



BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Wednesday, April 2, 2025

On Wednesdays in Lent, we gather to be fed with music, with word, and if you come at 6 pm with soup! The primary text during each service will be a Psalm of lament. These Psalms help us to remember the language our ancestors in faith have taught us about giving voice to our longings for God's new life and remind us that no feeling lies beyond God's desire to hear.

PRELUDE

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Florence Price
tunes, African American spirituals

❖ HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

SERVICE OF LIGHT

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<u>PSALMODY</u>	PSALM 141	4 – 7
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(Group I – Organ Side; Group II – Good Shepherd Side)

PRAYER

O God, rich in mercy, full of kindness, out of your great love, you raise us up from sin and death and make us alive together with Christ. Write your word upon our hearts and restore in us the image of your love that, by your Spirit, our way of life may become the way of Christ, through whom we pray.

Amen.

LAMENT AND REFLECTION

Laments make up roughly one-third of the Book of Psalms, though they rarely appear in our regular worship readings. The language of lament contained in the Psalms provides a guide for us to pray to God about the sadness, anger, disillusionment, disappointment, grief, and despair we feel over our lives and the world. In other words, when we lament, we name the wilderness we are experiencing – individually or collectively – trusting that God hears us.

PSALM 80

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

A bell will mark the beginning and end of this time of silence. During this time, you are invited to reflect on the portion of the Psalm that is part of worship tonight and to name before God a situation of lament in your life or the world.

OFFERING OF MUSIC

As the Winter Days Grow Longer
(SUO GÂN)

text, Mary Louise Bringle
music, Welsh melody

❖ **HOLDEN E. P.**

THE ANNUNCIATION

THE MAGNIFICAT

8 – 9

LITANY AND PRAYERS

10 – 11

FINAL BLESSING

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DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

BLC Pastors

The Rev. Abigail Zang Hoffman and The Rev. Amy Walter-Peterson, co-Pastors

BLC Musicians

Raelynn Clare, Music Director and Organist

Chrisanne Gates, Chancel Choir Director

Rich Towsley, Director of The Folk Group and BLC Dulcimers

Additional musical leadership provided by:

Kathy Moragne, cantor

Sue Cardinal, flute

The Folk Group

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" and "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" from *Ten Negro Spirituals for the Piano*

Tunes: African American spirituals; Music: Florence B. Price © 2020 G. Schirmer, Inc. (ASCAP)

Holden Evening Prayer Setting: Marty Haugen © 1990, 2016 GIA Publications, Inc.

"As the Winter Days Grow Longer" Text: Mary Louise Bringle; Music: Welsh melody

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Lent and Holy Week at Bethlehem

Wednesdays in Lent

6 – 6:45 pm – Simple Supper

Each Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall we host a simple supper of one-pot dishes. If you would like to contribute to a meal, a week of clean-up, [sign-up online here](#) or on the kiosk in the Narthex . . .or just show up to enjoy the meal and fellowship.

7 pm – Holden Evening Prayer, in person and livestream

Share in a beloved liturgy as we worship, pray, and reflect on the language of lament contained in the Psalms.

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.

Check out the weekly Star and Ready for Worship emails for more information about Holy Week worship.

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 13 at 8:55 am (in person and livestream)

Maundy Thursday, April 17 (in person and livestream)

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

6 pm (in person only) – Remembering Jesus' last supper with his disciples, we will begin worship with a shared meal at tables in the Narthex and end in silence in the sanctuary after the altar is stripped

Good Friday, April 18 at 7 pm (in person and livestream) – **Tenebrae Service**

Easter Sunday, April 20 at 8:55 am (in person and livestream) **and**

11 am (in person only)

Easter Breakfast served 9:45 – 10:45 am