

*The Fourth Sunday
of Advent*



*Welcome to Bethlehem
We are glad to see you!*



Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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December 19, 2021, 9:30AM
Third Sunday of Advent

Mission Statement:

“Faith, Hope and Love make us available for our neighbors near and far.”

Order of Service

Prelude and Bell

Quiet Time for Silent Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn- ***“Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel”***

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness-Psalm 51

*Prayer of the Day: **God of righteousness, stir up your Spirit among us that we may delight in your will and follow in faithful obedience and humility until that day when your Son returns; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

Bible pg. 926

Psalm: 80: 1-7

Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:46-56

Bible pg. 1017

Noisy Offering

Children’s Sermon

Hymn of the Day- ***“What A Beautiful Name It Is”***

Message- ***“Get Out Your Magnifying Glass”***

Pastor Eric

*Apostles Creed

LBW 65

Offering brought forward

Offertory-Sung

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

LBW 565

Announcements:

Sunday School @10:30 every Sun. and Confirmation every Wed.@ 7pm

Today: Sunday School Program @ 5pm.....Soup Supper to follow
 Dec 22 Confirmands Caroling @ 5pm. End of the year party to follow.
 Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service @ 5pm.
 Christmas Caroling and Fellowship/Meal to fol-
 low. Dec 25-Jan 2 Pastor Eric on Vacation
 Dec 26 Worship and Word Service
 Dec 28 Quilting@ 9am
 Dec 31-Jan 6 Jen on Vacation
 Jan 2 Communion Sunday
 Jan 5 Confirmation resumes
 Jan 9 Communion Sunday/Sunday School resumes
 Jan 11 Quilting@ 9am
 Jan 16 Annual Meeting@ 10:45am



Thank you to everyone that pitched in to help get our Church ready for the Christmas Season. It is Beautiful! Thank you also to our Confirmation class for braving the chilly temps to do a Live Nativity for the NIB Night of Lights.

Food Bank Needs for Dec: Can Fruit, Tomato Basil Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Cereal, Juice, Tuna, Tuna Helper, Frosting and Cocoa Mix.
All donations can be dropped off in the marked box in the Narthex. Thank You.

Coffee fellowship

Please sign up to serve for a Sunday. Our members enjoy this extension of our day together. There is a sheet in the narthex. It works best if you have 2 people to serve. Thank You.

Commemorative items: Bethlehem has a variety of items for sale. We have ornaments, postcards, coffee tumblers and mugs, and NEW "Oh Bethlehem" t-shirts. A table will remain set up in the fellowship hall. This is a fundraiser for Bethlehem. All funds will go to the General fund to support future fellowship and evangelism opportunities and outreach.

Giving last week:	Offering-1295.00
	Vanco- 450.53
Attendance:	58
Online:	9

Lord, signal to us in our prayers to look up for you and listen to you,

Prayers of The Church

Prayers for Healing and Strength:

Connie M, Randy M, Isaac and Christina C.

Those in our Care Centers:

Carolyn B, Claire S, Deloris S, Harlan M and Dick S.

The Lord's Prayer

The Blessing

Closing Hymn - **"Joy To The World"**

Sunday School Program is this evening at 5pm. You are invited to join us here at Bethlehem following the program for a Soup Supper.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday January 16th, 2022, following the church service. We will have one-3 year position and two-1 year positions to be filled. If this is something you would consider doing, please talk with Cassie. We ask that all of you prayerfully consider how you can continue to serve your church family, as we have many roles and jobs to do. Thank you.

"We have some minor changes to the by-laws/constitution at the annual meeting. Prior to the annual meeting we need to have a 1st reading. This will happen after church on 1/9/2021.

The changes are found in the back of the sanctuary:

- **Annually meeting is to be held in January**
- **Added a Pastoral Care Committee**
- **Definition of membership**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church has moved to Tier 0 for our pandemic plan.

While there are no special conditions at Tier 0, as always BLC will:

Respect others by allowing them the dignity to protect themselves, as well as others to have the dignity of risk.

- We will follow the guidance, as directed, by IDPH when appropriate.
- We will clean areas with reasonable care.
- As always, if they are sick, please take care and stay home.
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Are you alone on Christmas Eve?

Or would you like to do an event with your family on this night?

After the Candlelight service on Friday, Dec. 24th, Members and guests will be getting together to go Caroling. We will then gather for homemade soups, bread and goodies. If you would like to participate or help with keeping the soup warm, please let Lorie Bierle or Jen McGrady know. **Come and Join us!!!**