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*Worship  
in the  
Sanctuary*

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7:00 p.m.

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Put on the  
full Armor of God  
Ephesians 6:11



Pre-Service Music

Ringing of the Church Bell



At Bethlehem Lutheran Church we teach and confess that *Holy Communion* consists of four different visible elements: the bread, the wine, the body, and the blood. When the Word of God is added to the bread and wine *it is* the body and blood of Jesus Christ, 1 Cor. 11: 23-26. There are many different beliefs concerning Holy Communion so on the basis of 1 Cor. 11: 27-29 we request that you speak with the Pastor or one of the Elders before receiving Holy Communion.

PRELUDE

*Hymns for Meditation – Elie Moldenhauer, organ*

OPENING HYMN

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

LSB 427



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred  
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -  
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.  
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bid.

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OPENING SENTENCES

- P** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.  
**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord, Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us  
from all unrighteousness.

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 52*

<sup>1</sup>Awake, awake,  
put on your strength, O Zion;  
put on your beautiful garments,  
O Jerusalem, the holy city;  
for there shall no more come into you  
the uncircumcised and the unclean.

<sup>2</sup>Shake yourself from the dust and arise;  
be seated, O Jerusalem;  
loose the bonds from your neck,  
O captive daughter of Zion.

<sup>3</sup>For thus says the LORD: “You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money.” <sup>4</sup>For thus says the Lord GOD: “My people went down at the first into Egypt to sojourn there, and the Assyrian oppressed them for nothing. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore what have I here,” declares the LORD, “seeing that my people are taken away for nothing? Their rulers wail,” declares the LORD, “and continually all the day my name is despised. <sup>6</sup>Therefore my people shall know my name. Therefore in that day they shall know that it is I who speak; here am I.”

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him who brings good news,  
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,  
who publishes salvation,  
who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

<sup>8</sup>The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;  
together they sing for joy;  
for eye to eye they see  
the return of the LORD to Zion.

<sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing,  
you waste places of Jerusalem,  
for the LORD has comforted his people;  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

<sup>11</sup>Depart, depart, go out from there;  
touch no unclean thing;  
go out from the midst of her; purify yourselves,  
you who bear the vessels of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>For you shall not go out in haste,

and you shall not go in flight,  
for the LORD will go before you,  
and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

*Ephesians 6:10–15*

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup>and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

SERMON HYMN

*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

*LSB 660*



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.  
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;  
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.  
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.  
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.  
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.  
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead  
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;  
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.  
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.  
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.  
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.  
And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

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SERMON

*Shoes – Ephesians 6:10–15*

LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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.

APOSTLES CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

PSALM

*Psalm 130*

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths  
I cry to you, O LORD!  
<sup>2</sup>**O Lord, hear my voice!**  
Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!  
<sup>3</sup>If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?  
<sup>4</sup>**But with you there is forgiveness,**  
**that you may be feared.**  
<sup>5</sup>I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;  
<sup>6</sup>**my soul waits for the Lord**  
**more than watchmen for the morning,**  
**more than watchmen for the morning.**  
<sup>7</sup>O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.  
<sup>8</sup>**And he will redeem Israel**  
**from all his iniquities.**

COLLECTS

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.  
**Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

PERSONAL PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*LSB 162*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”  
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, since You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us unto Yourself, grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the Good News of Your salvation that all who hear may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.  
**C Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS AND BLESSING

**P** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C Thanks be to God.**  
**P** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.  
**C Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

*Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ*

LSB 769



1 E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ,  
 2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;  
 3 Come with the strength I lack, bring vi - sion clear



I know not how to ask or what to say;  
 Help me to see Your pur - pose and Your will—  
 Of hu - man need; O give me eyes to see



I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,  
 Where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;  
 Ful - fill - ment of my life in love out-poured,



And on - ly You can teach me how to pray.  
 Held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.  
 My life in You, O Christ; Your love in me.

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POSTLUDE

*Welcome to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, where we worship Christ the Crucified. Blessings to you as you celebrate with us today.*

2021 LENT AND HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

| Date          |                                 | Time          | Theme                          |
|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Feb 17        | Ash Wednesday                   | 7:00pm        | “Put On”                       |
| Feb 24        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday       | 7:00pm        | “Belt of Truth”                |
| Mar 3         | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday       | 7:00pm        | “Breastplate of Righteousness” |
| <b>Mar 10</b> | <b>4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday</b> | <b>7:00pm</b> | <b>“Shoes”</b>                 |
| Mar 17        | 5 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday       | 7:00pm        | “Shield of Faith”              |
| Mar 24        | 6 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday       | 7:00pm        | “Helmet of Salvation”          |
| Apr 1         | Maundy Thursday                 | 7:00pm        | “Sword of the Spirit”          |
| Apr 2         | Good Friday                     | 7:00pm        | “The Mystery of the Gospel”    |
| Apr 4         | Easter                          | 8:30am        | “Boldly”                       |
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