

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Welcome to Worship!



Our Mission

Gathered around the Word and Sacrament, we live the good news of Christ's love throughout our community and the world.

Sunday Worship

8:00 a.m.

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The **Baptism** *of our* **Lord**

January 10, 2021

Order of Worship

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

** Please stand as you are able +All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who was in the beginning,
who makes a dwelling among us,
who covers us with justice and mercy.

Amen.

Your prophet, John, called people to repent, to turn toward God,
To turn toward justice and mercy, To turn toward goodness and love.
We are called to turn toward justice, mercy, goodness, and the love of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of goodness and lovingkindness,
we have sinned against you and our neighbors.
We have turned away from your invitation to new life.
We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden.
In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins,
those we know and those known only to you,
for the sake of the one who came to live among us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Hear the good news of peace and salvation!
God forgives us all our sins,
not through our own work,
but through + Jesus Christ, made known to all people.
With all who come to the manger,
rejoice in this amazing gift of grace.
Amen.

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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Prayer of the Day

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)

¹Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the Lord
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.

¹¹O Lord, give strength to your people;
give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Sermon

Intern Pastor Joy K.

Hymn of the Day

When Jesus Came to Jordan

ELW 305

verses 1 & 2



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,
 2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.
 for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.
 this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond - age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,
 So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,
 Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
 the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.
 to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

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Prayers of Intercession

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the forgiveness of sins, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For wilderness and water, wind and wild beasts, and all living things on earth, that God's goodness is revealed through creation and faithful stewards care for all God has made, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the nations of the world and their leaders, for laborers busy both day and night, and for peacemakers amid strife, that God inspire all people to use their strength wisely, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the sick and those who provide medical care, for the imprisoned and those who show them mercy, for the lonely and those who provide companionship, for all who suffer (especially), that God shower compassion, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the congregation gathered here, for students returning to school, for those seeking renewal in their daily work, that all the beloved of God experience grace and peace, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, that their witness inspire us in our baptismal vocations, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Meal

Peace and Offering

We remember the peace proclaimed by angels and made known in Jesus. We strive for peace on earth and we prayerfully consider our own offerings to God and neighbor as we gather bread and wine (or something else to eat and drink) for the holy meal we are about to share.

Offering Prayer

Gracious God, you came to us as one unknown, bringing joy and salvation to the earth.

Nourish us at your banquet table, that with all who welcome your birth we may proclaim your peace, revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Communion

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.

You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness;
you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence.

We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us.

We thank you for the new world to come
and for the love that will rule all in all.

We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen,
the people of your promise:

the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land,
the memory of the ancestors, the homecoming from exile,
and the prophets' words that will not be in vain.

In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son,
who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's life and death and resurrection until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Blessing

Commission

Go in peace. Share the light of the world.

Thanks be to God.

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Online Worship Volunteers

Ministers	All baptized members of Bethlehem
Preaching	Intern Pastor Joy K.
Presiding	Pastor Katie C.
Assisting Minister	Seminarian Andrea K.
Remote Lay Reader	Steve W.
Children's Message	Pam B.
Vocalist	Kay Lynn B..
Accompanist	Ray L.
AV Team	Rob B., Matt J., Bob L., Greg S.
Remote Prayers	Jeanne P. and Dan K. and Pastor Katie

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Our Mission at Bethlehem

Gathered around the Word and
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Please remember in prayers: Carol T., Joe P., Jamie J., Ranelle L., Robert H., George D., Estelle G., Carol D., Darlene B., Francis M., Jerry and Sharon KC, Bayne G., Betty C., Marilyn V., Bonnie M., Bruce B., Candy T., Jeremy G., and our homebound members Mike G., Lydia M., Esther G., Doris C., Peggy P., and friends and relatives of our community: Mike G., June D., Scarlett K., Sue H., Erwin and Grace B., Donna S., Ron W., Sandy F., Robert F., and those serving our country: Ethan T., Brett B., Michael K. Jr., Bill W., and Steven R

Please keep Carolyn and Joel BG and their family in your prayers of peace and comfort on the death of Carolyn's uncle Joe.

Healing Prayers Available

Good news! The Healing Prayers ministry is joining Sunday worship online. Each Sunday a member of the Healing Prayers ministry team will be available remotely for one-on-one prayer with members of the congregation. Join us as we experience God's power in this unique way. For healing prayers this Sunday, January 10, please contact Dan K. (oledanl@aol.com) from 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. For one-on-one prayer any day or time, contact Jeanne P. (jeanne@phippsweb.com or 720-838-3888).

Recent Scam Alert

Note: There have been a number of scams targeting church members. Pastor Katie, Deaconess Ann, and BLC leaders will never ask for money or gift cards via emails or texts.

Annual Directory Changes

Please note the phone number changes for Jerry and Jeanne Phipps and update your directory:

Jerry Phipps 303-516-9282 Cell

Jeanne Phipps 720-838-3888 Cell

Annual Meeting

This year our annual meeting will be conducted via Zoom. The meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. A Zoom link will be sent out a few days prior to the meeting and on the morning of the meeting.

In preparation for the meeting, everyone who receives information electronically should receive an email with a financial video presentation from our Treasurer Gene Schnabel. The file is attached in the email along with the budget report. Please take time to review the report and listen to the presentation.

The Annual Report will be done approximately January 22 and will be sent out via email in pdf form. Realizing there are those who cannot access the annual report electronically, we will have some hard copies available. For those wishing to pick up a hard copy, please let the office know and you will be able to pick up the hard copy, on January 24 between Noon and 2:00 p.m., you may drive through the north parking lot of Bethlehem. As always, the fewer we print the less the cost.

Join us in Reading the Bible in a Year

All are welcome to join the Manna Bible Study in reading the bible this year. Zoom discussions on the week's readings will begin on Thursday, January 14 at 1:00 p.m. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84551369846?pwd=em5RVkZXZ1kxYmV3cytxMkl4Z3BoZz09>

Meeting ID: 845 5136 9846

Passcode: Bible365

Here are the readings we'll discuss this week:

If you'd like to discuss but the Zoom meeting isn't for you, ask Pastor Katie (pastor@bethlehem-lutheran.net) to join the Facebook group discussion for this called Bible 365.

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January 8	<i>Genesis 18-20</i>
January 9	<i>Genesis 21-24</i>
January 10	<i>Genesis 25-26</i>
January 11	<i>Genesis 27-31</i>
January 12	<i>Genesis 32-36</i>

January 13	<i>Genesis 37-40</i>
January 14	<i>Reflection</i>

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RMS Zoomfest—January 8–10

Epiphany Weekend ZOOMfest!

In a community gripped by fear, the magi step on in, and there they find themselves overwhelmed with joy! It's there that they open their gifts before the infant Jesus, not for their own benefit but in the joy of being in the presence of Christ. In this time when fear has its grip on so much of our life together, how can we step into the middle of it and therein find our joy as we celebrate who we are and who we are being created to be in Christ?

Join Us!

Join us via zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98084210913>

Join via Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/rmselca

Download Program Booklet here: [Draft ZOOMfest Progam Booklet](#)

Sunday Worship Link: <https://zoom.us/j/93121810023>

ZOOM worship has capacity for 3,000. Worship can also be viewed on Facebook using the link above.

COVID-19 Update: From Orange to Red

On Friday, **November 20**, Boulder County moved to the Red status of Colorado's COVID19 Dial. At this level we will make the following adjustments and commitments:

- **Worship:** We continue online worship services. Because of rapidly increasing rates, we ask that anyone leading from the sanctuary wear a mask, except when preaching. We have acquired some mask-aids to help those who wear masks during worship. We hope this helps those listening at home, too. We continue to look for ways to make worship meaningful and safe.
- **Meetings and Groups:** No indoor or outdoor in-person meetings. We will continue scheduling Zoom gatherings. If you'd like a gathering scheduled, please contact pastor@bethlehem-lutheran.net.
- **Office:** We will not be meeting in offices. One person may work in an office at a time. Colorado (and we) recommend remote work as much as possible.
- **Building:** The building remains closed unless an appointment is made through staff or approval is given through council. All people entering the building must sign in and record their temperature at the front door. Further instructions are listed by the check-in log on the podium by the front door.
- **Travel:** If you travel to a state with a seven-day rolling average of 5% COVID19 positivity rate or higher for the time you were there, please refrain from in-person visits to the church for two weeks following your return. If you are scheduled to lead in worship, please contact Brenda (brenda@bethlehem-lutheran.net) and we will find a substitute for you.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church will continue to heed the health recommendations of relevant organizations—which include the ELCA, Rocky Mountain Synod (RMS), the CDC, Boulder County Health, and the State of Colorado.

Please continue to follow our weekly email, announcements, website, and Facebook posts for notifications of any changes and updates to our current situation.

Please call or email with questions or needs during this time (303-776-3290),

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