



Bethel Lutheran Church

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Today at Bethel:
Preacher: Pastor Jonathan Dahl
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January 6, 2019

Epiphany of Our Lord

9:15 a.m.

Welcome to Bethel! We are glad you are here!

PRELUDE *As With Gladness Men of Old* Lois Dahl

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN *The First Noel* #300
(vs. 1-3)

EPIPHANY BLESSING

As we prepare to ask God's blessing on our lives and our households, let us listen to these words of scripture:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being was life, and the life was the light of all people. The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

O God, you revealed your Son to all people by the shining light of a star. We pray that you bless our homes and our dwelling places and all who are a part of them with your gracious presence. May your love be our inspiration, your wisdom our guide, your truth our light, and your peace our benediction; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN *The First Noel* #300
(vs. 4-5)

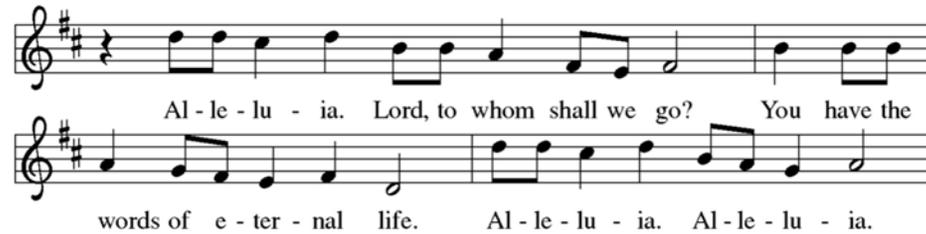
TIME FOR YOUTH

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

READING Isaiah 60:1-6
Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

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

SERMON

Pastor Jonathan Dahl

HYMN OF THE DAY

Shine, Jesus, Shine

#671

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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 OF THE CHURCH

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

OFFERINGS ARE RECEIVED

(In gratitude for what God has given us, we offer something of our lives to God and as part of our joyous service to the world.)

NOISY COIN OFFERING

This Little Light of Mine

#677

OFFERING

Sing Noel

Cathedral Choir

THE TABLE BLESSING

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 PROMISE FOR THE MEAL OF HOLY COMMUNION

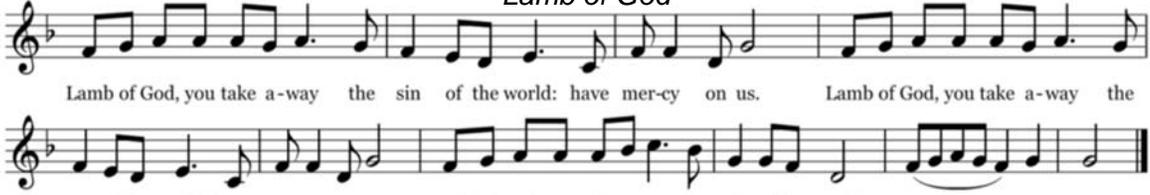
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

(Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table. Children receive a blessing. Please inform the pastor if you need a gluten-free communion wafer. The cups in the middle of the communion tray are grape juice. Upon returning to your seat, enjoy silent prayer or singing.)

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.

As With Gladness Men of Old

#302

Your Little Ones, Dear Lord

#286

Love Has Come

#292

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
Amen.

Together we pray: **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.**

BLESSING

God the Creator who delights in you, Jesus the Savior who is born for you, and the lifegiving Spirit who shines on you, bless you and keep you in hope and peace. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Arise, Your Light Has Come

#314

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Raise Now Your Song on High

Lois Dahl

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*Altar
Flowers*

In memory of our loved ones,
given by Shirley Berg and family.