

# BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## CHRISTMAS I: *Sweaters and Carols* 8:15 & 10:30 A.M. | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018

### ✠ Gathering ✠

**PRELUDE** Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year Fedak  
*Please use the prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for worship.*

#### WELCOME

*You are invited to stand.*

**GATHERING HYMN** O Little Town of Bethlehem Hymn #279

#### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (vs. 1) Hymn #270

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### ✠ Word ✠

**FIRST LESSON** 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Holy Bible p. 273 (OT)

#### REFLECTION

**CAROL** What Child is This (vs. 1) Hymn # 296

REFLECTION

GOSPEL

Luke 2:41-52

Holy Bible pp. 60-61 (NT)

REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY

The First Noel

Hymn #300

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 to the dead.**

**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.**

PRAYERS

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*After sharing the Peace, please be seated.*

✠ **Offering** ✠

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

OFFERING

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✠ **Meal** ✠

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (ECUMENICAL VERSION)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

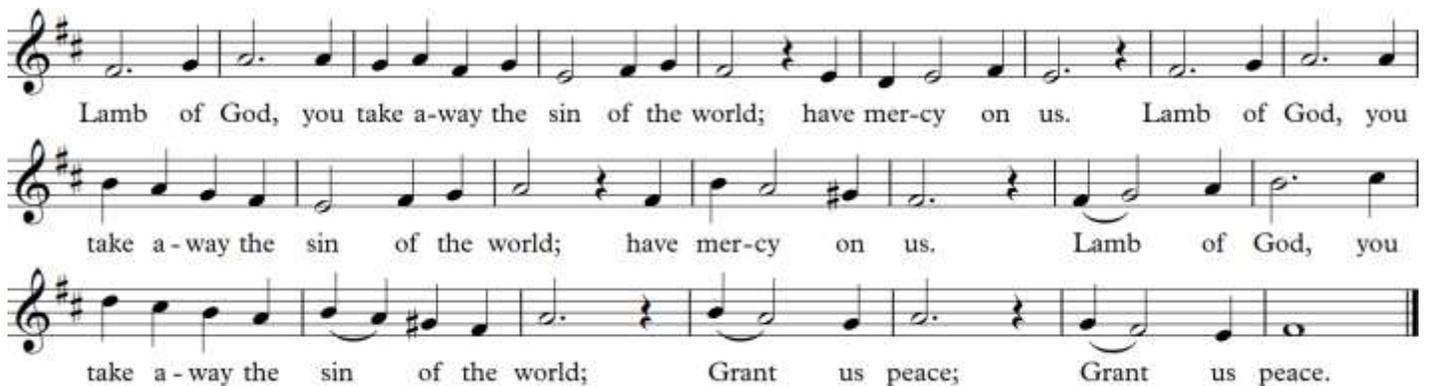
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### THE DISTRIBUTION

*Bethany welcomes all to receive the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion. An usher will direct you forward for communion. There are several stations across the front of the seating sections. Groups are welcome to visit a communion station together. You will receive a piece of bread in your hand, please dip the bread into the cup of wine. Those who are not receiving communion are invited to receive a blessing. Note that the communion station at the center has gluten-free bread and alcohol-free wine.*

### LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; Grant us peace; Grant us peace.

### COMMUNION HYMN

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Hymn #275

*You are invited to stand.*

### BLESSING

# ✠ Sending ✠

## **BENEDICTION**

## **SENDING HYMN**

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Hymn #290

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**

In Dulci Jubilo

Paul Manz

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

### **PASTORS**

Pastor Gary Sandberg, Pastor Brigitte Weier

### **INTERN**

Rachel Patterson

### **GUEST ORGANIST**

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### **ACOLYTE**

Cooper Bellas (10:30 a.m.)

### **LECTOR**

Martin Johnson (8:15 a.m.)

Elton Winters (10:30 a.m.)

### **USHERS**

Bud Setzer (8:15 a.m.)

David Admire, Andy Gift, Catherine Rubald (10:30 a.m.)

### **SACRISTAN**

Martin Johnson

(Coordinators: Dave Malucky)

### **COMMUNION SERVERS**

Larry Daub, Vicky Daub, Jeanette Arps Manos (8:15 a.m.)

Arlis Adolf, Larry Daub, Vicky Daub (10:30 a.m.)

### **SOUND TECHNICIANS**

Kelsey Baer, Sawyer Benson

(Coordinators: Forrest Guittar, Laura Romig)

### **ALTAR GUILD**

Deb Distler, Twila Helland (8:15 a.m.)

Jean Lindsey (10:30 a.m.)

### **NURSERY ATTENDANT**

Michele Sum

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## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES | DECEMBER 30, 2018

Sunday Worship: 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. | Watch live streaming and archived services at [www.BethanyLive.org](http://www.BethanyLive.org).

*We welcome our new worshippers today! Please fill out the welcome sheet in your bulletin, and place it in the offering plate. To learn more about Bethany's Bible ministries, pick up a "Life Together at Bethany" booklet at the Welcome Center or visit [www.bethany-denver.org](http://www.bethany-denver.org). Schedule a home visit with a pastor to discuss how Bethany's ministries might connect with your faith journey. Contact Nancy at [nancy@bethany-denver.org](mailto:nancy@bethany-denver.org) for more information about membership.*

### **TODAY AT BETHANY**

**Blood Drive Today:** *Vitalant* is here for a blood drive in the Great Hall from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Walk-ins are welcome! All December donors will be entered to win a trip for 2 to Mexico!

### **Service of Remembrance, today at 12:00 p.m.:**

Worship with Holy Communion. Join us for a reflective worship service where we remember those who have died this past year.

**Sanctuary Flowers:** Flowers today were given by Rich & Berta Waldmeier in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Sign up to donate flowers at the Welcome Center. Arrangements cost \$50.

### **NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 6: EPHIPHANY**

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

**Cross+Generational Faith Formation Epiphany Party:** We will hear the story of the Wise People worshipping Jesus, make fleece baby blankets for Children's Hospital, create crowns, enjoy a King Cake and more! There will be meaningful activities for all ages. Our next *Cross+Generational Faith Formation* will be on February 3 and we will create the care packages for our college students and military personnel.

**Theater & Theology:** Sunday, January 6 is the last day to purchase tickets (\$35) at the Welcome Center for the first play in 2019, "Last Night & the Night Before" on Tuesday, January 29. When Monique and her 10-year-old daughter Samantha show up unexpectedly on her sister's Brooklyn doorstep, it shakes up Rachel and her partner Nadima's orderly New York lifestyle in this poetic, powerful and remarkably funny drama.

**Diaper Drive:** We will be collecting diapers for *Inner City Health Center* on Sundays January 6, 13, and 20. This will not be an ordinary diaper drive as

Bethany Lutheran Church will be having a friendly competition with BECC! Please bring diapers in every size in January but note that the clinic has been short on sizes 3, 4, and 5. We will have a kick-off on January 6 and a little celebration with BECC on the 20th. Contact [carrieoss@gmail.com](mailto:carrieoss@gmail.com) with questions.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**Women of Bethany** will meet on Thursday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m. at Hacienda Colorado (4100 Mexico Ave). Please RSVP to Pastor Brigitte by noon on January 10. Bring a friend!

**Discover Your Center!** The Centering Prayer groups are hosting a gathering on Saturday, January 12 to ring in a new year. We will gather in the Chapel at 9:30 a.m. to pray, worship, learn, grow and fellowship together until 12:30 p.m. Let's become more centered together! To RSVP, email Cyndi at [cyndikayec@hotmail.com](mailto:cyndikayec@hotmail.com).

**New Adult Class - "Bible + Life:"** Beginning January 13, 2019, there will be a new lay-led class that will explore how we can use the bible to navigate our lives. Each week we will discuss a new topic; drop-ins are welcome! Join our conversation while your kids are in Sunday School, or before/after your worship hour. Class will be from 9:35-10:10 a.m. in Room 210. Contact Stephanie and Adam Davy with any questions, 303-324-5120.

**Anniversary of Baptism Milestone** on January 13 is for anyone who was baptized in 2018 at Bethany. We will celebrate the baptisms at **both** (8:15 and 10:30 a.m.) worship services with a reception at 9:30 a.m. in the Great Hall. Please contact [nancy@bethany-denver.org](mailto:nancy@bethany-denver.org) to RSVP or for more information.

**The Second Grade Lord's Prayer Milestone** will be on January 13 and 20 during the Sunday School time in the second grade classroom. Parents are encouraged to attend with their student. The children will lead the Lord's Prayer in worship on January 27 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

**Lenten Retreat:** Join Pastor Gary on retreat at Highlands Retreat Center near Allenspark. We will gather on Friday night, March 8, 2019 and spend time on retreat through Sunday morning, March 10 with plenty of time for fellowship, relaxation, singing, and games. Meals and Lodging are all covered with your registration. Sign up the Welcome Center now through February 5, or until we hit our maximum.

**ACCESSIBILITY AT BETHANY**

**Hearing Assistance:** Please see the Sound Tech in the sound booth if you need a hearing assistant device.



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