

✠ THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ✠

January 23, 24 & 27, 2021

Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School

National Lutheran Schools Week - January 24-30, 2021

WELCOME AND RINGING OF THE BELL

730 What Is the World to Me

- 1 What is the world to me
 With all its vaunted pleasure
When You, and You alone,
 Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord,
 My soul's delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest.
 What is the world to me!

- 2 The world seeks to be praised
 And honored by the mighty
Yet never once reflects
 That they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize
 Above all things is He,
My Jesus, He alone.
 What is the world to me!

- 3 The world seeks after wealth
 And all that mammon offers
Yet never is content
 Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good,

Content with it I'll be:
 My Jesus is my wealth.
 What is the world to me!

- 4 What is the world to me!
 My Jesus is my treasure,
 My life, my health, my wealth,
 My friend, my love, my pleasure,
 My joy, my crown, my all,
 My bliss eternally.
 Once more, then, I declare:
 What is the world to me!

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us, then, confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.**

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.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT

P I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

C All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

P For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

C All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

P Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

C they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

KYRIE pages 152-153

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C *(Sung)* Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C *(Sung)* Lord, have mercy.

P 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.

C *(Sung)* Lord, have mercy.

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

C *(Sung)* Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C *(Sung)* Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

(5:30, 8:00 & 10:30) GLORIA IN EXCELSIS page 154

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C 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.

(6:00) "This is the feast" page 155

☐ This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.

Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

☐ The Lord be with you.

☐ (Sung) And also with you.

☐ Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever..

☐ (Spoken) Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeff Wegner, 5th grade homeroom/science teacher (8:00, 10:30)

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

P Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

C For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

P Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

EPISTLE READING ~ *Heidi Wallner, 4th grade teacher (8:00, 10:30)*

1 Corinthians 7:29–31

This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, 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 goods, 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE page 156

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ~ **Mark 1:14-20**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C *(Sung)* Glory to you, O Lord.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled,

and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C *(Sung)* Praise to you, O Christ.

(8:00, 10:30) CHILDREN’S SERMON/LAMBS LESSON
Katie Schallock, 5K Teacher

839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light

- 1 O Christ, our true and only light,
 Enlighten those who sit in night;
 Let those afar now hear Your voice
 And in Your fold with us rejoice.

- 2 Fill with the radiance of Your grace
 The souls now lost in error’s maze;
 Enlighten those whose inmost minds
 Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.

- 3 O gently call those gone astray
That they may find the saving way!
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed
In You find peace and heav'nly rest.
- 4 Shine on the darkened and the cold;
Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart;
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,
- 5 That they with us may evermore
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore
And endless praise to You be giv'n
By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

SERMON

(8:00, 10:30) BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL CHOIR

Directed by Rachel Bult – Bethlehem Music Teacher

(6:00) THE NICENE CREED

☐ 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.

(5:30, 8:00, 10:30) THE APOSTLE'S CREED

☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✚ everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(The 6:00pm Service continues with the Service of the Sacrament. The 5:30, 8:00 & 10:30 Services conclude with the Lord's Prayer, Concluding Collect, and Benediction.)

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION *pages 160ff*

P The Lord be with you.

C *(Sung)* And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C *(Sung)* We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C *(Sung)* It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C *(Sung)* Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna.
Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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 INSTITUTION

P 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 is my ✠ blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

THE PEACE

P The ✠ peace of the Lord be with you always.

C *(Sung)* Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C *(Sung)* Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**735 Have No Fear, Little Flock**

- 1 Have no fear, little flock;
Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen
To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!

- 2 Have good cheer, little flock;
Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you
In His love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!

- 3 Praise the Lord high above;
Praise the Lord high above,
For He stoops down to heal you,
Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!

- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God;
Thankful hearts raise to God,
For He stays close beside you,
In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!

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810 O God of God, O Light of Light

- 1 O God of God, O Light of Light,
O Prince of Peace and King of kings:
To you in heaven's glory bright
The song of praise forever rings.

To Him who sits upon the throne,
 The Lamb once slain but raised again,
 Be all the glory He has won,
 All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.

2 For deep in prophets' sacred page,
 And grand in poets' wingèd word,
 Slowly in type, from age to age
 The nations saw their coming Lord;
 Till through the deep Judean night
 Rang out the song, "Goodwill to men!"
 Sung once by firstborn sons of light,
 It echoes now, "Goodwill!" Amen.

3 That life of truth, those deeds of love,
 That death so steeped in hate and scorn—
 These all are past, and now above
 He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.
 Lift up your heads, O mighty gates!
 So sang that host beyond our ken.
 Lift up your heads, your King awaits.
 We lift them up. Amen, amen.

4 Then raise to Christ a mighty song,
 And shout His name, His mercies tell!
 Sing, heav'nly host, your praise prolong,
 And all on earth, your anthem swell!
 All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain!
 Forever let the song ascend!
 Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign,
 All glory, pow'r! Amen, amen.

409 Hail, O Source of Every Blessing

- 1 Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing,
 Father of our human race!
 Gentiles now, Your grace possessing,
 In Your courts obtain a place.
 Grateful now, we fall before You,
 In Your Church rejoice to live,
 See Your glory and adore You,
 Thankful for the grace You give.
- 2 Once far off but now invited,
 We approach Your sacred throne,
 In Your covenant united,
 Reconciled, redeemed, made one.
 Now revealed to eastern sages,
 See the Star of Mercy shine,
 Myst'ry hid in former ages,
 Myst'ry great of love divine.
- 3 Hail, O all-inviting Savior!
 Gentiles now their off'rings bring,
 In Your temples seek Your favor,
 Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.
 May we, body, soul, and spirit,
 Live devoted to Your praise,
 Glorious realms of bliss inherit,
 Grateful anthems ever raise.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE page 164ff "Thank the Lord"

- ☉ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us with this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *(Spoken)* Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ☩ peace.

C *(Sung)* Amen.

856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

- 1 O Christ, who called the Twelve
To rise and follow You,
Forsaking old, familiar ways
For ventures bold and new:
Grant us to hear Your call
To risk security
And, bound in heart and will to You,
Find perfect liberty.
- 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve
The truth for ages sealed,
Whose words and works awakened faith,
The ways of God revealed:

Instruct us now, we pray,
By Your empow'ring Word.
True teacher, be for all who seek
Their light, their life, their Lord.

- 3 O Christ, who led the Twelve
Among the desolate
And broke as bread of life for all
Your love compassionate:
Lead us along the ways
Where hope has nearly died
And help us climb the lonely hills
Where love is crucified.
- 4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve
On roads they'd never trod
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim
The nearer reign of God:
Send us on ways where faith
Transcends timidity,
Where love informs and hope sustains
Both life and ministry.
- 5 O Christ, the _apostles' Lord,
The martyrs' strength and song,
The crucified and risen King
To whom the saints belong:
Though generations pass,
Our tribute still we bring,
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise,
Our lives an offering.

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ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

Presiding Minister	Rev. Colin Moon (8:00, 10:30)
Preacher	Rev. Patrick Niles
Organist/Pianist	Sandra Kasten
	Terry Ourada (6:00)
Lectors	Jeff Wegner (8:00, 10:30)
	Heidi Wallner (8:00, 10:30)
Ushers	Bethlehem Teachers (8:00, 10:30)
Choir	BLS 3K-8th students (8:00, 10:30)

COMMUNION PRACTICE AT BETHLEHEM – SPECIAL NEEDS

Please note that “**gluten free**” communion wafers are available for those who need them. Please tell the Communion Assistant “**gluten free**” when he approaches you at the Communion Rail.

Also, for those who desire, **highly diluted wine** is available in individual cups (one drop of wine in the cup of water). Please tell the Communion Assistant “**clear**” when he approaches you at the Communion Rail.