



BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Wandering Heart *"Jesus sought me"*

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Each week throughout this season, we are providing the opportunity to linger and focus our attention on one passage of scripture along with poetry and art inspired by it. In the silence of reflection your Wandering Heart is invited to rest and wonder.

PRELUDE

I Am the True Vine

from *Eight Bible Vignettes: V*

R. Nathaniel Dett

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

SERVICE OF LIGHT

PROCESSION

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EVENING HYMN

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EVENING THANKSGIVING

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PSALMODY

PSALM 141

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(Group I –Organ Side; Group II –Good Shepherd Side)

PRAYER

May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presence surround and fill us, so that in union with all creation, we might sing your praise and your love in our lives.

Amen.

JESUS SOUGHT ME

LUKE 5:1-11

A reading from Luke.

¹Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

A bell will mark the beginning and end of this time of silence. During this time, you are invited to ponder using the poetry and art inspired by this gospel reading that are included on your insert or focus on one of the following questions. Where does your wandering heart take you?

- Jesus comes to Peter, seeking him out. How does it feel to imagine Jesus seeking you out? What comfort does that provide?

- When Peter and Jesus first meet, they catch an abundance of fish. What in your life feels abundantly good?
- Jesus sends the disciples into “deep water. What does that image bring to mind? Does deep water feel risky, holy, challenging, or awe-inspiring?
- What is the beginning of your faith story?
- Peter doubted that he was worthy of Jesus’ present. What helps you remember and hold onto your self-worth?
- Jesus calls Peter to be a “fisher of people.” What might God be calling you to be in this season of life?

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Jesu, meines Lebens Leben

setting, Flor Peeters

(Christ, the Life of All the Living)

THE MAGNIFICAT

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LITANY AND PRAYERS

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FINAL BLESSING

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SENDING HYMN	The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended	ELW 569
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DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

BLC Musicians

Raelynn Clare, Music Director and Organist

Dr. Jim Jefferis, Director of The Chancel Choir

Rich Towsley, Director of The Folk Group and BLC Dulcimers

Additional musical leadership provided by:

Rev. Amy Walter-Peterson, cantor

Sue Cardinal, flute

Susan DePasquale, organ

Lent and Holy Week at Bethlehem

Wednesdays in Lent

6 – 6:45 pm – Simple Supper

Each Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall we will host a simple supper of one-pot dishes.

Please sign-up using the [Sign-Up Genius](#) on the BLC website or the kiosk in the Narthex to bring your one-pot wonder or other accompaniments...or just show up to enjoy the meal and fellowship.

Check the Star for details or ask Mark Finke.

7 pm – Holden Evening Prayer, in person and livestream

Share in a beloved liturgy as we worship, pray, and reflect on a small portion of the previous Sunday's text in community.

Holy Week and Easter

During Holy Week we follow Jesus' journey from his triumphal entry into the city to a desolate cross to an empty tomb.

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 24 at 8:55 am

Maundy Thursday, March 28

Noon (in person and livestream) – Individual Absolution and Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

6 pm – *New format!* – Remembering Jesus' last supper with his disciples, we will begin worship with a shared meal around tables in the Fellowship Hall and end in silence in the sanctuary after the altar is stripped

Good Friday, March 29 at 7 pm

**Easter Sunday, March 31 at 8:55 am (in person and livestream)
and 11 am (in person only)**

Easter Breakfast served 9:45 – 10:45 am