

The Church in Service and Fellowship

Today ~ Sunday, September 9 — Rally Sunday

- 8:15 a.m. Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Education Hour; coffee and school kit packing in the dining room
- 10:45 a.m. Worship
- 6 p.m. Bethlehem Men at Jake's Pizza

Monday, September 10

- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University at the YMCA (for nine weeks); Bethlehem Brass

Tuesday, September 11

- 7 a.m. Bible Study at 101 Main Restaurant, City Center Hotel
- 9 a.m. Nordic Bazaar meeting
- 10 a.m. PUSH group in Grounds for Joy
- 10:15 a.m. Communion at Pathstone
- 1 p.m. Library Committee
- 6 p.m. Connections Ministry meeting
- 7 p.m. Personnel

Wednesday, September 12

- 10:30 a.m. Book of Faith
- 1 p.m. Staff meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Women's spiritual book group
- 4 p.m. Finance Committee
- 4:45-6 p.m. Outdoor picnic in the back parking lot; 6 p.m. worship
- Wednesday evening activities (see schedule below)

Thursday, September 13

- 6:30 p.m. Life in the Spirit

Friday, September 14 -- Office closes at noon

Saturday, September 15

- 9 a.m. Deborah Circle at 101 Main

Sunday, September 16

- 8:15 a.m. Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Education Hour; coffee in Grounds for Joy; adult forum in the Heritage Room (ELCA Social Statement on Women and Justice)
- 10:45 a.m. Worship

WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

- 4:45-6:00 Supper served in the dining room (starts on September 19)
- 5:00-7:45 Child care available in the nursery
- 5:15-6:00 Junior Gospels rehearsals
- 5:30-6:30 Voices in Praise (VIP) Choir rehearsals
- 6:00-6:45 **Worship service**
- 6:30-7:30 Bethlehem Gospels rehearsals
- 6:45-7:45 Confirmation; NightLIGHT; Catechism Club; High School Youth Group



Bethlehem Lutheran Church, ELCA
Sunday, September 9, 2018 ~ 10:45 a.m.

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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 and Pastor Collette Broady Grund

Readers: Matt Drewitz (8:15); Maria King (10:45)

Communion Assistants:

Shirley Ruby and Dennis & Karen Sandersfeld (8:15)

Laurie Rossow and Lance & Donna Quick (10:45)

Communion Set-Up:

Mary Jo Hoiberg and Bonnie Torgerson

Greeters:

Denny & Shirley Ferris (8:15); Jerry & Marge Orness (10:45)

Ushers: Team 8 (8:15); Team 2 (10:45)

Coffee servers: Tim & Amy Heiser

Sound board: Brad Butler (8:15 & 10:45)

Church Staff

Pastor Jay Dahlvang and Pastor Collette Broady Grund

Family Faith Formation Ministry Director: Anna Wencil

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

Missionaries: Mark & Linda Jacobson **Mission Partner:** Iambi SS, Tanzania

We welcome you to the Lord's Table. Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper by intinction. The first server will give you bread—please dip the bread in the chalice (dark is wine and light is grape juice) before placing it in your mouth. If, for health reasons, you prefer rice, please tell the first server. The ushers will direct you forward.

All are welcome to receive Christ in His meal.

Prayer of the Day

Faithful God, you set a bow in the clouds as a sign to never forsake your creation. By your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, make us righteous and blameless in your sight, so that we might be confident in your promises and live in your favor. Amen.

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

Reading

Genesis 6:5-22; 9:8-17
⁵The LORD saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. ⁶And the LORD was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷So the LORD said, "I will blot out from the earth the human beings I have created—people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸But Noah found favor in the sight of the LORD. ⁹These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. ¹⁰And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. ¹¹Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. ¹³And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. ¹⁴Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. ¹⁵This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. ¹⁶Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above; and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. ¹⁷For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. ¹⁸But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. ²⁰Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. ²¹Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up; and it shall serve as food for you and for them." ²²Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Prelude Contemporary Band

Welcome and Announcements

***Opening Song (see screen)**

***Prayer of the Day**

Children's Sermon

Reading

Message Pastor Collette Broady Grund

***Song (see screen)**

***Prayers for the People**

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

***Peace**

Offering

***Offertory Response (see screen)**

***Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer (sung)**

Distribution

Blessing

Prayer

***Benediction**

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Closing Song (see screen)**