

# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*



*The Circumcision and Name of Jesus*

*New Year's Eve*

*Divine Service – Setting Three*

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Invocation (Please stand)

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word pg. 184

Introit (sung responsively)



May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;\*

may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great | is the LORD!”

**Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an | open ear.\***

**Burnt offering and sin offering you have | not required.**

Then I said, “Behold, | I have come;\*”

in the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:

**I desire to do your will, | O my God;\***

**your law is with- | in my heart.”**

**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.**

May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;\*  
may those who love your salvation say continually, “Great | is the LORD!”

## Kyrie

## Gloria in Excelsis

## Collect of the Day

Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## Old Testament Reading

*Numbers 6:22–27*

<sup>22</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>23</sup>“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,<sup>24</sup>The LORD bless you and keep you;  
<sup>25</sup>the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;<sup>26</sup>the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.<sup>27</sup>“So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

**This is the covenant that I will make with the house of | Israel\*  
after those days, de- | clares the Lord:  
I will put my laws in- | to their minds,\*  
and write them | on their hearts.  
I will be their God, and they shall be my | people.\*  
I will remember their sins and their lawless | deeds no more.**

## Epistle

*Galatians 3:23–29*

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup>For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

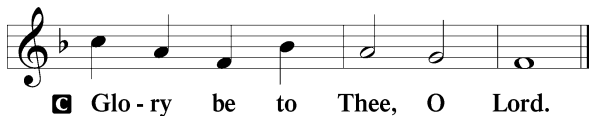
## Alleluia



## Holy Gospel

*Luke 2:21*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



<sup>21</sup>And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## 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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

#900 Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

Sermon

Offertory

Offering

Prayer of the Church

**We remember all those in need of continued strength and healing:**

*Ellie Anderson (friend of Sarena Wirgau)*

*Joyce Krumma (aunt of Rick Krumma)*

*Donita Yates (Cousin of Clara Conrad)*

*Tom Black (father of Ed Black)*

*Sandra Flum (Susan Graft's sister)*

*Barbara Murphy (Melissa Price's grandmother)*

*Margaret Whitesel, Joellen Meyer,*

*Norwin Bauermeister, Brandon Tomlinson (son in-law of the Brinkleys*

**We pray for our expectant mothers:** *Betsy Dodgers, Kristin Gresley, Mariel Kleppinger,*

*Jessica Schumm, Abigail (Springer) Mayer, Margaret Moore, Reese Springer,*

*Lauren Stoppenhagen, Shelby Todd*

**We pray for protection:** *Pastor and Mrs. Moebring's son Stephen in Israel.*

**We pray for our members shut-in:**

*Jackie Werling, Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare)*

*Imogene Bultemeier- in Hospice, Marilyn Meyer (Woodcrest)*

*Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)*

*Gloria Siela (home), Charlotte Bultemeier (StoryPoint West)*

*Rev. Donald Lutz (Lutheran Life Village)*

**We pray for our schools**

*We pray for our Church and all her workers*  
*We pray for all military personnel*

## Service of the Sacrament pg. 194

### Preface

#### 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

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

### 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

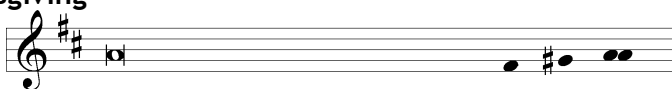
faith. Those desiring to receive the Sacrament with us, who are not communicant members of Bethlehem or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, are asked to please speak with the Pastor before the service.

## Distribution Hymns

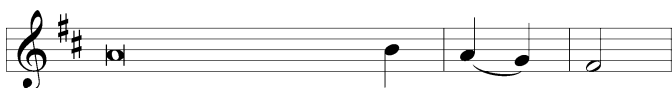
**#733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past**  
**#746 Through Jesus' Blood and Merit**  
**#724 If God Himself Be for Me**

## Nunc Dimittis (Please stand)

### Thanksgiving



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

### Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

### Salutation

### Benedicamus

### Benediction

### Closing Hymn

**#897 O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly**

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