

# BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Epiphany of Our Lord

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. | SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

## ✠ Gathering ✠

### PRELUDE

*Please use the prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for worship.*

### WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who shines in glory, clothes us in compassion, and bears gifts of mercy for all.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**God, wonderful counselor, we confess that we have turned from your gifts and chosen our own way. We have not made room for you in our hearts or in our world.**

**We have lived in fear; we have not welcomed the stranger; we desire gifts that will not endure.**

**Forgive us our sins, known and unknown, and open us to receive the peace of Jesus dwelling in and among us.**

**Amen.**

God's lovingkindness has appeared to us in Christ our Savior. We are saved, not by anything we have done, but by God's mercy poured out on us richly. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Through the Spirit living in you, God give you faith to trust Jesus, who is Love born for you, now and always. **Amen.**

*You are invited to stand and face the processional cross.*

### GATHERING HYMN

We Are Marching in the Light  
*(Marching, Dancing, Singing)*

Hymn #866

## 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

As with Gladness Men of Old (vs. 1 & 2)

Hymn #302

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## ✠ Word ✠

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

Holy Bible p. 2 (NT)

*God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.*

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are, Bear - ing gifts we  
 2. From our dark - ness Je - sus calls, Light and hope he  
 3. Now he calls us day by day, Guides us through our

tra - verse a - far, Field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain,  
 brings to all. Brings us out from dark to light,  
 work and play. Be our guid - ing light to - day,

Fol - low - ing yon - der star. O — star of won - der,  
 Blind - ness is turned to sight.  
 Guid - ing us on our way.

star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright; West - ward

lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light!

**APOSTLES' CREED (8:15 A.M.)**

**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.**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (10:30 a.m.)**

(See back of bulletin)

Thea Joy Johnson

Daughter of Eric Lawrence Johnson &amp; Felicia Kayla Knutson, born June 9, 2018

**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

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam

### OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God,

**your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

# ✠ Meal ✠

## WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION



The Lord be with you. And al- so 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.

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...  
...we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is  
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

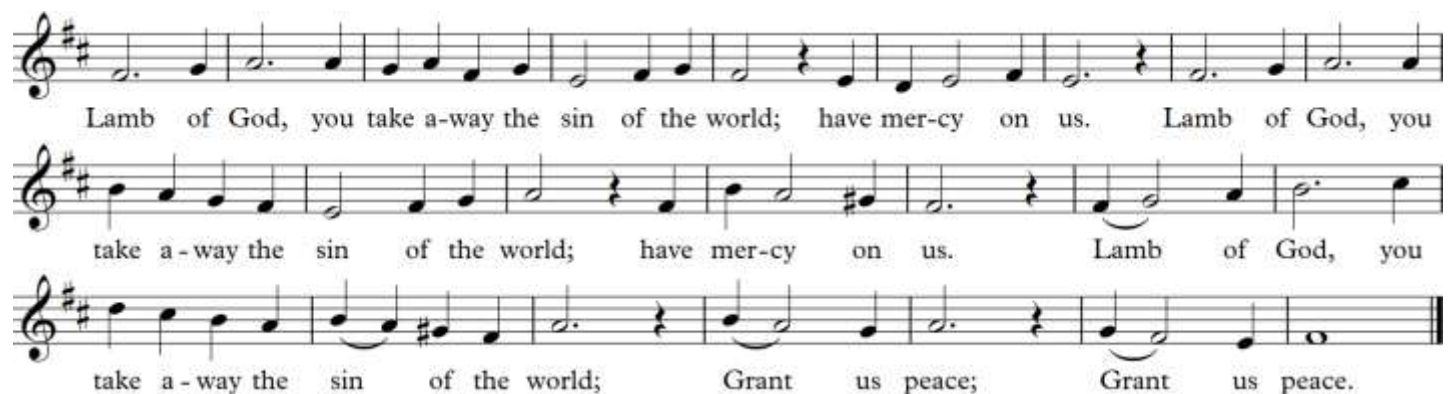
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*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.

*(Children, pick up a glow stick from the baskets when you come forward for communion.)*

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

The First Noël

arr. Foster, van der Saag, and Franklin

**COMMUNION HYMN**

Christ, Be Our Light

Hymn #715

*You are invited to stand.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of wonder,

**in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever. Amen.**

**✠ Sending ✠**

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING HYMN**

This Little Light of Mine

Hymn #677

*(Vs. 1 – Pastors & Children, Vs. 2 – Add Women, Vs. 3 – Add Men)*

**DISMISSAL**

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

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

### **PASTORS**

Pastor Gary Sandberg, Pastor Brigette Weier

### **INTERN**

Rachel Patterson

### **ORGANIST**

Rick Seaton

### **MUSICIANS**

Koren Holden & Juli Orlandini

### **ACOLYTE**

Cooper Bellas (10:30 a.m.)

### **USHERS**

Beverly Beattie, Jeff Finnin, Marie Friedemann, Noel Hasselgren,  
Emmett “Frank” Osminer (8:15 a.m.)  
David Clausen, Clark Colton, Kenneth Hansen, Gail Luttinen,  
Diane McAllen, Steve Rogge, Jason Sorter (10:30 a.m.)

### **SACRISTAN**

(Coordinators: Dave Malucky)

Dave Malucky

### **COMMUNION SERVERS**

Mel Stolzenburg, Karen Tennien (8:15 a.m.)  
Arlis Adolf, Deborah Bayles, Gwen Grace, Gretchen Hack,  
Morris Hack, Theo Umlauf (10:30 a.m.)

### **SOUND TECHNICIANS**

(Coordinators: Forrest Guittar, Laura Romig)

Sawyer Benson, Hunter Sparling

### **ALTAR GUILD**

Sharon Boell, Deb Distler (8:15 a.m.)  
Sharon Boell, Jean Lindsey (10:30 a.m.)

### **NURSERY ATTENDANT**

Michele Sum





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## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES | JANUARY 6, 2019

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 worshipers 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**

**Sanctuary Flowers:** There is no longer a chart to sign up on. Go to the Welcome Center to donate flowers for 2019. Arrangements cost \$50.

**Diaper Drive:** We will be collecting diapers for *Inner City Health Center* on TODAY and Sundays, January 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 today and a little celebration with BECC on the 20th. Contact [carrieoss@gmail.com](mailto:carrieoss@gmail.com) with questions.

**Theater & Theology:** Today 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. Then the next play is "Anna Karenina". That play is on Tuesday, February 12 - deadline for tickets is January 20.

**Understanding Your Grief Support Group:** Starts today. Please join Janet Mortinsen, Director of Pastoral Care, and Susan Junge, Stephen Minister, for a six week support group from today – February 10 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the library. Please contact Janet Mortinsen for more information at 303-758-2820 or [janet@bethany-denver.org](mailto:janet@bethany-denver.org).

**King Soopers, Whole Foods, Starbucks, Sprouts, Tony's, and Safeway Gift Cards** are available in the Fellowship Hall. Your purchase helps support our own Bethany Early Childhood Center! You receive the dollar amount on the gift card and BECC receives 5%. Thanks for your support!

The **Global Mission Ministry Team** is selling fair trade coffee, tea, and chocolate in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds help small farmer growers in Latin America,

Africa and Asia through Lutheran World Relief, Equal Exchange and Divine Chocolate.

### **THIS WEEK**

**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).

### **NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 13: BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

*Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

**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.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**Young Adult Night:** Join Juli and Intern Rachel at the Pioneer at 6:30 p.m. for food, drinks, conversation, and (perhaps) a game or two! RSVP by email to [rachel@bethany-denver.org](mailto:rachel@bethany-denver.org) or [juli@bethany-denver.org](mailto:juli@bethany-denver.org) by January 15 at noon. You can also call or text us: Rachel at (865) 363-9676 or Juli at (201) 788-0013. Can't wait!

**Care packages for college students and military personnel** will be assembled on Sunday, February 3 at the Cross+Generational Faith Formation time. Please donate nonperishable snack items, toiletries, and other fun items to surprise and encourage a college student or military person at the Welcome Center on Sundays between now and February. Also, let us know if you have someone whom you would like to receive a care package; we will have a sign up on the Welcome Center. Thank you!

**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.

### **HOW TO HELP**

**Donate Toiletries:** Bring your unused men's & women's toiletries and makeup items to the bottom bin of the wicker unit by the Welcome Center. Travel sized are especially needed! These are donated to the Gathering Place. Thank you!

### **ACCESSIBILITY AT BETHANY**

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



**Please see the ushers for a large print bulletin.**



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## Celebration of Holy Baptism

L: We gather at these living waters. Throughout history, God's saving action toward God's people has taken place through water. Let us pray:

**Most Holy God, you created the seas, rivers, and lakes; you saved Noah and his family from the floods; you led the Israelites through the Red Sea and quenched their thirst with water flowing from a rock. Through the waters of the Jordan River, you proclaimed Jesus your own beloved son and so through these waters of baptism, you proclaim that we, too, are your own beloved children, now and forever. Amen.**

L: Parents, do you wish Thea to be baptized into the promises of God? *R: I do.*

L: People of God, do you promise to support Thea as she continues on her journey of faith? **C: We do.**

We make promises and assume responsibilities at baptism. God promises us unconditional love and life forever, and we know that our journey of faith encompasses certain promises so that our lives reflect this love. Parents, do you promise to:

live with your child among God's faithful people, bring her to the Lord's table, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place the holy scriptures in her hands to nurture her faith and prayer life, so that she may know and trust God, encourage her to proclaim Christ in her life, care for others, the creation that God made, and work for justice and peace? *R: I do.*

L: Parents, sponsors and people of God, do you promise to support and pray for Thea in her new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

Together we confess our faith in God, who creates, redeems and sustains us.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

*Baptism:* Thea Joy, Child of God, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Prayer:* Sustain Thea with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

*Blessing:* Thea Joy, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

L: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.

Let us welcome our new sister in Christ!

**C: We welcome you! We promise to walk together on our journey of faith, to participate in God's mission of love and reconciliation for all of creation and to praise God with our whole lives. We are One in Christ! Amen!**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*After sharing the Peace, please be seated.*