



Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2018

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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 “Jesus Shall Reign”**

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**\*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: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**First Reading:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10

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**Psalm 62:5-12**

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Leader: <sup>5</sup>For God alone my soul waits in silence,  
for my hope is from him.

**All: <sup>6</sup>He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

Leader: <sup>7</sup>On God rests my deliverance and my honor;  
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

**All: <sup>8</sup>Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before him;  
God is a refuge for us.**

Leader: <sup>9</sup>Those of low estate are but a breath,  
those of high estate are a delusion;  
in the balances they go up;  
they are together lighter than a breath.

**All: <sup>10</sup>Put no confidence in extortion,  
and set no vain hopes on robbery;  
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.**

Leader: <sup>11</sup>Once God has spoken;  
twice have I heard this:

that power belongs to God,

**All: <sup>12</sup>and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.  
For you repay to all according to their work.**

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

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**Children's Sermon**

**\*Gospel Acclamation** "God Himself Is with Us"

**God himself is with us:  
let us now adore him,  
and with awe appear before him.  
God is in his temple,  
all within keep silence,  
and before him bow with reverence.  
Him alone do we own  
as our God and Savior;  
praise his name forever.**

Leader: The Gospel according to Mark, the 1st Chapter

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

**\*Gospel:** Mark 1:14-20

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Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Mark

**Hymn of the Day** "O Master Let Me Walk with You" ELW 818

**\*Apostles' Creed**

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**\*Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

**Offering** "Beautiful Savior"

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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** “Lead On, O King Eternal”

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**\*Dismissal**

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**January 14<sup>th</sup>:** Attendance: 104      Offering: \$1,401.25  
**Greeters:** Jim & Marge Barglof and Ron & Jan Englert  
**Reader:** Ben McClain  
**Organist:** Sue Brugman  
**Power Point Operator:** Davin Brugman

"The youth attending the summer 2018 mission trip are starting a fundraiser through Praying Pelican Ministries to help send us to Appalachia. From now until Sunday January 28th, they will be selling a variety of coffee products, nuts/snack mixes, and hot cocoa. Our group will receive 40% of the profits from selling these items. Another portion of the money goes back to help support coffee farms and churches in the organization's area. If you wish to purchase any of these fantastic items, please talk to any of the high school youth attending the trip or myself! Thank you so much! Kendra (319-350-4766) [knschmidt15@gmail.com](mailto:knschmidt15@gmail.com))



-Ethan Batschelet, Missionary--Siloam Girls' School in India--Joyce Sabel (daughter of Roger & Betty Kruse)  
 -Virginia Christensen--Roger Struve

-Ann Myers--Doug Seavert (son of Donnabelle Seavert)--Heath & Rebecca Huberg and baby Julia (Heath is son of Gary Huberg)--Lucy Clark (aunt of Domenic Virelli (Pam & Jim's grandson)--Jack Phillips--Dave Brugman--Elsie Anderson--Jim Johnson (husband of Dee Johnson)--Kent Means--Gus Mortensen (cousin to Pam Virelli and Rollie Mortensen)--family of Cleo Wild--Eleanor Nielsen *(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.*

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**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM**

|            |       |                                     |
|------------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| Today:     | 9:30  | Worship                             |
|            | 10:30 | Sunday School                       |
|            | 10:30 | Annual Meeting/Lunch                |
| Monday:    | 6:30  | Bible Study                         |
| Tuesday:   |       | Deadline for Cross Current articles |
| Wednesday: | 9:30  | Bible Study                         |
|            | 3:30  | King's Kamp                         |
|            | 4:00  | Confirmation                        |
|            | 7:00  | Youth Group                         |
| Sunday:    | 9:30  | Worship                             |
|            |       | Sunday School                       |
|            | 10:30 | Fellowship                          |
|            | 11:00 | Choir Practice                      |

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"On Wednesday January 31st, Kendra will be taking youth to a youth event called No Apologies taking place at the Events Center in Spencer. It's an event put on by the Cherish Center. There will be music by an awesome contemporary Christian band, an illusionist/comedian, and a speaker that will talk to the youth about staying pure in today's society. It's a fun and beneficial opportunity! Junior and senior high youth are both welcome to go! It starts at 6:30. They will leave from the church at 6:00. The cost is \$10 per person. **Let Kendra know ahead of time if you're interested** so she can arrange additional transportation if needed!"

**A new series of DivorceCare "The Courage to Heal"** is starting on January 21, 2018 at Hope Reformed Church. DivorceCare is a Christian based recovery program to help people recover from the pain and devastation of a divorce or ending a long term relationship. For more information see poster on bulletin board or go to [divorcecare.org](http://divorcecare.org).

### **Giving Moment**

Being willing to risk, whether it's money or time, through giving builds a solid rock of trust beneath us. Trust that we CAN give, and trust in God's provision.



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



**Welcome to Kings Kamp!**

We meet each Wednesday from 3:30- 5:00.

**Children ages 4 years to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome.**

**This week in the Good Shepherd Centers**

Pre-1<sup>st</sup> grade: The Mustard Seed

2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: The Good Samaritan Parable

4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade: John's Vision of New Heaven, New Earth

**\*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 into hell.  
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.**

**\*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.**

***Jesus Shall Reign (ELW 434)***

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like sweet perfume shall rise  
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.
3. People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.
4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.
5. Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
peculiar honors to our king;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen.

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**: O Master, Let Me Walk with You (ELW 818)**

**O Master, Let Me Walk with You**

1 O Master, let me walk with you  
in lowly paths of service true;  
tell me your secret; help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2 Help me the slow of heart to move  
by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the homeward way.

3 Teach me your patience; share with me  
a closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong,

4 In hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broad'ning way,  
in peace that only you can give;  
with you, O Master, let me live.

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**Beautiful Savior (ELW 838)**

1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

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## #805 Lead On, O King Eternal!

1 Lead on, O King eternal!  
The day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest  
your tents will be our home.  
Through days of preparation  
your grace has made us strong;  
and now, O King eternal,  
we lift our battle song.

2 Lead on, O King eternal,  
till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper  
the sweet amen of peace;  
for not with swords loud clashing,  
nor roll of stirring drums,  
but deeds of love and mercy  
the heav'nly kingdom comes.

3 Lead on, O King eternal:  
we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning  
where'er your face appears.  
Your cross is lifted o'er us;  
we journey in its light;  
the crown awaits the conquest;  
lead on, O God of might!

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## *Jonah 3:1-5,10*

<sup>3</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying,  
<sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the  
message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh,  
according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an  
exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to  
go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty  
days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”  
<sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a  
fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. <sup>10</sup>When  
God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways,  
God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he  
would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

## *1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

<sup>29</sup>I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown  
short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though  
they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not  
mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not  
rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions,  
<sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no  
dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing  
away.

## *Mark 1:14-20*

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee,  
proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is  
fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and  
believe in the good news.” <sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of  
Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into  
the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them,  
“Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>And  
immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a  
little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John,  
who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called  
them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired  
men, and followed him.