

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

The Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Day

December 25, 2021

Processional Hymn

#375 Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

Divine Service - Setting Three P. 184

Invocation (Please stand)

Introit (sung responsively)



For to us a child is born, to us a son is | given;*
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor,*
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.
Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!*
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.
The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.*
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;*
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!
*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.
For to us a child is born, to us a son is | given;*
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor,*
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.

Kyrie p. 186

Gloria in Excelsis p. 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 40:17–21, 34–38

¹⁷In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected. ¹⁸Moses erected the tabernacle. He laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and raised up its pillars. ¹⁹And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent over it, as the LORD had commanded Moses. ²⁰He took the testimony and put it into the ark, and put the poles on the ark and set the mercy seat above on the ark. ²¹And he brought the ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony, as the LORD had commanded Moses. . . . ³⁴Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁵And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁶Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. ³⁷But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. ³⁸For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir “Cradle Song”

Epistle

Titus 3:4–7

⁴When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir *“In Bethlehem, Fair City”*

Alleluia (choir)

Holy Gospel

John 1:1–18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

The Word Became Flesh

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven**

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day #382 We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth *Choir sing vs 2,3,5*

Sermon

Offertory p. 192

Offering may be left before or after the service in the plates by the doors

Prayer of the Church

All those in need of continued strength and healing

Theresa Gibson (sister of Clara Conrad)

James DeFrain (husband of Nancy DeFrain-3/4 teacher)

Milton Gallmeyer; Bob Brown

Brandon Tomlinson (son-inlaw of the Brinkleys)

Vicki Tomlinson (friend of the Brinkleys)

Deanna Sin (daughter of Imogene Bultemeier)

Eliza Pontius (Great-granddaughter of Denny and Maxine Nahrwold)

Bill Gephart Jr – (relative of the Conrad family)

In time of Mourning - family and friends of Mick Werling

The Church and all its faithful workers

All military personnel Evan Springer

Our members currently shut-in

Jackie Werling, Ruth Witte, Marilyn P. Meyer (Ossian Healthcare)

Imogene Bultemeier, (Woodcrest)
Charlotte Dippel (Lutheran Life Village)
Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)

Service of the Sacrament P. 194

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
C **It is meet and right so to do.**

Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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.

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

Distribution

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper in our worship. Bethlehem Lutheran Church administers this Holy Supper in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we receive, along with the Bread and Wine, the very Body and Blood of Jesus through which we receive the forgiveness of sins. Furthermore, the communicants as a body of believers make a confession of the unity of their faith. Those desiring to receive the Sacrament with us, who are not communicant members of Bethlehem or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, are asked to please speak with the Pastor before the service.

Distribution Hymn

#359 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Distribution Hymn

#374 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Distribution Hymn

#370 What Child Is This

Distribution Hymn

#373 See amid the Winter's Snow

Nunc Dimittis (Please stand) p.199

Thanksgiving

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- C** and His mercy endureth forever.

Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Salutation p. 201

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

- A** Bless we the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction p. 202

- ☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
- ☐ **Amen, amen, amen.**

Recessional Hymn

#383 A Great and Mighty Wonder

IN HIS SERVICE

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| Preaching | Rev. Samuel Wirgau |
| Fieldworkers | Sem. Aaron Coggins and Sem. Isaac Spangler |
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| Head Elder | Lloyd Meyer |
| Elders on Duty | Jerry Meyer and Mike Meyer |
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Merry Christmas



The Poinsettia plants decorating our sanctuary
this Christmas have been
given to the glory of God by the following:

- *Josh and Wendy Boehm in honor of their daughter, Violet*
- *Tim and Patty Baker in loving memory of Rex Douglass and Robert Baker
also in honor of Marilyn Douglass and Carol Baker*
- *Brian and Sheryl Bauermeister and family in loving memory of
Glenn & Pauline Bauermeister and Tim Dodge, Charles Rochford
also in honor of Nancy Rochford*
- *Scott Bauermeister in loving memory of Freidricke and Henry Bauermeister*
- *Lisa Black and family in loving memory of Raymond & Berenice Stoppenhagen
and Maureen Everett*
- *Larry Eichler in loving memory of Joan K. Eichler*
- *David and Ronda Flesch in loving memory of Keith Flesch
and Glenn and Pauline Bauermeister also in honor of Josie Flesch*
- *Milton and Patsy Gallmeyer in loving memory of M/M Fred Gallmeyer
and M/M Don Rush. Also in honor of our children and grandchildren*
- *Jeff and Lisa Gresley*
- *Lane and Jeni Harkless in honor of our children, Isaac, Luke and Lydia*
- *Bethlehem Ladies Aid in honor of, to the Glory of God*
- *Jason and Tisha Laley in loving memory of our fathers; Lynn Dishong and Mike Laley*
- *Jay and Cheryl Louison in loving memory of Jesse and Donna Louison
and in honor of Charles and Janet Spurgeon and our children*
- *Donald and Lois Lutz in honor of, to the Glory of God*
- *Greg and Linda Mankey and family in loving memory
parents; Adelbert and Lorene Rekeweg, Grandparents; August and Lora
Bauermeister, William and Louise Rekeweg*
- *Lloyd and Joellen Meyer in honor of our families*
- *Mike and Emilie Meyer in loving memory of Marvin L. Meyer*
- *Marilyn P. Meyer in loving memory of Marvin L. Meyer*
- *Stan and Pat Meyer in loving memory of
Wilbur and Ilene Meyer, Shelley Ambriole and Dave and Joan Sprunger*
- *Pastor and Judy Moehring in loving memory of Erv and June Siegert (Judy's parents)*

- *Mike and Kathy Nahrwold in loving memory of
Robert Worden and Carl and Helen Nahrwold also in honor of Bonnie Worden*
- *Tom and Colleen Patrick in loving memory of Carl and Helen Nahrwold,
George and Betty Patrick*
- *Mark and Vicki Schallhorn in honor of our Savior's Birth*
- *Delores Scheumann in loving memory of Henry and Michael Scheumann*
- *Helen and Donna Scheumann in loving memory of Edward Scheumann
and Raymond and Berenice Stoppenhagen*
- *Don and Amy Schueler in honor of our children and grandchildren*
- *Ralph and Donna Schumm in honor of our family members*
- *Ted and Denise Schumm*
- *Dan and Carla Springer in loving memory of Ed and Doris Springer*
- *Dean Stoppenhagen in loving memory of Harold, Marie and Loren Stoppenhagen*
- *Neil and Susan Stoppenhagen in honor of our children*
- *Doyle and Laura Werling in loving memory of our parents*
- *Pastor and DoRena Wirgau in honor of our four nieces and nephews born in 2021:
Evelyn, Belteshazzar, Jerome, and Henrietta*

***The Altar Guild committee wishes to thank everyone for their Poinsettia plant orders.
Please plan to pick up your plants after the 9:00 am Christmas Day Service or after the
service on Sunday, December 26th. Thank you***