

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Rev. Timothy Linstrom

February 5, 2012 ~ 9:30 am

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE	Flynn
<i>My Shepherd Will Supply My Need</i> Marlene Lewis - organist	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
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OPENING HYMN	#252
<i>You Servants of God</i>	
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HYMN OF PRAISE “This is the feast...”	P. 81
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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE	
FIRST LESSON	Isaiah 40: 21-31
PSALM 147: 1-11, 20c [RESPONSIVELY]	P. 287
SPECIAL MUSIC	Runyan
<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i> Freida Sullivan - piano	
SECOND LESSON	1 Corinthians 9: 16-23
VERSE “Alleluia...”	P. 83
GOSPEL	Mark 1: 29-39
SERMON	Rev. Timothy Linstrom
HYMN OF THE DAY	(WOV) #779
<i>You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord</i>	
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OFFERING	

OFFERTORY Showalter

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Bruce Kursell - clarinet

Marlene Lewis - piano

OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Let the vineyards...”	P. 86
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CLOSING HYMN	insert
<i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>	

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POSTLUDE	Foundation Barrett



FLOWERS

The flowers on the reredos today are in loving memory of Pastor Anton and Erma Youngquist, and John and Gladys Kress, given by Dennis and Darlene Kress.

ASSISTING TODAY:

Lay Assistant: Dennis Kress

Lector: Judy Simonich

WELCOME

In Isaiah it is one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars—it is that God who strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus’ healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (*diakonia*). Like Simon’s mother-in-law, we are lifted up to health and *diakonia*. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

Today is the commemoration of the Martyrs of Japan, who died in 1597.

Visitors, please take a moment to sign our guest register, in the Narthex, at the conclusion of our service. All who commune are reminded to complete a registration card.

OUR STEWARDSHIP RECORD:

Attendance last Sunday: 56 adults + 7 children = 63

OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Weekly Envelopes	\$ 2066.54
Major Repair Escrow	10.00
Initial Offering	5.00
Lutheran Magazine	11.75

HOSPITALIZED AND PASTORAL CARE

If you know of someone from Bethlehem who is hospitalized, or needs pastoral care, please call the church office (815-726-4461) or call Pastor Tim (812-319-5225).

WORSHIP

NEXT

SUNDAY

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am - Senior Choir

8:45 am - Education Hour

9:30 am - Worship Service



THIS WEEK:

Today - Coffee Hour after service

Wednesday - 10am Bible Study

Next Sunday - Invite-a-friend-to-church Sunday

BIBLE STUDY... You know that resolution you made this year about reading the Bible more? Or getting to know Jesus better? Well, here's your chance! Join Pastor Tim Wednesday morning at 10am for a Bible study. If you can't make it every week, no problem, come when you can. He'll be going over the lectionary readings for the upcoming Sunday.

ANNIVERSARY COFFEES throughout the month of February (5th, 12th, and 26th). We will celebrate the 130th Anniversary of our church with a series of coffee hours for members and friends of Bethlehem. Please come and share your recollections and reflections on our rich history while enjoying a hot cup of coffee or a cold glass of juice and a treat. On Sunday, February 19, we will be holding a Potluck luncheon for members and guests. Beverages, meats and rolls will be provided for the luncheon...please bring your crowd pleasing favorite dish to pass.

COME AND SEE... Sunday, February 12th is our invite-a-friend-to-church Sunday, so let's all take this special opportunity to reach out to a friend or family member to come and worship with us, and particularly to invite someone we know that may be in need of a church home. This event reminds us of how Jesus' followers grew in number when those who became attracted to Jesus simply invited their friends to "Come and see."

In the first chapter of John, two disciples were intrigued by what their friend John the Baptist said about Jesus, and so they asked Jesus where he was staying, and Jesus replied, "Come and see." Well they did, and then stayed with Jesus for the whole day, before one of the two, Andrew, went to share his discovery with his brother Simon. Andrew brought Simon to Jesus, and he eventually became Peter, the rock from which Jesus would build his church. The next day Jesus found Philip and said, "Follow me." And he did, but then he went and found Nathanael. Nathanael was a bit reluctant to go, he said, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" And Philip simply said, "Come and see." And he did!

As we prepare to celebrate 130 years of Jesus' presence here at Bethlehem, let's be generous in our invitations to next Sunday's worship service, and for all to "Come and See!"