



Bethlehem Lutheran Church

January 19, 2025 - Setting 12

Pastor Calvin Konop, Presiding

Karina Roth, Musical Director

Belonging to Christ, Sharing Christ on the North Shore & Beyond!

Introduction—Second Sunday after Epiphany

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

Prelude

Karina Roth

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Have mercy, O God, **against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, in whom we are forgiven. We rest now in the peace of Christ and rise in the morning to serve. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn:

All Who Are Thirsty

ACS 981

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie Eleison

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Song of Praise

Glory to you, God

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Prayer of the Day

Lord God, **source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Time



On the way up the aisles, the children will be collecting coins for the "Holy Cow" fund, which will support ELCA World Hunger. *Find that loose change and hand it to a kiddo!*

First Reading:

Isaiah 62:1-5

¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ² The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm:

Psalm 36:5-10

⁵ Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶ Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O LORD.

⁷ How priceless is your love, O God! All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸ They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹ For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

¹⁰ Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *"Our hearts burn within us"* ACS page 33

Gospel:

John 2:1-11

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.

⁷ Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Calvin Konop

Hymn of the Day

Come, Share the Spirit

ACS 1045

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of God's People

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

(A brief silence.)

Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Refuge of creatures, you place all the living under the shadow of your wings. Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals, creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment we share. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. Guide our nation in continuing to heed your prophetic call. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need especially *Vera, Gene, Mark, Jack, Les, Hillary, Lynn, Bruce & Stacey, and the Rosbacka and Kristenson-Stieler families.* We pray now for those we name aloud, or in the silence of our hearts. (*A time of silence.*) God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Spirit of peace, celebrating this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for neighboring congregations and ministry sites. Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints especially Darold Rosbacka and Kati Kristenson Stieler. Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

All Are Welcome

Bethlehem Choir



Offering Prayer

God of grace, **your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.**

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

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The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Invitation to Communion

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness. All are welcome!

Bethlehem Lutheran Church believes in the real presence of Christ in Holy Communion, and we practice eucharistic hospitality. All persons, whether visiting or a member, are welcomed to Communion.

Communion Music

Be Known to Us

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In This Feast of Love

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Post Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

Nourishing God, **at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.**

Blessing

The Spirit of the triune God ✚ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude



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Your prayers are requested for healing: Rhonda Silence, Vera Finn, Mark LaKosky, Les Donek, Gene Erickson, Hillary Freeman, Hank Ferland, Rhonda Schulte, Shae Lindholm, Joan Bieber, Emily Ulhorn, Lynn Schulte, Jody Daugherty, Bruce & Stacey Johnson, Stephanie Radloff, Char Anderson, Betty Jones, Stacey Schulte, Carol Ann and Jack Anderson. *If you have any updates on these prayer requests, or any new requests, please call the office at 218-387-2227.*

This week we lift up these members: *Adrianna, Eric, Bentley & Eva Brisson; Ashley Berglund; MaKotah Fairbanks, Becca Jorgenson, Keaton Riley, MaKenzie, MaTaya, MaCoy and MaKai Fairbanks; Trent, Diedre, August, Elliot & Sylvie Anderson; and George & Marilyn Carlson.* May God walk with these friends in their journey of peace.

The memorial service for Kati Kristenson Stieler will be Sat. February 1st at 10:00am.

Fellowship meal will be at 11:00am. More information to follow

Mission of the Month: **Global Refuge** is a faith-based organization with Lutheran roots that was formed in 1939 and was formerly known as Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS). **Global Refuge** assists with finding places to live, connecting with services and resources, learning a new language, enrolling in school, finding employment, and building a strong economic foundation as they integrate into new communities. **Member Challenge:** The **Global Refuge** website, globalrefuge.org, can connect you to many stories of families recently helped to build new lives in new communities. Please take a look and be inspired by this ministry of welcoming and sharing with neighbors from many places as they build new lives here in the United States.

New Book Group: *Walking the Old Road* by Staci Lola Drouillard, is the subject of the new book discussion. Studies are Thursdays from 6-7pm, through Feb 13. Questions? Contact Sue Hennessy (218-370-0224) or Kristin Lindholm (507-301-8379) **There is still time to join!** Contact the office for link to reading schedule.

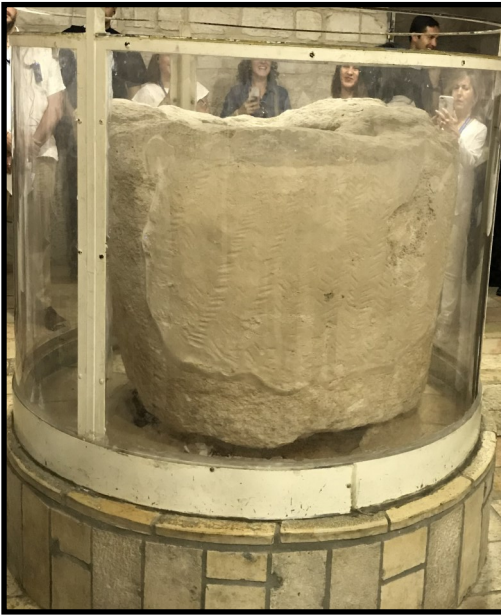
Hospitality Teams: Lists are posted on the window in front of Denise's office, on the Narthex bulletin board and in the Fellowship Hall. Come and see which team you are on!


Traveler Cards and **Local Grocery Cards** are available from BLC to members of the community that need help. Please contact the office.

Coffee An: *Have you taken a turn serving for our Fellowship time on Sundays?* Please sign up to bring some treats to share.

Free Bibles: Help yourself to a large print English Standard Version Bible, on the counter in the Narthex.

Quilters are seeking more helpers, especially anyone that can sew quilt tops! Every Thursday morning at 9 to 11:30am. No experience necessary. We have several lovely kits ready for sewing.




 Thanks to God and thanks to all you wonderful people who prayed for me. I wouldn't have made it without them (you).

Thank you



Annual Meeting is February 2nd Following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Come for the

coffee an', speak your mind, stay to vote, and have fun. (Pastor Calvin has a few tricks up his sleeve just for fun!) Zoom link is available. Check out your e-weekly or our website for the link.

Annual Reports are in the Narthex. Please take one to prepare for the meeting.

This Week at Bethlehem:

- Sun Jan 19 8:40 AM Choir practice
- 10:00 AM Worship Service with Sunday School
- 2:00 PM Care Center Worship Service
- Mon Jan 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday - office is closed
- 5:30 PM Worship Planning
- 6:30 PM Church Council
- Tues Jan 21 11:00 AM Staff meeting
- Wed Jan 22 12:30 PM Text Study
- 5:30 PM Community Meal
- 6:00 PM Contemporary Worship Service
- 6:30 PM Confirmation
- Thurs Jan 23 8:00 AM Bible Study
- 9:00 AM Quilting
- 6:00 PM Book Group
- 6:30 PM Ping Pong
- Fri Jan 24 6:30 PM Game Night
- Sun Jan 26 8:40 AM Choir practice
- 10:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service with Sunday School



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