

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



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## The Order of Service

Divine Service Setting One (LSB 151)

*(Please stand if you are able for portions of the liturgy marked with an \*)*

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**Opening Hymn: Let All Together Praise Our God** **LSB 389**

**Confession and Absolution\*** **LSB 151**

**Introit\*** (Ps. 8:1, 4-6; antiphon: Ps. 8:2)

Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength because of your  
foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

**O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

**You have set your glory above the heavens.**

What is man that you are mindful of him,  
and the son of man that you care for him?

**Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings  
and crowned him with glory and honor.**

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under his feet.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

**Kyrie\*** **LSB 152**

**Gloria in Excelsis\*** **LSB 154**

**Collect\*:** Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your  
incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same  
Jesus Christ, Your, Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading: Genesis: 1-7**

<sup>1</sup> So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. <sup>2</sup> And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, “Jacob, Jacob.” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>3</sup> Then he said, “I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. <sup>4</sup> I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also bring you up again, and Joseph's hand shall close your eyes.” <sup>5</sup> Then Jacob set out from Beersheba. The sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons that Pharaoh had sent to carry him. <sup>6</sup> They also took their livestock and their goods, which they had gained in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his offspring with him, <sup>7</sup> his sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters. All his offspring he brought with him into Egypt.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual:** Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise. You, O LORD, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name.

**Epistle:** 1 Peter 4:12-19

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup> But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup> Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. <sup>17</sup> For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup> And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” <sup>19</sup> Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn: We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth**

**LSB 382**

**Holy Gospel\*: Matthew 2:13-23**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” <sup>14</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.” <sup>16</sup> Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. <sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: <sup>18</sup> “A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.” <sup>19</sup> But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup> saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.” <sup>21</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup> And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed\***

**LSB 158**

**Hymn of the Day: From East to West**

**LSB 385**

**Sermon**

**Prayer of the Church\***

**We Give Thee But Thine Own\* (stz. 1 & 2)**

**LSB 781**

**Service of the Sacrament\***

**LSB 160**

**Distribution Hymns: 370, 362, 380, 361, 387 (Sing All)**

**Post-Communion Canticle\*: Thank the Lord**

**LSB 164**

**Benediction\***

**Closing Hymn: O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly**

**LSB 897**

### **Announcements**

**Flower Chart:** The flower chart for 2020 is up in the north office. Please stop by and sign up for any Sundays you would like to have flowers on the altar. Any questions, please contact Sylvia Kleiboeker.

**Annual Report:** The time is drawing near for the Annual Report to be printed. If all organizations (Men's Club, Ladies Aid, Agape Youth, Preschool, Cemetery Committee, Treasurers, Wednesday Night Religion and Confirmation, Cradle Roll & any others I may have missed) would please get me their reports by **January 13<sup>th</sup>** so that I may put the report together by January 17<sup>th</sup> voter's meeting. Thank You

**Private Confession and Absolution:** Our Lutheran Confessions state that private absolution should be retained and not abolished in the churches (Augsburg Confession, XI). With this in mind, if at any time throughout the season of Christmas you desire private confession and absolution, please give Pastor Jennings a call to set-up a time to meet privately.

**Altar Guild, Ushers, Greeters, and Acolytes:** We encourage you to consult your schedule, and if able, assist at your assigned service.

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