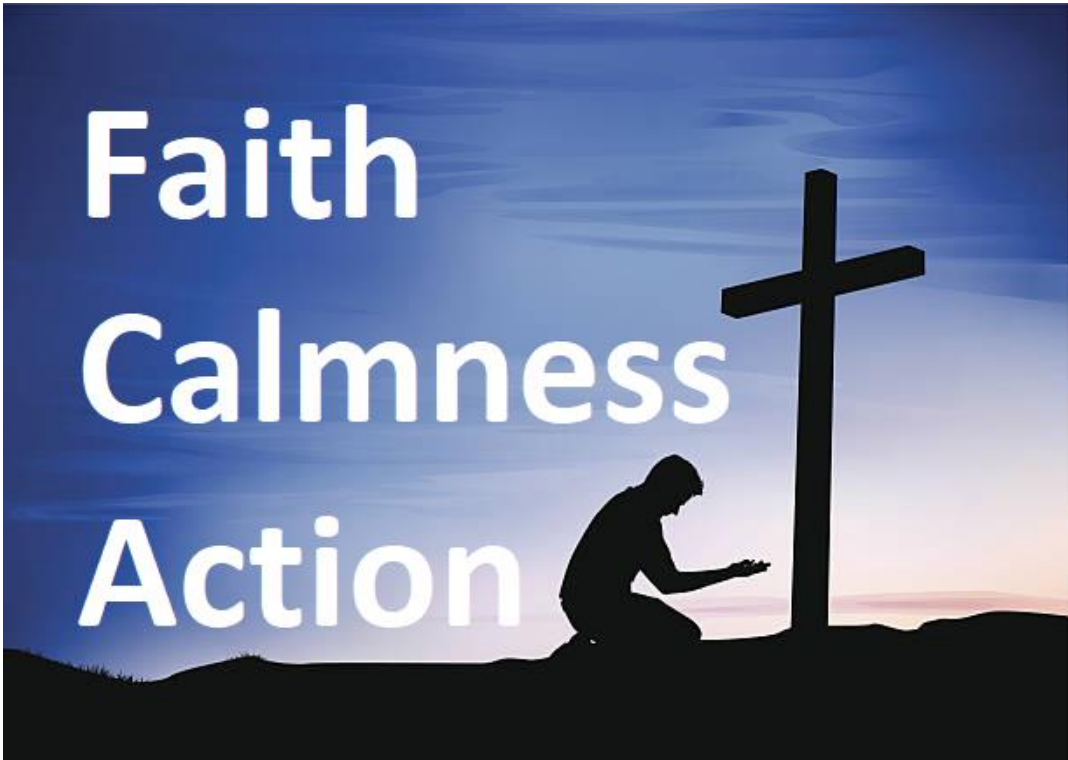




Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Truth – Forgiveness – Peace
Saturday, January 23 at 4:00
Sunday, January 24 at 9:00

Third Sunday after the Epiphany – 2021



Today's service is **Divine Service, Setting One** (Adapted from Lutheran Service Book, 151-166).

WELCOME TO DIVINE SERVICE: *We gather to receive God's gifts through Word and Sacrament!*

- ✦ **Visitors:** *Welcome! Let's get acquainted! How can we be a blessing to you? Please receive a visitor packet (available in our Narthex).*
- ✦ **Prayer Request:** *See a "yellow" card (Narthex) and the "Receive Prayer" section (end of folder).*
- ✦ **Young Children:** *Activity bags (by worship entrance); Little Lamb Room (off Narthex); Children's Message (please come forward).*

- ✦ **Phone:** *Please silence at this time.*
- ✦ **Hearing Assistance:** *Available in Narthex.*
- ✦ **Service Folder:** *Get it on your smartphone: www.BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com/ServiceFolder*

PARKING LOT CHURCH and MORE:

- **Not comfortable coming inside:** *Come to our main entrance; then listen from your car (FM 89.9)*
- **Seating:** *Sit in a "RESERVED" pew or in the loft.*
- **Precautions:** *We are not currently shaking hands, passing plates, or using the common cup.*

WELCOME:

L: The LORD be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRESERVICE CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION:

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

L: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

A: **Most merciful God, I confess that I am by nature sinful and unclean.**

⇒ **I have sinned against You in *thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone.***

⇒ **I have *not* loved You with my whole heart; I have *not* loved my neighbors as myself.**

⇒ **I justly deserve Your *present and eternal punishment.***

For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

L: In the mercy of the almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the LORD, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ!

C: **Amen.**

PRELUDE

Sunday ➔ Be Thou My Vision arr. J. Raney

SERVICE OF THE WORD

↑ INVOCATION:

L: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

HYMN: *Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*

See the words below / TLH 145 / LSB 423

1. Jesus, Refuge of the weary,
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary,
Savior from the world above,
Oh, how oft Thine eyes, offended,
Gaze upon the sinner's fall!
Yet, upon the cross extended,
Thou didst bear the pain of all.
2. Do we pass that cross unheeding,
Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see Thee wounded, bleeding,
See Thy thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Thy sinless death hath brought us
Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Thy grace hath taught us
Calms the sinner's stormy breast.

KYRIE:

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Glory Be to God*
See the words below / LSB 380

1. "Glory be to God on high!" This is now our joyful cry.
Peace to all who live on earth, grace and favor for new birth.
You we praise and glorify, worship You, O LORD most high.
Gracious Father, heav'nly King. To Your name alone we sing:
Praise and glory of Your name, now and evermore the same!

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY:

L: The LORD be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
L: *Let us pray.* Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: **Amen.** ↓

Children! Please come forward now!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:



OLD TESTAMENT: **Jonah 3:1-5, 10 AAT**
See Below / Pew Bible Page 1438 / Own Bible

¹ The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ² "Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh and preach to it what I will tell you."
³ Jonah got up and went to Nineveh as the LORD told him. Nineveh was a great city before

God, a three-days' walk. ⁴ Jonah started to go into the city a day's walk, and preached this: "Forty days yet, and Nineveh will be destroyed."
⁵ Then the men of Nineveh believed God and announced a fast and dressed in sackcloth from the greatest to the least.

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their wicked ways, God changed His mind about the disaster He threatened to bring on them, and He didn't do it.

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM: 62 ESV
See Below / Front of LSB / Own Bible

1 For God alone my soul waits in | silence,*
from him comes my sal- | vation.
2 He only is my rock and my salvation, my |
fortress;*
I shall not be greatly | shaken.
3 How long will all of you attack a man to |
batter him,*
like a leaning wall, a | tottering fence?
4 They only plan to thrust him down from his
high position. They take pleasure in |
falsehood.*
They bless with their mouths, but
inwardly | they curse.
5 For God alone, O my soul, wait in | silence,*
for my hope is | from him.
6 He only is my rock and my salvation, my |
fortress;*
I shall not be | shaken.
7 On God rests my salvation and my | glory,*
my mighty rock, my refuge | is God.
8 Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out
your heart be- | fore him,*
God is a refuge | for us.
9 Those of low estate are but a breath; those of
high estate are a de- | lusion;*
in the balances they go up; they are
together lighter | than a breath.

- 10 Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on | robbery;*
if riches increase, set not your | heart on them.
- 11 Once God has spoken; twice have I | heard this:*
that power belongs to God, 12 and that to you, O Lord, belongs | steadfast love.
For you will render | to a man*
according | to his work.
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 NET

See Below / Pew Bible Page 1779 / Own Bible

²⁹ This is what I am saying, my fellow Christians: the time has been shortened. While it lasts, may those who have wives live as though they had none; ³⁰ those who weep, as though they were not weeping; those who are happy, as though they were not happy; those who purchase, as though they did not possess; ³¹ and those who use the world, as though they were not misusing it, since this world in its present form is passing away.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

↑ ALLELUIA and VERSE (LSB 156):

See the words below / LSB 156

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.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20 NET

See Below / Pew Bible Page 1552 / Own Bible

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C: Glory to You, O LORD.

¹⁴ After John had been put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee and preached the Good News of God: ¹⁵ "The time has come, and the Kingdom of God is near. Repent, and believe the Gospel."

¹⁶ As He was walking along the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Simon's brother Andrew throwing a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ Jesus told them, "Come, follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

¹⁸ Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.

¹⁹ Going on a little farther, He saw James the <son> of Zebedee and his brother John in their boat, mending the nets. ²⁰ And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee with the hired men in the boat and followed Him.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ. ↓

HYMN OF THE DAY:

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

See the words below TLH 364/ LSB 524

- How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
And drives away his fear.
- It makes the wounded spirit whole
And **calms** the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul
And to the weary, rest.
- Weak is the effort of my heart
And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

STEPPING OUT
IN
FAITH, CALMNESS, & ACTION

Jonah 3:4: Jonah started to go into the city a day's walk, and preached this: "Forty days yet, and Nineveh will be destroyed." **FAITH & ACTION**

Psalms 62:1, 5, 9-11:

1 Surely my heart is calm before God.
for He saves me.

5 Surely my heart is calm before God,
for He gives me hope.

9 Mortal men are only a breath,
even important men are a delusion.
When they are weighed, the scales rise;
they are altogether less than a vapor.

10 Do not plan to get anything by extortion
or scheme to get anything by robbery.
When you get rich, do not rely on it.

11 "God said it once, twice I heard it:
'Power belongs to God.'" **FAITH, CALMNESS, & HOLY ACTION**

1 Corinthians 7:29a, 31:

29a This is what I am saying, my fellow Christians: the time has been shortened. While it lasts, may **31** those who **use** the world, live as though they were not misusing it, since this world in its present form is passing away. **FAITH, CALMNESS, ACTION**

Mark 1:12, 13, 16-20:

12 Then the Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness, **13** and He was in the wilderness for 40 days while Satan continued to tempt Him. He was there with the wild animals, and the angels took care of Him. **FAITH, CALMNESS, ACTION**

16 As Jesus was walking along the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Simon's brother Andrew throwing a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. **17** Jesus told them, "Come, follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." **18** Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. **19** Going on a little farther, He saw James the son of Zebedee and his brother John in their boat, mending the nets. **20** And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee with the hired men in the boat and followed Him. **FAITH, CALMNESS, ACTION**

POST-SERMON HYMN: *Jesus, Lead Thou On*

See the words below TLH 410 / LSB 718

1. Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow calm and fearless.
Guide us by Thy hand To our fatherland.

↑ OFFERTORY: *Let Us Pray*

A: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED: *See back of either hymnal*

PRAYER: *Let Us Pray*

- L: In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- L: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, *let us pray to the Lord:*
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- L: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, *let us pray to the Lord:*
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- L: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, *let us pray to the Lord:*
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- L: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, *let us pray to the Lord:*
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- L: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, *let us pray to the Lord:*
- C: Lord, have mercy.**

- L: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, *let us pray to the Lord:*

C: Lord, have mercy.

- L: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, *let us pray to the Lord:*

C: Lord, have mercy.

- L: For some requests in our Participation Guide, including the following . . . , *let us pray to the Lord:*

C: Lord, have mercy.

- L: Finally, for those named and for all our needs of body and soul, *let us pray to the Lord:*

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER: *See back of either hymnal*

- L: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

A: Our Father who art in heaven...

PRAYER FOR THE WORD:

- L: Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Saturday → LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER:

L: We pray together:

A: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me (Mt. 18:10), that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Sunday → LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER:

L: We pray together:

A: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me (Mt. 18:10), that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BENEDICTION: *Receive and Be Blessed*

L: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; **the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.**

C: **Amen.** ↓



CLOSING HYMN:

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

See the words below TLH 200 / LSB 461

1. I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head.
5. He lives to silence all my fears,
He lives to wipe away my tears
He lives to **calm** my troubled heart,
He lives all blessings to impart.

POSTLUDE and CANDLE EXTINGUISHING

Sunday → Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Hughes

Let us apply God's Word to our daily lives!

PARTICIPATION GUIDE – See the Insert

- ◆ Be informed; serve; participate
- ◆ Pray; reach out by caring, praying, talking...

THURSDAYS

- ◆ **Bible Class:** 10:00
- ◆ **Attend:** In Person or Zoom – *with your phone, tablet, or comp.:* <https://zoom.us/j/815200301>

SATURDAYS

- ◆ **Bible Class:** 3:00 – Attend in person or Zoom: <https://bit.ly/3qKDInt>
- ◆ **Divine Service:** 4:00

SUNDAYS – After Service Blessings

- ◆ **Receive Prayer:** See a Stephen Minister: Norma S, Bill S, Jerry H, or Alan C
- ◆ **Refreshments** (10:15): Join us down the hall
- ◆ **Bible Class and Sunday School** (10:30):
 - ⇒ **Bible Class:** 9th grade to adults (CLR) – In person or Zoom: <https://bit.ly/3qKDInt>
 - ⇒ **Sunday School:**
 - 3 years to 2nd grade (Upper Room)
 - 3rd to 8th grade (Middle Office)

OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION – Thanks!

- Needed Each Week (budget): **4,684**
- Received Last Week (actual): **9,535**
- Budget Versus Giving (YTD): **+ 6,705**
- Spending Versus Giving (YTD): **N**

THANKS FOR SERVING ON 1/23 & 1/24

Altar Guild: Kathy G, Heather H

Financial Team: Natalia F, Ken H

Saturday: Music: Kathy G; Usher: Matt K

Sunday: Organist: Gayle P

Pastor Team: Harold W

Ushers: Matthias M, Mike K

Beverages: Doris C

Sunday School: Marci S, Jerry H

THANKS FOR SERVING ON 1/30 & 1/31

Altar Guild: Norma S, Nancy B

Financial Team: Natalia F, Tricia W

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Sunday: Organist: Gayle P

Pastor Team: Harold W

Ushers: Matthias M, Mike K

Beverages: Doris C

Sunday School: Heather H, Kathy G

Dear Members and Friends of Bethlehem:

- You can certainly benefit some through our parking lot church; if you are uncomfortable coming into our building right now, *please faithfully receive Word and Sacrament from your car each week!*
- For greater benefit, come inside, ♦ receive encouragement from others, ♦ sing the hymns, ♦ send your children forward for the children’s message, ♦ receive the very body and blood of Jesus, ♦ enjoy the fellowship and refreshments, and ♦ study God’s Word with others!



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