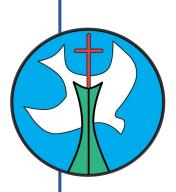
Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastor Eric Hullstrom 201 4th Street NE Buffalo Center, IA 641-562-2552 December 1, 2024 @ 9:30AM First Sunday of Advent Pianist: Mary Ann Olsen





Prelude Music

Greeting and Announcements The Message Opening Praver

The Meaning of the Service

Christmas Hymn: "Oh Come All Ye Faithful"

(poinsettias are brought in) Reading: The Christmas Poinsettia

The Call to Celebration

Responsive Reading *Please Stand*

Leader: For the time is coming; says the Lord when I will place a righteous branch upon King David's throne.

Congregation: He shall be a King who shall rule with wisdom and justice, and cause righteousness to prevail everywhere throughout the earth.

Leader: For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder.

Congregation: These will be His royal titles: Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Leader: His ever-expanding, peaceful government will never end. He will rule with perfect fairness and justice from the throne of His Father.

Congregation: He will bring true justice and peace to all the nations of the world. This is going to happen because the Lord of Heaven has dedicated Himself to do it!

Leader:_And Christ became a human being and lived here on Earth among us and was full of loving faithfulness and truth.

All: Let us praise God that the light of Christ shines on in the darkness, which has never overcome it. To God be the glory in Jesus Christ and in the church forever and ever. Amen.

Invocation (in unison)

Gracious God, Ruler of the Universe, Author of Life, we come into Your presence today to make our preparations for the birth of the Christ Child. Fill us with Your love and open our hearts so we may behold the wonder of Your great gift of salvation. Amen.

Pastor Eric

Christmas Hymn: "Go Tell it on the Mountain" (Greens are hung in sanctuary)		
Reading: The Sanctuary Evergreens		
THE PROPHECY		
Scripture: Mark 1:1-3 <i>(Lighting of the Advent Candle)</i> Reading: Advent Wreath		
Advent Hymn: "Come thou Long Expected Jesus"		verses 1&2
THE ANNUNCIATION		
Scripture Reader: Luke 1:26-35 <i>Christmas Hymn: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"</i> <i>(Lighting of altar candles)</i> Reading: Light		verses 1&2
THE BIRTH		
Scripture Reader: Luke 2:1-7 <i>Christmas Hymn: "Silent Night, Holy Night"</i> <i>(Nativity scene is set up)</i> Reading: Nativity Scene		
THE SHEPHERD'S STORY		
Scripture Reader: Luke 2:8-15 Christmas Hymn: "The First Noel"		verses 1& 2
Reading: Christmas Caroling <i>Christmas Hymn: "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"</i> <i>(Angels placed on trees)</i> Reading: Angels		
Noisy Offering/Children's Message		
THE ADORATION Scripture Reader: Luke 2:16-20 <i>Christmas hymn: "Away in a Manger"</i> (<i>Tree is lit</i>) Reading: Christmas tree and lights		
THE COMING OF THE MAGI		
Scripture Reader: Matthew 2:1-9 <i>Christmas Hymn: We Three Kings</i> (<i>Paraments are hung</i>) Reading: Wise Men		verses 1&2
OUR GIFTS		
Scripture Reader: Matthew 2:10-11	Prayers for our Members & Friends	
<i>(Gifts are placed under tree)</i> Reading: Gifts	Ashley Cox Jaya Fever	Emmagene Silber Deloris Steffensen
Offering/Offertory : <i>"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"</i> Reading Christmas Hymn: "What Child is This" (Baby Jesus is placed in the manger)	Brian Bashans Christina Coughlin Roger Burnside Virginia Cooper Darlene Huston Penny Mitchell	Claire Rustemier-Hinz
Prayer The Blessing <i>Christmas Hymn: "Joy to the World"</i>	Pastor Mark Neumann (BLC's deployed pastor)	