



Bethlehem Lutheran Church
21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 14, 2018

**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** "Borning Cry"

ELW 732

***Apostolic Greeting**

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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**

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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**

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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: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

Special Music “If I Were a Butterfly” Children’s Choir

First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 OT Page 807

Psalm 90:12-17 OT Page 511

Leader: ¹²So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

All: ¹³Turn, O LORD! How long?

Have compassion on your servants!

Leader: ¹⁴Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

All: ¹⁵Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

Leader: ¹⁶Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

All: ¹⁷Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—

O prosper the work of our hands!

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16 NT Page 194

Children’s Sermon

***Gospel Acclamation:** “Thy Word”

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.

1. When I feel afraid,
Think I’ve lost my way,
Still you are there right beside me;
Nothing will I fear
As long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.

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Leader: The Gospel according to Mark, the 10th Chapter

All: Glory to you, O Lord

***Gospel:** Mark 10:17-31 NT Page 40

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Mark

Hymn of the Day

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” ELW 678

Holy Baptism of Briar Steven Peterson ELW page 227

Apostles’ Creed pg 105

Leader.....

Leader: Let us welcome the newly baptized. ELW page 231

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:

**Join us in giving thanks and praise to God
And bearing God’s creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

***Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Offering “Jesus Was Sent”

BC 15

Jesus was sent to bring health to the ailing,
Jesus was sent with good news for the poor.
Jesus releases us all from our failing,
Jesus increases our will to restore.

Chorus: Jesus was sent that our eyes may be open,
So we might witness the day of the Lord.
He will make sense of our loving and hoping;
He will break fences and open the door.

Jesus was sent to bring wholeness and healing,
Jesus was sent to up-set and annoy.
Jesus releases from negative feeling,
Jesus increases our wonder and joy. (Chorus)

Jesus was sent to bring life everlasting,
Jesus was sent by the Spirit of God.
Jesus releases us just for our asking,
Jesus will free us and cover the Law. (Chorus)

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***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** “Dearest Jesus, at Your Word”

ELW 520

***Dismissal**

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



-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--Keith Dannatt (brother of Kay Kracht)
-Angela & Steve Shuler (granddaughter of Donna Ekberg)
-Zachariah Origen (cousin of Stephanie Petersen)--Paulette Tuton
-Elsie Anderson--Craig Woodall(*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.*)

Today we are celebrating the Baptism of Briar Steven Peterson. Briar is the son of Tyler & Allie Peterson. His sponsors are Kal Swanson & Collin Swanson.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM

Today:	9:30	Worship/Baptism of Briar Peterson
	10:00	Sunday School
	10:30	Fellowship
Monday:	6:30	Bible Study
Tuesday:	6:30	RevWell exercise class
Wednesday:	9:30	Bible Study
	9:30	Esther Bible Study @ St. Luke
	3:45	King's Kamp
	3:45	Confirmation
	6:00	Youth Group
	7:00	Council Meeting
Thursday:	2:00	Dorcas Bible Study
Sunday:	9:30	Worship/New Member Sunday
	10:00	Sunday School
	10:30	Fellowship

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October 7th: Attendance: 128 Offering: \$2,245.00
Greeters: Allison Goyette & family; Dana Huberg & family
Scripture Reader: Kendra Schmidt
Organist: Sue Brugman

RevWell classes have started up again and meet at 6:30pm. The classes are Christian based with Christian music. It doesn't matter if you are a beginner or have exercised for years, this class is for you. Come and try it out on Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall at Bethlehem.

Sunday School has begun! Children are dismissed for Sunday School following the sermon. (On communion Sunday's, children are dismissed following communion.) Please meet in the far northwest Sunday School room. Following Sunday School, children will be escorted to the front of the church for Children's Choir. We are always looking for teachers. Please contact Betsy Schoelerman if you are interested in teaching Sunday School. Curriculum is provided!

The Youth Group will be meeting at Bethlehem from 6-7:30 pm on Wednesday evenings. We will begin with dinner at 6, continue on with a lesson for sure, and games if time. It will be a great time of fellowship and growth. If you have a senior high student that is interested in coming, please let me know so I can plan accordingly! My email is blcyouth.royal@gmail.com. If transportation for your youth is of any concern to you please message me about it, as carpooling may be an option. We welcome anyone in grades 9-12, and I really hope to see some new faces this year. God bless!



Welcome to Kings Kamp!

3:30- 5:00

All Children welcome!

4 year olds -to- 5th grade

This week in the Good Shepherd Centers

Pre-1st grade Creation

2nd-3rd grade Cain & Abel

4th-5th grade Jesus Calls 12 Disciples

Please let Julie 712-363-1170 or Denice 712-260-5741 know if you or your children can attend this year! Forms are available in the entryway.

Kings Kamp snack cupboard is empty! We would love any kind of snack you could provide. No nuts please!

FINANCIAL UPDATES:

As of September 30th we have two loans that total \$7,000.00 plus interest.

Please join in the open house celebration of Bob & Iris Franker's (Shirley Fredericks brother & sister-in-law) 70th Wedding Anniversary to be held Saturday, October 20th, at the Royal Community Center from 1:00-4:00pm. Everyone is welcome.

Plan to attend the Reformation Sunday Pipe Organ Concert and Hymn Sing on Sunday, October 28, 2:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 721 18th Avenue North, Estherville. Guest organist will be Glenn Henricksen, an accomplished, versatile organist, who is well-known for his ability to inspire audiences through sharing his personal faith and gifted musical ability. Following the concert, there will be fellowship and German pastries served. This is a free event for all, sponsored by the Berghefer Mission and Ministry Endowment.

Come and Go Baby Shower honoring Jill Toft will be held Saturday, November 3rd from 1-3 pm at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. It's a girl!!! She is registered at Walmart.

A surprise Card Shower for the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Pastor David and Kris Nelson is being held. Please mail your cards and greetings to 2931 Middle Sattre Road, Decorah, IA 52101 around the 14th of October.

Electronic Giving through Bethlehem

1. Through your smartphone: download GivePlus Church from the App Store or Google Play.

2. Give online through our church's website. Go to royalbethlehemplutheran.com and look for the button on the front page and at other locations:



3. Scan this QR code on your phone: Scan it with the QR reader on your phone. If you don't have a reader, you can download it for free. Just put "QR Reader" in your search box.

Giving Moment

We reach peace in this life and eternal life at death only through faith, never through good works. But when that sinks in, that we are going to be okay forever if our hearts belong to Jesus, then good works, including giving, just come naturally. We don't have to let the world weigh us down any more.

Borning Cry” (ELW 732)

1 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."

3 "In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been,
with just one more surprise."

4 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold."

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God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

1 God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

2 Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

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Dearest Jesus, at Your Word (ELW 520)

1 Dearest Jesus, at your word
we have come again to hear you;
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
and in glowing faith be near you
as the promises here given
draw us wholly up to heaven.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded
till your Spirit breaks the night,
filling us with light unclouded.
All good thoughts and all good living
come but by your gracious giving.

3 Radiance of God's glory bright,
Light of light from God proceeding,
Jesus, send your blessed light;
help our hearing, speaking, heeding,
that our prayers and songs may please you,
as with grateful hearts we praise you.

4 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
praise to you and adoration!
Grant us what we need the most:
all your gospel's consolation
while we here on earth await you,
till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

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Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another,

“Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”