



Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 20, 2019

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*\*All who are able, please stand.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Praise to the Lord, The Almighty" ELW 858

**\*Apostolic Greeting** pg 138

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

**All: And also with you.**

**\*Kyrie** pg 138

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: 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.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**All: Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise** pg 139

Leader: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**All: Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you,**

**we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,**

**only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

Leader: 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.

**All: Amen.**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 62:1-5 OT Page 652

**Psalm 36:5-10** OT Page 473

Leader: <sup>5</sup>Your steadfast love, O LORD,  
extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**All: <sup>6</sup>Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,  
your judgments are like the great deep;  
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.**

Leader: <sup>7</sup>How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**All: <sup>8</sup>They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

Leader: <sup>9</sup>For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light we see light.

**All: <sup>10</sup>O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,  
and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 NT Page 152

**Special Music** “Say to the Lord I Love You” Children’s Choir

**Children’s Sermon**

**\*Gospel Acclamation** “Spirit of the Living God” P&W #131  
**Spirit of the living God,  
Fall fresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God,  
Fall fresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God,  
Fall fresh on me.**

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Leader: The Gospel according to John, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter

**All: Glory to you, O Lord**

**\*Gospel:** John 2:1-11 NT Page 80

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon** Pastor Mark

**Special Music** “Like a Lighthouse” Senior Choir

**\*Apostles’ Creed** pg 105

**\*Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

**Offering** “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” ELW 800

**\*Offertory Prayer**

Leader: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**All: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first  
given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of  
your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who  
offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Prayers of the People**

Each petition ends: "Lord in your mercy"

**Response: "Hear our prayer"**

**\*Lord's Prayer**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Hymn** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" ELW 547

**\*Dismissal**

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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-Ethan Batschelet, Missionary--Siloam  
Girls' School in India--Virginia  
Christensen--Doug Seavert (son of  
Donnabelle Seavert)--Heath Huberg

(Heath is son of Gary Huberg)--Roger Struve--Paulette Tuton  
-Craig Woodall--Ron Behrends--Carol Albers--Family of Russ  
Christensen--Elaine & Roger Struve (death of her niece and  
nephew and his cousin and spouse)--Jan Yungbluth--Brad White  
(husband of Jill Huberg White) *(Please call the church office to  
add someone to the prayer list. Requests stay on the list for one  
month unless you instruct us to do otherwise.*

**January 13<sup>th</sup>** Attendance: 132 Offering: \$2,160.60  
**Greeters:** Ron & Jan Englert, Doug & Dorothy Brons  
**Scripture Reader:** Dennis McClain  
**Organist:** Sue Brugman

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**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM**

|            |       |                                                |
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| Today:     | 9:30  | Worship                                        |
|            | 10:00 | Sunday School                                  |
|            | 10:30 | Fellowship/Annual Mtg & Lunch                  |
| Monday:    | 6:30  | Bible Study                                    |
| Tuesday:   | 6:00  | Rev Well exercise class                        |
| Wednesday: | 9:30  | Bible Study                                    |
|            | 3:45  | King's Kamp                                    |
|            | 3:45  | Confirmation                                   |
|            | 6:00  | Youth Group                                    |
| Thursday:  |       | Article due for Cross Currents                 |
| Saturday:  | 11:00 | Baby Shower for Isabel Dehrkoop                |
| Sunday:    | 9:30  | Worship/Commissioning of Kent &<br>Mindy Means |
|            | 10:00 | Sunday School                                  |
|            | 10:30 | Fellowship                                     |
|            | 11:30 | Up & Comers                                    |

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**Kent & Mindy Means are planning their mission trip to Haiti**

January 30<sup>th</sup>. As of January 18<sup>th</sup> they need an additional \$100. Any excess money that they receive will go directly to the Haitian people. They hope to buy even more pregnant goats this year! They can be the start of a small business for a Haitian family. If you would like to donate make a check out to Bethlehem Lutheran and note that it is for Kent & Mindy's trip.



**Bethlehem Annual Congregational Meeting  
TODAY after worship. Lunch will be  
provided.**

### **Parking & Furnace Funds:**

Council made a goal of a \$20,000 fund for Parking Improvements and a \$10,000 fund for Heat/AC replacements. Motion was made to set up these special funds to raise money for these future projects. **These will be voted on at the annual meeting.**



### **Kings Kamp!**

**This week in the Good Shepherd Centers**

Pre-1<sup>st</sup> grade: Jesus in Wilderness

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade: Baptism of Jesus

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade: Most Important Commandment

### **Griefshare Seminar/Support Group**

If you are grieving the loss of someone close to you, find comfort and support at GriefShare. Wednesday, January 23-April 17 from 6:15pm to 8:15 pm at Grace United Methodist Church in Spencer. Questions: 712-262-5970 You can join anytime. [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) or see bulletin board.

**Everyone is invited to a Come and Go Baby Shower** for Isabel Dehrkoop on Saturday, January 26th from 11:30-1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Baby is a boy and Isabel is registered at Target, Amazon, and Pottery Barn Kids. Please bring a book instead of a card.

**Up and Comers Dinner** (for those 70 years and older) will be held on January 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am. If you are planning to attend **please** call the church office or tell Amy Holtz so we know how many to plan for. DEADLINE is today.

**Cherish House Baby Bottle fundraiser.** Please return all Baby bottles to the church by February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Cherish House is a group maternity home in the Iowa Great Lakes area for pregnant teens and young women who desire to make the most of their lives. The fundraiser is a great way to help defray the costs.

**Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School** is having an Eagles Open House on January 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:00-7:00 pm at 1311 East 18<sup>th</sup> St. in Spencer. You can also on that day eat at Godfather's Pizza for their fundraiser. 5:00-8:00pm.

### **Giving Moment**

The church you sit in today is here because of the giving of those who have gone on before, those who are here now, and will be here depending on the gifts of those who are to come. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, giving of time, talents, and resources is a way of life.

Is this you?.....



Whatever your circumstances, giving brings joy. And now Bethlehem has several ways to give electronically for those on the go:

**1. Through your smartphone:**

Download GivePlus Church from the App Store or Google Play. Find Bethlehem in the “churches near me” feature. You can then donate directly one time or periodically using your credit/debit or checking/savings account number. For a visual demonstration on YouTube, go to <https://youtu.be/PAjqUxK8YRk>

**2. Online through Bethlehem’s website:**

Go to [royalbethlehemplutheran.com](http://royalbethlehemplutheran.com) and look for the GIVE button, located in several places. You will be taken to the giving page, where you can enter the information and options you desire.

**3. Use the QR code in the newsletter every month, in the church bulletin Sunday morning, or at other places around the church:**



Just use your QR reader on your phone to scan it, and it will take you right to the same giving page that is connected to Bethlehem’s website. If you don’t have a QR reader on

your phone, you can easily download one for free by typing “QR reader” in your search box.

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (ELW 858)*

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?
3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend  
you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
if with his love he befriend you.
4. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

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*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart (ELW 800)*

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,  
and make me love you as I ought to love.
2. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies;  
but take the dimness of my soul away.
3. Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
4. Teach me to love you as your angels love,  
one holy passion filling all my frame:  
the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove,  
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

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*Sent Forth by God's Blessing (ELW 547)*

1. Sent forth by God's blessing,  
our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended.  
Oh, now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching,  
receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
Your grace shall incite us,  
your love shall unite us  
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

2. With praise and thanksgiving  
to God ever-living,  
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face--  
our faith ever sharing,  
in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children, the whole human race.  
With your feast you feed us,  
with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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*Isaiah 62:1-5*

62For 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.  
<sup>2</sup>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.  
<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
<sup>4</sup>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.  
<sup>5</sup>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.

*1 Corinthians 12:1-11*

12Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another

gifts of healing by the one Spirit,<sup>10</sup> 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.<sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

### ***John 2:1-11***

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.<sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.<sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.”<sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.”<sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”<sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim.<sup>8</sup> He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it.<sup>9</sup> 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<sup>10</sup> 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.”<sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.