

Sunday, January 16, 2022 Second Sunday after Epíphany



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Welcome!

We are so glad to have you share in worship at Bethlehem today. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself to one of the pastors – they would love to greet you personally! At this time, we ask all worshipers to wear masks in worship.

Today's service will be recorded and live-streamed. Our camera operators take care to focus on worship leaders and don't regularly film worshipers. In the movement of the service, glimpses of people may occur. Please speak with a pastor if you have concerns.

Communicate with us: Share more about who you are, request further information, or leave a prayer request or comment through our website - https://blcfairport.org/share-in-worship/ - scroll down the page to request or share information.

Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship. We have designated space within the sanctuary (underneath the window of Jesus, the Good Shepherd) that is reserved for families who may need additional space for strollers or carriers for children who cannot yet wear masks. If there is a way we can make worship a more hospitable environment for your family, please speak to a pastor or leave a comment through our website (see above).

Hearing assistance: Our sound system is equipped with personal hearing loop devices. Please ask an usher for a loop device.

Holy Communion: All are welcome to share in Christ's meal of forgiveness and grace. Children who do not yet commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing. (If you feel your child is ready to receive or have additional questions, please speak with one of our pastors.) Please see additional notes about the Sacrament in the service portion of the bulletin.

Our Perrin Street entrance is accessible. Please ask an usher or greeter for help if you need assistance operating the lift.

Please silence your cell phones: As a courtesy to others, we ask that you please silence your cell phones during worship.

We Need YOU... to serve on the Worship Team!

As Lutheran Christians, we believe that worship is not a passive experience, watching and listening to the Pastor. Worship is the work of the people – that's what liturgy means! We all have a job to do in worship: lifting our voice in prayer and song, bowing our heads in prayer, opening our ears to hear the Word, and extending our hands to receive the Sacrament. It also takes many people to support the work of worship, both serving publicly and behind-the-scenes. That's why we need you!

Worship Roles Needed TODAY

Visit the table in the Narthex and put your name next to the role you want (so we know the role is filled by you!) and grab the corresponding bulletin.

Thank you!

Acolyte: Lights the altar candles during the prelude and extinguishes altar candles during the final hymn, bringing the light of Christ out into the world! May robe and sit on the chancel or sit within the congregation during worship. All ages who can safely handle fire and reach the candles are welcome to serve! If you'd like to help serve communion as well, snag that role too!

Glass Washer: Washes communion glasses either immediately following worship or after Faith Formation for All. Many hands make light work so grab a friend to help! (This is also a great opportunity for a household to serve together!)

Offering: Sit in the congregation and bring the offering trays forward to the altar during the offertory, giving our congregation's gifts to the glory of God! Pair up with a child if you'd like, so they can have a hands-on role in worship!

Communion Assistant: Sit in the congregation and come forward at the time of communion to serve the wine/grape juice for communion. Must be able to hold a tray steady and speak the words, "Blood of Christ shed for you!"

Intercessory Prayer Reader: From your seat, speak the highlighted petition as part of the intercessory prayers on behalf of the congregation.

Worship Roles Scheduled for Future Weeks

Interested in Serving?
Sign up on the insert or at the table in the Narthex and the Contact Person will follow up with you soon!

Altar Guild: Helps prepare altar (set up for communion, change paraments, etc.) for weekly and special occasion worship. Contact: Sandy Goehle

Bread Guild: Provides fresh bread (homemade or purchased!) for communion. **Wine Guild:** Provides wine for communion. Make sure the bread/wine is dropped off at church by Saturday! Contact: Julie Owen

Assisting Minister: Assists in leading worship from the chancel by reading the lessons, writing/preparing and leading the intercessory prayers and other portions of the liturgy and serving communion. Contact: Jim Berner

Hospitality Team: Contact: Matt Beutel & Beth Schoenfeld

Usher: Team of 2-3 people who arrive early to open the church building, ensure entrances are open and clear, attend to safety protocols, and help with flow of people during worship (including communion).

Greeter: Arrives around 8:30 to offer a warm welcome to those who come for worship and helps people get acquainted with the building and worship needs (bulletins, restrooms, elevator, etc.) Another great opportunity for a household to serve together!

Children's Sermon: Prepare and deliver message based on weekly lessons/theme, geared towards preschool and early school aged children. Consultation with Pastors is available and encouraged! Contact: Pastors or Beth Schoenfeld

Special Music: *Individuals and ensembles are regularly scheduled to provide music for worship, including Chancel Choir, Folk Group, Bell Choir, Children's Choir, and more.* (If you have a musical talent to share, we want to know about it!) Contact: Raelynn Clare

Livestream Team: *Operates camera/computer and ensures the livestream feed happens each week.* Contact: Mike Joyce

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Prelude: Prelude:

Nun danket all' und bringet Ehr

(Now Thank All and Bring Honor)

GRÄFENBERG Johann Crüger

setting: Don Freudenberg

Each year, on the Sunday after Epiphany (January 6) we affirm our baptism, celebrating that God has chosen us as beloved children. Each week throughout the season after Epiphany, we are focusing on the responsibilities entrusted to us – as individuals and a community – in response to God's love for us at baptism. (Review these promises in the hymnal on page 228!) Today, we reflect on what it looks like to serve all people, following the example of Jesus.

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Confession and Forgiveness:

We gather in the name of the triune God + and return to our foundation—to words of love, starting with love for ourselves.

We pray together, Holy God,

In Christ Jesus, you lean down and enter our world with your boundless love. But we are quick to forget. We forget that in the beginning we were made good. We doubt that we could possibly be enough. We hustle for our self-worth and wear ourselves out aiming for perfection. We deflect words of praise. We hide behind shiny first impressions. Forgive us. Trusting our worth is the hardest job. Open our ears as you open our hearts, so that we might rest on the foundation of goodness you have laid for us through your Son. Gratefully we pray, amen.

Family of faith, no matter how old we get, God continues to say to us: "You are loved; you are forgiven." That is the foundation of our lives. That is the truth upon which we build our home. So breathe deeply. There is grace and peace here. Join me in proclaiming this good news:

We are loved. We are + forgiven. We are claimed. This is our foundation. Thanks be to God. Amen.

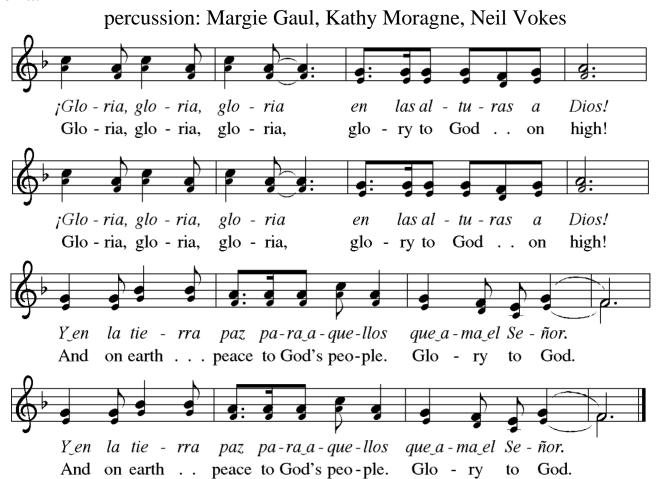
Gathering Hymn: Lord of Light! ELW 688

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.

Gloria:



Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray. Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Roger Kolker

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

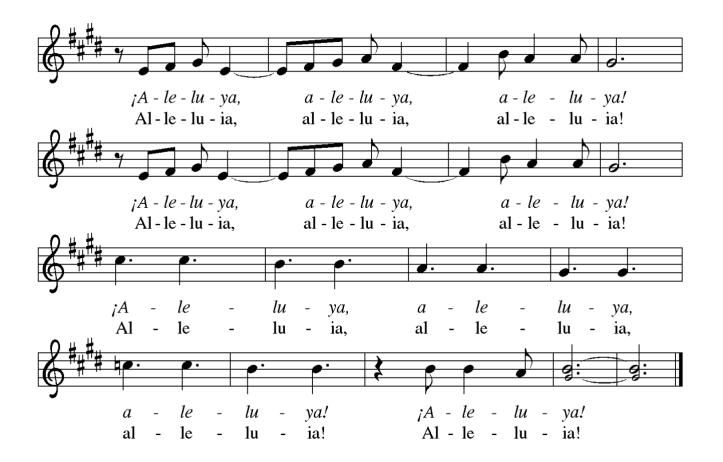
¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:



The gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ³Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now."

¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate ELW 722

Council Installation

The Prayers of the People:

Our prayers are always offered on behalf of the whole community.

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

#1 By your Spirit, activate within your church gifts of faith, healing, and prophecy. Unite those who profess your name across congregations, denominations, and geographic boundaries. Open our hearts to recognize and celebrate surprising miracles. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

#2 By your Spirit, grant wisdom, knowledge, and discernment to those who hold leadership positions at any level. Direct policymakers toward compassionate decisions that build up safe and just communities. Lead all authorities in seeking and serving the common good. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

#3 As Jesus provided generously in a moment of need, provide generous gifts of healing for those in need this day. Provide abundantly for all who are hungry or thirsty, all seeking shelter, and all who seek peace. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks that in baptism you form us into community. Today we pray for these members and friends of Bethlehem and their families: Larry & Ros., Kay & Rick, Alan & Ruth, Andrew, Donna & Vic, and Erwin & Nancy. We also pray for our sisters and brothers in our twinned parish in Shurugwi, Zimbabwe. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of compassion, you know our needs better than we ourselves. Hear the prayers that we offer you now.

We pray for those who are grieving, especially the family and friends of:

- Joyce (mother of Jane) who died on 1/4
- Bill (brother of Bob) who died on 1/1

We pray for those in need of healing, especially:

- Elenore as she was hospitalized following a fall and is transitioning to hospice care
- Keith, brother of Amy, recovering from an accident
- Susan, mother of Hans, who is undergoing testing for a tumor
- Riley, nephew of Kathy M, recovering from surgery on 12/28
- Chris, nephew-in-law of Mary, who is hospitalized and seriously ill with Covid
- Those who are involved with the ongoing work of caregiving for loved ones
- Those who are infected with or recovering from Coronavirus, and their caregivers

For those who serve or work away from home, especially:

• TJ, Suzanne, Natalie, Bethany and Trace, who are stationed in Kazakhstan with the US military, where there is significant political unrest right now. Suzanne grew up at BLC and is the daughter of Howard and Jan.

Hear also these prayers we raise before you.

Silence for people to offer their prayers

God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

WE SHARE GOD'S MEAL:

The Peace:

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Greet those with whom you worship physically with a sign of peace. At home, extend the peace of Christ through the comments section or text to those who are at a distance.

Offering

Our worship is complete when we bring all of our resources to receive God's blessing and fulfill God's purpose. We celebrate the opportunity to share our abundance – of compassion, of time, and of material resources.

If you would like to make a one-time gift electronically, scan the QR (quick response) code on the right and you'll be brought to BLC's mobile giving page. For recurring gifts, download the Tithe.ly app. Checks may also be mailed to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 48 Perrin Street, Fairport, NY 14450. Those worshipping in person may leave their offerings in the basket in the narthex.

Whatever form your offering takes, we give thanks to God for you and your generosity.

Offering of Music:

Arise! Shine! words: J. Paul Williams based on Isaiah 60: 1-6

music: Joseph M. Martin

The Chancel Choir (Jim Jefferis, director)



William Chatterton Dix, 1860

Offertory Prayer:

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.

You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

Words of Institution:

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

You sent Jesus to love and serve all people. Sustain us with this meal to follow in his footsteps.

The Lord's Prayer:

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 forever. Amen

Invitation to Communion:

Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

Thanks be to God!

Distribution of Communion:

Please come forward at the direction of the worship leaders. All are welcome to share in Christ's meal of forgiveness and grace. Children who do not yet commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing. (If you feel your child is ready to receive or have additional questions, please contact one of the Pastors.) Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available; please indicate your need to the pastor or

communion assistant. You may lower your mask as you receive communion. If you worship through the Livestream and wish to receive communion, please reach out to one of the pastors.

The Communion:





Text: Ray Makeever

Music: LET US ENTER IN: OFFERTORY, Ray Makeever

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Hymns sung during communion: *Now the Silence*

Table Blessing:

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer:

Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen

WE LEAVE TO SERVE:

Sending Hymn: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise ELW 310

Benediction:

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal:

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Nun danket alle Gott (Now Thank We All Our God)

Johann Crüger setting: Albert L. Travis

Thank you to all those who participated in worship this Sunday! If you would like to learn more about participating in a worship role, please speak to one of the copastors or contact the church office!

Happening today (1/16):

- 8:55 am Worship with Communion (in-person and livestream)
- 10:15 am Faith Formation for All
 - o pre-K to 5th grade gathers in the Sunday School Wing
 - o 6th-8th grade gathers in the Confirmation room
 - o 9th-12th grade gathers in the LYO Room
 - o Sanctuary Conversations (Sanctuary or via Zoom)
- 10:55 am Final Blessing for Everyone (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:15 am Children's Choir (Choir Room)

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Calendar for January 16 – January 23

(Last updated on 1/12/22 at 12 noon, visit https://blcfairport.org/event-directory/ for updates)

Sunday, 1/16

8:55 am Worship with
Communion (in-person
and livestream)
10:15 am Faith
Formation for All
(Sanctuary
Conversations available
In-person or
Join via Zoom –
ID 859 4251 6915)
11:15 am Children's
Choir

Monday, 1/17
Office Closed in
observance of Martin
Luther King Day
7:00 pm IMF/Council
Workshop (Join via
Zoom –
ID 893 3933 1136)

Tuesday, 1/18 6:30 pm BSA Troop 2019 Meeting

Wednesday, 1/19

9:30 am Bible Study –
Hybrid (In-person or
Join via Zoom –
ID 943 3691 2942)
1:00 pm Men's Lunch at
Penfield Wegmans
6:00 pm Chancel Bells
6:15 pm Folk Group
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, 1/20

6:30 pm Council (<u>Join</u> via Zoom – ID 8187910 2136) 7:00 pm BLC Quilters

Friday, 1/21
Pastor's Sabbath
2:30 pm Dulcimer
Group Rehearsal

Saturday, 1/22

Sunday, 1/23 100th Anniversary Sunday

8:55 am Worship with Communion with guest Pastor Jeff Hedin (in-person and livestream) 10:15 am Opening of the

Time Capsule
(Presentation led by
John Schmeelk)

10:15 am Faith
Formation for All
(Sanctuary
Conversations available
In-person or
Join via Zoom –
ID 859 4251 6915)

11:15 am Children's Choir

Church Office Hours: We continue to hold remote office hours M, W, Th & F from 9 am to 12 noon. Our co-Pastor's schedules vary from week to week. Both are available for scheduled appointments.

Zoom Meetings at BLC: The easiest way to join is to use the direct link available in the <u>Calendar of Events</u> on our website. If you don't see your meeting in the Calendar of Events or have questions, please contact your group leader or the church office for assistance or additional details!

In-Person Meetings at BLC: Submit details at https://blcfairport.org/blc-facility-request/ for each planned meeting, event and activity at BLC. This allows us to check for availability, reserve the space, and plan accordingly. Please contact the church office to confirm or with any questions following your submission.

Talk about Variety!

Epiphanies don't just happen in church—a sudden insight can lead to a "Eureka!" in scientific experiments, an "Aha!" in a detective's casework, a "Checkmate!" in a fierce chess game, and even a self-satisfied "Yes!" in Sudoku, crosswords, or finding a set of lost keys. So, too, epiphanies about the true nature of Christ come in a variety of words, actions, and places in our gospel readings during the Sundays after Epiphany.

First wise men from the east, then a dove from heaven and the voice of God, and now water into wine—all pointing to the glory and wonder of God-made-flesh. Just as we have been created and blessed with varieties of gifts, services, and activities, so too has God created and blessed us with varieties of epiphanies throughout human history. In our world that so often relies on an us-versus-them mentality, can we see the rich tapestry of differences as part of God's glory? Will we be able to look past our traditions, our comfort zone, and our familiarities to see the glorious diversity of God's revelation? Are we open to an epiphany in any form so that we can in fact "do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5)?