

*The Church in Service and Fellowship*

*Sunday, February 18, 2018*

- 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Education Hour; adult forum (Emergency Technology—AED); coffee in Grounds for Joy;  
Voices in Praise choir rehearsal  
6 p.m. Financial Peace University in Grounds for Joy

*Monday, February 19*

- 6:30 p.m. Bethlehem Brass; Lincoln Park Association

*Tuesday, February 20*

- 7 a.m. Bible Study at 101 Main Restaurant, City Center Hotel  
8:30 a.m. Quilters  
1 p.m. Library Committee  
7 p.m. Council; Nurses' Support Panel

*Wednesday, February 21*

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
**Noon** **Worship in the chapel**  
1 p.m. Staff meeting  
4 p.m. Finance Committee; Tanzania meeting

*See Wednesday Evening Schedule below*

*Thursday, February 22*

- 3 p.m. Book Club

*Friday, February 23 ~ Office closes at noon*

*Saturday, February 24*

- 1:30 p.m. Youth Air Maxx trampoline park in Eden Prairie

*Sunday, February 25*

- 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Education Hour; adult forum (Native American Heritage, with Amy Magnus);  
coffee in Grounds for Joy; Voices in Praise choir rehearsal  
6 p.m. Financial Peace University in Grounds for Joy

*Wednesday Evening Lenten Schedule*

- 4:45-6:00 Supper served in the dining room  
5:00-8:00 Child care available in the nursery  
5:15-6:00 Junior Gospbells rehearsal in the basement  
**6:00-6:45** **Worship service in the sanctuary**  
6:30-7:30 Bethlehem Gospbells rehearsal in the basement  
6:45-7:15 Confirmation students meet with mentors following worship **through 3/21**



*I am the resurrection and the life.  
Whoever believes in me will live,  
even though he dies. ~ John 11:25*

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**Radio Broadcast: 11 a.m. Sunday**  
**on KTOE 1420 AM / KTOE 102.7 FM**

We extend a warm Bethlehem welcome to our guests and visitors! Thank you for worshipping with us today. If you have no church home, we invite you to explore the rich opportunities here at Bethlehem for spiritual growth and service. If you are interested in becoming a member of Bethlehem, please call the church office.

**Members and visitors -- please sign and pass the attendance pad at the end of each pew.**

**Serving in Worship Today**

**Pastor Jay Dahlvang & Pastor Collette Broady Grund**

**Reader:** Matt Drewitz (8:15); Marcia Nagel (10:45)

**Communion Assistants:**  
Lorraine Carpenter, Kelli Woelfel, and Dick Young (8:15)  
Casey Rose, Laurie Rossow, and Lori Ruthenbeck (10:45)

**Communion Set-Up:**  
Sally Burdick and Mary Jo Hoiberg

**Greeters:**  
Dennis & Karen Sandersfeld (8:15); Wayne & Gail Date (10:45)

**Ushers:** Team 7 (8:15); Team 8 (10:45) **Coffee:** Sue Thul & Frank Larsen

**Sound board:** Tim Heiser (8:15) and Levi Janssen (10:45)

**Church Staff**

**Pastor Jay Dahlvang and Pastor Collette Broady Grund**

**Family Faith Formation Ministry Director:** Anna Wencil  
**Family Faith Formation Assistant:** Sarah Morgan  
**Coordinator of Music:** Laurie Rossow  
**Administrative Assistant:** Debbie Leiferman  
**Office Assistant/Organist/Pianist:** Christine Schulz  
**Financial Secretary:** Elizabeth Ruiz **Nursery Attendant:** Marci Rossow  
**Custodian:** Kevin Liebl

**We welcome you to the Lord’s Table.** Today we celebrate the Lord’s Supper while kneeling at the altar rail. If, for health reasons, you prefer rice or grape juice, please tell the server. You may return to the pews as soon as you receive communion. The ushers will direct you forward.

*All are welcome to receive Christ in His meal.*

**Prayer of the Day**

**Lord Jesus Christ, you are the resurrection and life, and by your dying and rising you have freed us from sin and death. We thank you for your compassion and your tears, we thank you for your power and your Word. Raise us up today, and on the last day, bring us to eternal life with you and your Father. Amen.**

**Reading**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” <sup>16</sup>Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup>She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” <sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

<sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” <sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

**\* Please stand as you are able. \***

***John 11:1-44***

- Prelude**
- Welcome and Announcements**
- \*Confession & Forgiveness** ELW p. 94
- \*Gathering Song** ELW #327  
“Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow”
- \*Greeting** ELW p. 138
- \*Kyrie** ELW p. 138
- \*Hymn of Praise** ELW p. 140
- \*Prayer of the Day**
- Sounds of Praise** Bethlehem Gospbells  
“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”  
Holly Nevills, flute
- Children’s Message**
- Reading**
- Sermon** Pastor Collette Broady Grund
- \*Hymn** ELW #485  
“I Am the Bread of Life”
- \*Apostles’ Creed** ELW p. 105
- \*Prayers of Intercession**  
Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**
- \*Peace**
- Offering**
- \*Offertory Response** ELW #329  
“As the Sun with Longer Journey”
- \*Great Thanksgiving** ELW p. 144
- \*Lord’s Prayer** ELW p. 145
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- Distribution**
- \*Blessing**
- \*Prayer**
- \*Benediction**
- \*Sending Song** ELW #339  
“Christ, the Life of All the Living”
- \*Postlude**