b> Feeding the Flathead, FH
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b> 3:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	<b><u>02/07</u></b> Dwelling in the Word, Commons Committee Directors, FH Committees, FH Executive Committee, FR
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b> 6:45am 10:00am 12:00pm 7:00pm	<b><u>02/08</u></b> Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, FH Staff Meeting Dwelling in the Word, Zoom Choir
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b> 9:00am 9:00am 5:30pm	<b><u>02/09</u></b> Quilters, FH Knitters, FR Dwelling in the Word, Bias Brewery
<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b> 11:00am 1:00pm	<b><u>02/11</u></b> GosBells Mixture
<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b> 9:00am 10:20am	<b><u>02/12</u></b> Worship/Sunday School Adult Bible Study