



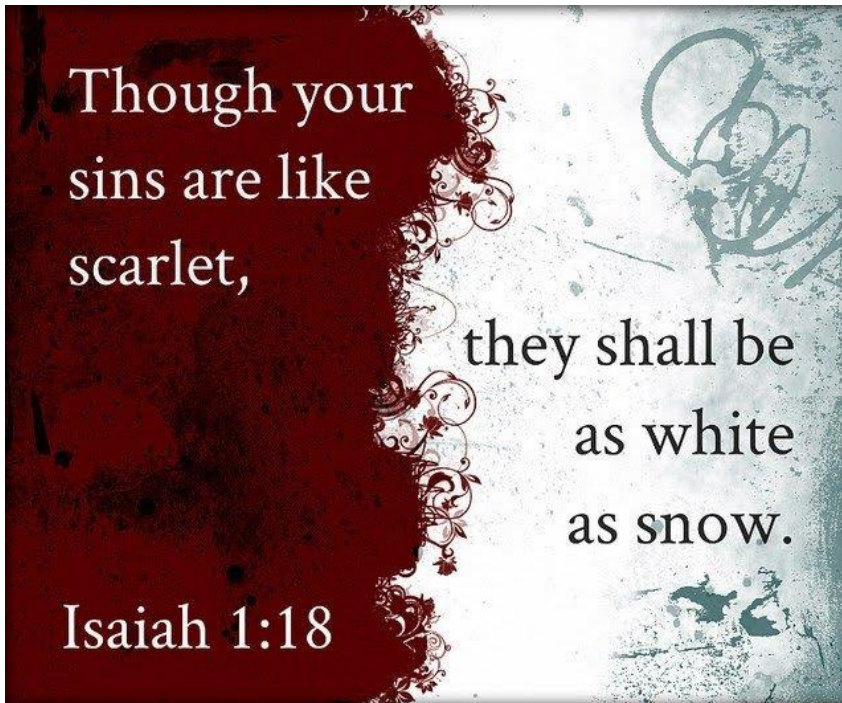
# Bethlehem Lutheran Church

**Truth – Relevance – Inspiration**

**Saturday, February 5 at 4:00**

**Sunday, February 6 at 9:00**

**Church Year: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany – 2022**



Today's service is **Divine Service, Setting One** (Adapted from Lutheran Service Book, 151-166).

Thank you to Dr. Phil Giessler, *today's preacher and teacher*, and Mr. Harold Weseloh, *today's worship leader*, for substituting for Pastor Robert Green.

*Blessings to everyone for understanding, believing, and eternally benefitting!*

**DIVINE SERVICE:** *Let us gladly receive God's gifts!*

- ✦ **Visitors:** Welcome! Please take a visitor basket (Narthex) and share your contact info (on the attendance slip or at [secretary@bhc7500.com](mailto:secretary@bhc7500.com)).
- ✦ **Prayer Request:** See a "yellow" card (Narthex) and the "Receive Prayer" section (end of folder).

- ✦ **Young Children:** Activity bags (by worship entrance); Little Lamb Room (off Narthex); Children's Message (please come forward).
- ✦ **Phone:** Please silence.
- ✦ **Hearing Assistance:** Available in Narthex.
- ✦ **Service Folder:** Get it on your smartphone: [www.BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com/ServiceFolder](http://www.BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com/ServiceFolder)
- ✦ **Not Comfortable Inside:** Receive at our main entrance; then listen from your car (FM 89.9).

## WELCOME – FOR THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY:

L: Jesus is the Promised Messiah!

C: **Let us trust in Him for eternal life!**

## PRESERVICE CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION:

L: 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.**

*Silence for self-examination.*

L: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

A: **Most merciful God, I confess that I am by nature sinful and unclean.**

- ⇒ **I have sinned against You in *thought, word, and deed*, by what I *have done* and by what I *have left undone*.**
- ⇒ **I have *not* loved You with my whole heart; I have *not* loved my neighbors as myself.**
- ⇒ **I justly deserve Your *present* and *eternal punishment*.**

**For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may *delight* in Your will and *walk* in Your ways to the *glory* of Your holy name. Amen.**

L: In the mercy of the almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the LORD, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ!

C: **Amen.**

**PRELUDE:** There Is A Redeemer, Jesus Christ Our Lord  
Setting by Raney

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### ↑ INVOCATION:

L: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

### HYMN: *God Himself is Present*

See the words below / TLH 4 / LSB 907

1. God Himself is present:  
Let us now adore Him  
And with awe appear before Him.  
God is in His temple--All within keep silence,  
Prostrate lie with deepest reverence.  
Him alone God we own,  
Him, our God and Savior;  
Praise His name forever.
2. God Himself is present:  
Hear the harps resounding;  
See the hosts the throne surrounding!  
"Holy, holy, holy"--Hear the hymn ascending,  
Songs of saints and angels blending.  
Bow Thine ear To us here:  
Hear, O Christ, the praises  
That Thy Church now raises.

### KYRIE:

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: 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: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE: *Gloria In Excelsis*

See the words below or LSB 187-189 – SUNG BY ALL

Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace,  
good will toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship  
Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee  
for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father  
Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have  
mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world,  
receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the  
right hand of God the Father, have mercy  
upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art  
the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art  
most high in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY:

L: The LORD be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: *Let us pray.* O Lord, keep Your family the  
Church continually in the true faith that,  
relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace,  
we may ever be defended by Your mighty  
power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.** ↓ *Children!* *Please come forward!*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Snow in Africa?



## OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 6:1-8

See Below / Pew Bible Page 1120 / Own Bible

In the year when Uzziah died, I saw the LORD  
sitting on a high and lofty throne, and His robe  
filled the Temple. Above Him stood seraphim

angels. Each had six wings, two to cover his face,  
two to cover his feet, and two to fly with. They  
kept calling to one another:

*“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of armies!  
His glory fills the whole world.”*

The voices of those who called shook the  
foundations under the thresholds, and smoke  
filled the Temple.

*“Woe to me!” I said. “I am destroyed, because I  
am a man with unclean lips, living among  
people with unclean lips, and I have seen the  
King, the LORD of armies.”*

Then one of the angels flew to me, and in his hand  
were tongs with which he had taken a glowing coal  
from the altar. He touched my mouth with it and  
said, *“Now this has touched your lips; your guilt is  
taken away, and your sin is forgiven.*

*“Then I heard the Lord ask, “Whom should I  
send, and who will go for us?”*

Then I said, *“Here am I. Send me.”*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**



## PSALM: 138 ESV

See Below / Front of LSB / Own Bible

- 1 I give you thanks, O LORD, with | my whole  
heart;\*  
before the gods I | sing your praise;
- 2 I bow down toward your holy temple and  
give thanks to your name for your steadfast  
love and your | faithfulness,\*  
for you have exalted above all things your  
name | and your word.
- 3 On the day I called, you | answered me;\*  
my strength of soul | you increased.

- 4 All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, | O LORD,\*  
for they have heard the words | of your mouth,
- 5 and they shall sing of the ways | of the LORD,\*  
for great is the glory | of the LORD.
- 6 For though the LORD is high, he regards the | lowly,\*  
but the haughty he knows | from afar.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you pre- | serve my life;\*  
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand de- | livers me.
- 8 The LORD will fulfill his pur- | pose for me;\*  
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work | of your hands.
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**



#### EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 5:23

See Below / Pew Bible Page 1841 / Own Bible

May the God of peace make you holy in every way and keep your spirit, soul, and body sound and without fault when our Lord Jesus Christ comes.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

#### ↑ ALLELUIA and VERSE (LSB 156):

See the words below / LSB 156

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e-ter-nal life.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

#### HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:23, 24

See Below / Pew Bible Page 1552 / Own Bible

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

C: **Glory to You, O LORD.**

At that time there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What do we have in common with You, Jesus from Nazareth! Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are--the Holy One of God."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.** ↓

#### SERMON HYMN:

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

See the words below TLH 134 / LSB 394

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star  
To the sages from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem,  
In Thy birth at Bethlehem.  
Anthems be to Thee addressed  
God in man made manifest.
5. Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,  
Mirrored in Thy holy Word;  
May we imitate Thee now  
And be pure as pure art Thou  
That we like to Thee may be  
At Thy great Epiphany  
And may praise Thee, ever blest,  
God in man made manifest.

**SERMON:**

LET IT SNOW; LET IT SNOW; LET IT SNOW!

Isaiah 1:18 (KJV expanded)

*See the Sermon Insert*

“Come now, and let us reason together,” says the LORD: “though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as white as wool.”

**NOTES:**

“scarlet/crimson” = “brilliant red tinged with orange.”

**Exodus 26:1:**

God said:

“Make the tabernacle of ten curtains of fine twisted linen and violet [blue], purple, and scarlet [crimson red] material with angels worked into it by a skillful artist.”

**HYMN:** *As with Gladness Men of Old*

See the words below TLH 127 / LSB 397

1. As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright,  
So, most gracious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led by Thee!
3. As they offered gifts most rare  
At Thy cradle, rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King!
4. Holy Jesus, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And when earthly things are past.  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

**OFFERTORY:** *Let Us Pray*

**A:** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

**APOSTLES' CREED:** *See back of either hymnal*

**Offering:** A plate is available in the center aisle. We express our trust and thanks when we tithe!

**↑ PRAYER:** *Let Us Pray*

- L: In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- L: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, *let us pray to the Lord:*
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- L: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, *let us pray to the Lord:*
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- L: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, *let us pray to the Lord:*
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- L: For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, *let us pray to the Lord:*
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- L: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, *let us pray to the Lord:*
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- L: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, *let us pray to the Lord:*
- C: Lord, have mercy.**



L: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, *let us pray to the Lord:*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For some requests in our Participation Guide, including the following . . . , *let us pray to the Lord:*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Finally, for those named and for all our needs of body and soul, *let us pray to the Lord:*

**C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**LORD'S PRAYER:** *See back of either hymnal*

L: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**A: Our Father who art in heaven...**

**PRAYER FOR THE WORD:**

L: Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



**Saturday** ➔ **LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER:**

L: We pray together:

**A: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me (Mt. 18:10), that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**



**Sunday** ➔ **LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER:**

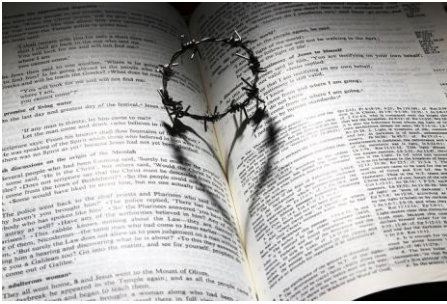
L: We pray together:

**A: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me (Mt. 18:10), that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION:** *Believe and Be Blessed*

L: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; **the Lord look upon you with favor** and give you peace.

**C: Amen.** ↓



**CLOSING HYMN: *Thou Whose Almighty Word***  
See the words below TLH 508

1. Thou whose almighty word  
Chaos and darkness heard  
And took their flight,  
Hear us, we humbly pray,  
And where the Gospel day  
Sheds not its glorious ray,  
Let there be light!
2. Thou who didst come to bring,  
On Thy redeeming wing,  
Healing and sight,  
Health to the sick in mind,  
Sight to the inly blind,  
Oh, now to all mankind  
Let there be light!
3. Spirit of Truth and Love,  
Lifegiving, holy Dove,  
Speed forth Thy flight;  
Move on the water's face,  
Bearing the lamp of grace,  
And in earth's darkest place  
Let there be light!
4. Holy and blessed Three,  
Glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might!  
Boundless as ocean's tide,  
Rolling in fullest pride,  
Thro' the earth, far and wide,  
Let there be light!

**POSTLUDE and CANDLE EXTINGUISHING:**

Jesus Paid It All

Elvina Hall

Sin Had left a crimson stain,

He washed it White as Snow

**YOUR Service Folder and Participation Guide:** Please use them during the week! If you don't want them, put them in the green basket in the Narthex.

**THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS**

- ◆ **Living the Lutheran Lectionary:** 10:00
- ◆ **Attend:** Inside or Zoom

**SATURDAY SCHEDULE**

- ◆ **Bible Class:** 3:00 (Inside or Zoom)
- ◆ **Divine Service:** 4:00 (Inside or Parking Lot)

**SUNDAYS – After Service Blessings**

- ◆ **Receive Prayer:** See a Stephen Minister: Norma S, Bill S, Jerry H, Alan C, or Nancy B
- ◆ **Refreshments (10:15):** Join us down the hall
- ◆ **Bible Class and Sunday School (10:30)**

**THANKS FOR SERVING ON 2/5 & 2/6**

**Altar Guild:** Don & Carol D

**Saturday:** Music: Gayle P; Usher: Matt K

**Sunday:** Organist: Gayle P

Pastor Team: Matthias M

Ushers: Jerry H, Lilli R, Carl B

Refreshments: Doris C, Miriam E

Sunday School: Heather H, Marci S

**Financial Team:** Natalia F, Tricia W

**THANKS FOR SERVING ON 2/12 & 2/13**

**Altar Guild:** Heather H

**Saturday:** Music: Kathy G; Usher: Matt K

**Sunday:** Organist: Gayle P

Pastor Team: Jerry H

Ushers: Jerry H, Lilli R, Carl B

Refreshments: Doris C, Miriam E

Sunday School: Heather H, Cedrick H

**Financial Team:** Natalia F, Ken H



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