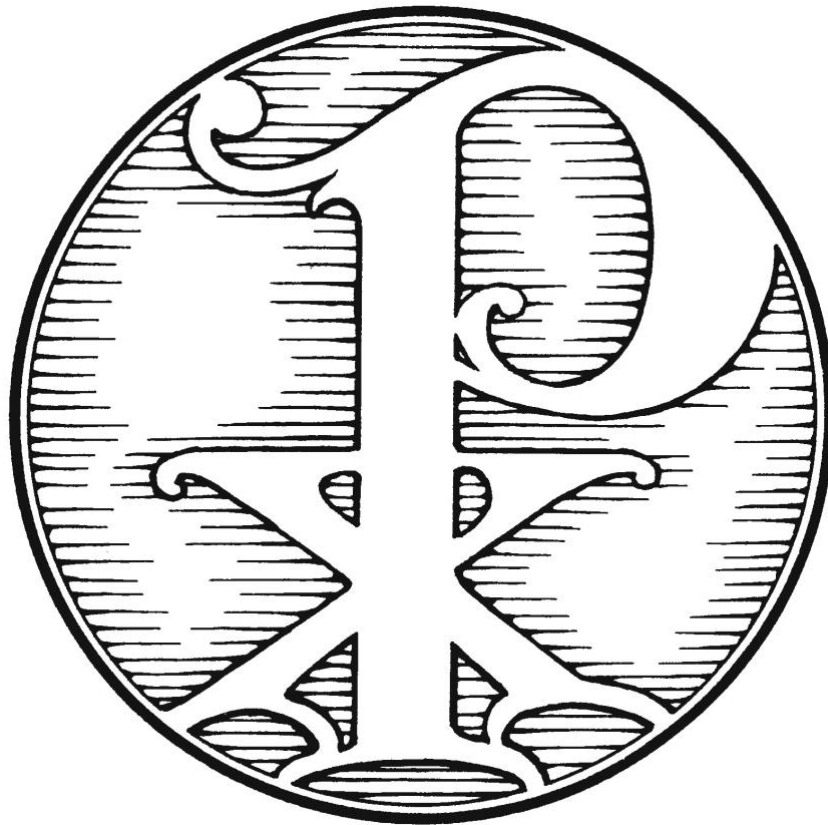


# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



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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: Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising** **LSB 375**

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

**Introit\*** (Ps. 93:1, 3-4; antiphon: Ps. 93:5, 2)

Your decrees are very trustworthy;  
holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

**Your throne is established from of old;  
you are from everlasting.**

The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;  
the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.

**Yes, the world I established;  
it shall never be moved.**

The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice;  
the floods lift up their roaring.

**Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea,  
the LORD on high is mighty!**

**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.**

Your decrees are very trustworthy;  
holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

Your throne is established from of old;  
you are from everlasting.

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

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

**Collect\*:** O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ,

our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one god, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 11:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup> And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup> And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

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

**Gradual:** You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips. I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

**Epistle: Galatians 4:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup> but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup> In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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

**Hymn: We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth (Pastor Sings Stz. 1)**

**LSB 382**

**Holy Gospel\*: Luke 2:22-40**

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

<sup>22</sup> And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the Law

of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup> And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup> he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, <sup>29</sup> “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup> that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” <sup>33</sup> And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup> (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” <sup>36</sup> And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup> and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. <sup>39</sup> And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

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

<b>Nicene Creed*</b>	<b>LSB 158</b>
<b>Hymn of the Day: Let All Together Praise Our God</b>	<b>LSB 389</b>
<b>Sermon</b>	
<b>Prayer of the Church*</b>	
<b>We Give Thee But Thine Own*</b>	<b>LSB 781</b>
<b>Service of the Sacrament*</b>	<b>LSB 160</b>
<b>Distribution Hymns: 519, 386, 366, 363, 367</b>	

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

**LSB 164**

**Closing Hymn: Let Us All with Gladsome Voice**

**LSB 390**

### **Announcements**

**Merry Christmas:** High on the list of God's blessings to us are you, the saints of Bethlehem. Please receive our thanks for your thoughtfulness and kindness this season and through all the seasons of the year! We rejoice with you in God's gift to us, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Merry Christmas! - Pastor, Stefanie, Will, Lily, Silas

**Congratulations:** Congratulations to Alayna French and Katie Zimmermann for completing Level 1 of the Catechism Learn-by-Heart Program. Level 1 consists of reciting the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

**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.

**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 penitential season of Advent you desire private confession and absolution, please give Pastor Jennings a call to set-up a time to meet privately.

**Sunday School and Adult Bible Study:** Join us at 8:30am for Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

**Coronavirus Concerns:** We recognize the coronavirus is still an issue in our country and many members rightly have concerns. However, we do not want anyone to stay away from receiving the life-giving gifts of Christ in His church. Please contact Pastor Jennings to discuss a way that you may to receive these gifts.

**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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In Memory of Melvin & Adele Lange  
Fred & Linda Kleiboeker
- Norma Rueter  
In Memory of Loved Ones
- Earl & Marilyn Schneider  
In Memory of John Schneider & Loved Ones
- Wayne & Jen Brink  
In Honor of Loved Ones
- Steve & Sandy Haun  
In Memory of Clarence & Norma Rommelmann  
Connie Schilling
- Elbert & Lois Brink  
In Memory of Loved Ones
- Cindy & Steve Hoffmann family  
In Memory of Roger & Rose Hanke
- Calvin & Jackie Yardley  
In Memory of Loved Ones
- Lucille Stein  
In Memory of Norman Stein & Loved Ones
- Elaine Ballance  
In Memory of Doug Balance
- Sharon Schneider & Family  
In Memory of Darrell Schneider & Loved Ones
- Rev. Jonathan & Stefanie Jennings
- Joe & JoAnn Stibrich
- Jeff & Lois Pigg
- Edwin & Verdell Hermsmeyer  
In Memory of Janet Lynn Hermsmeyer  
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Hermsmeyer  
Mr. & Mrs. Gustav Kasten