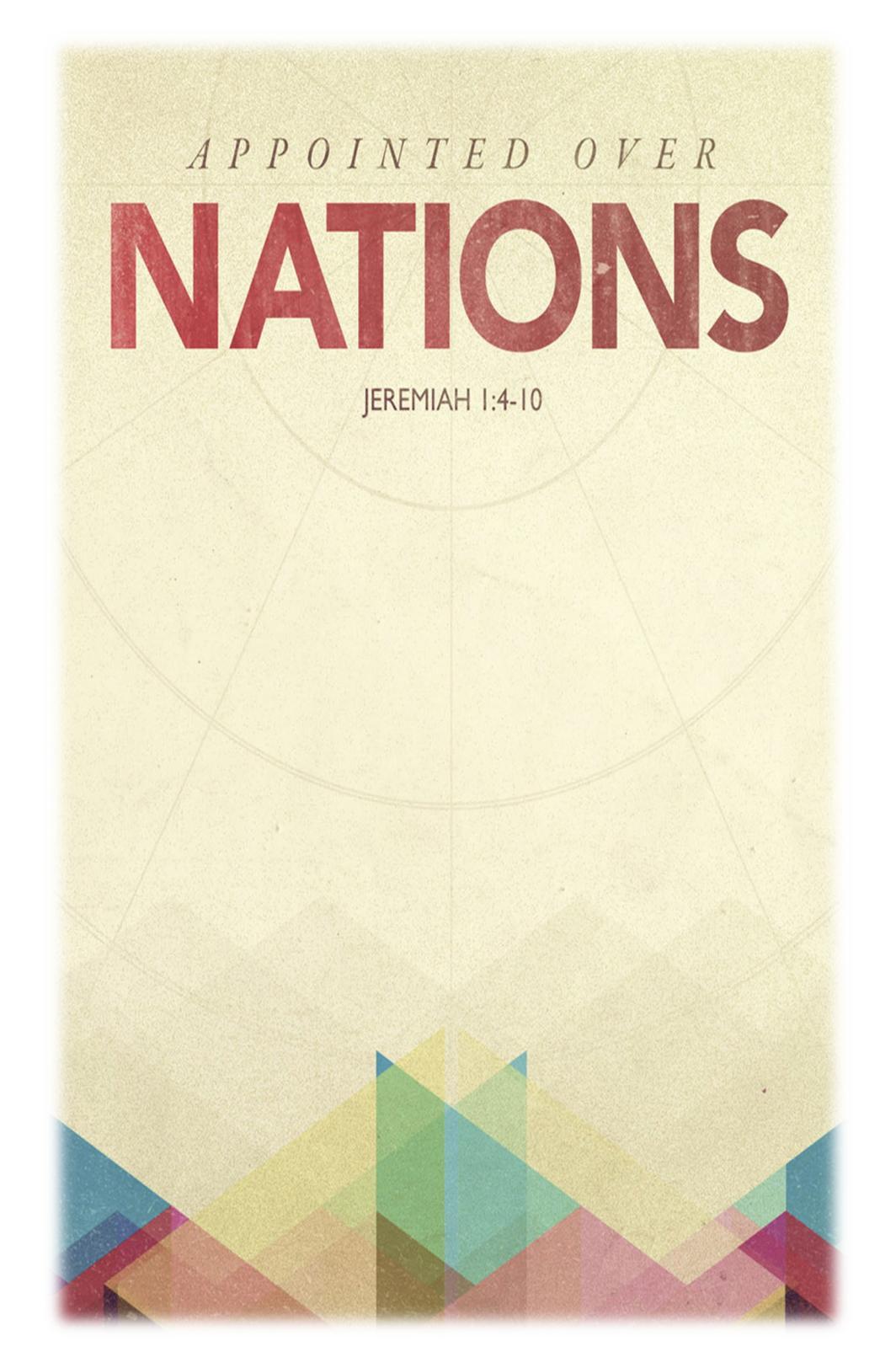


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JEREMIAH 1:4-10



Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 30, 2022

8 am and 11 am Worship Service

As We Gather

At the beginning of the Church Year, many sang the hymn “Love Came Down at Christmas.” Indeed, the Bible says, “God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son” (John 3:16). It is only on Good Friday, however, that we discover the depth and power of God’s love in the cross of the Lord’s death. And so it was that ever since the beginning of His earthly ministry, after His Baptism, we are given clear hints about the true nature of God’s love. Initially people marveled at Jesus’ preaching and miraculous healings. Yet not only did the crowds quickly reject our Lord, but Satan also was actively opposing Him from the beginning. The love of God is the power of God to defeat Satan and free the world from the grip of sin and death. The standard of love is the cross of Christ. In today’s Epistle, Paul describes love in and through Christ. Substitute “Christ” for “love” and you get, “Christ is patient and kind; Christ does not envy or boast; . . . Christ rejoices with the truth.” This love of Christ is given to us and through us. “Faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these” is the cross of Christ!

Welcome and Announcements

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

LSB 686 (vs. 1-3)

Come, Thou Fount of ev’ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I’ve come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand’ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I’m constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter

Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

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Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Opening Sentences

Jesus Christ was in the world, and the world was made through Him,
yet the world did not know Him.

He came to His own,
and His own people did not receive Him.

But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name,
He gave the right to become children of God.

Confession and Absolution

God has come to us to make us His own children. Let us confess our sins
of unbelief that He may give us faith to receive Him and His love.

**O God, we confess that we have ignored Your voice and Spirit by
choosing to go our own way. Without You, we are lost and
confused and without hope. Without You, we do not know love.
Come now to us and forgive our waywardness and weakness.
Give us Your gifts of faith, hope, and love. Receive us again into
the family of Your redeemed. Amen.**

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His
glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you
all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy
Spirit.

Amen.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

LSB 686 (vs. 4)

Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

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Service of the Word

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord God, You have shown the world Your love chiefly in the deliverance of the cross of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Make us to know this self-sacrificing love and share it with all in every kind of need; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

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Nicene Creed

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Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius
Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
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And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \ddagger of the
world to come. Amen.

Take My Life and Let It Be

LSB 783 (vs. 1,2,5)

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

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Message

Vicar Sharp

Prayers of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

The Words of Our Lord

As The Deer

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

Chorus

You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
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You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything CHORUS

I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joygiver
And the apple of my eye CHORUS

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Dismissal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing of God's People (Benediction)

God of Grace and God of Glory

LSB 850

God of grace and God of glory,
On Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

Cure Your children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
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Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving You whom we adore,
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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Family Contemporary

9:30 am Worship Service

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Amen.

Holy Communion

Distribution Song(s)

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Blessing of God's People (Benediction)

Closing Song of Praise

Altar Flowers

Given to the glory of God by the congregation.



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BLC Events this week

Sunday, January 30

- 8 am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:30 am Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:30 am Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Led by Pastor Bicknase
- 9:30 am Adult Bible Study (Upper Room)
- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School
- 11 am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Live Stream of worship

Tuesday, February 1

- 6:15 pm Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, February 2

- 9 am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:30 am Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary)
- 11 am Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
- 5:30 pm 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation & Senior High Meeting
- 7 pm Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, February 3

- 9:30 am Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
- 6:45 pm AA Meeting (Upper Room)

Saturday, February 5

- 8:45 am AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

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Live Stream of worship
- 12:15 pm LWML Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Please Keep In Your Prayers

Louise Birkholz, Renee Boone, Steve Boone, Deborah A. Brewer, Ben Bryant, Marge Cirillo, Mike Culbertson, Sue Eischen, Marilyn Garrett, Bob Grunewald, Marianne Johnson, Kim M. Johnston, Lois Klein, Karen Matteson, Norm Mattmuller, Penny Perryman, Joyce Ray, Dennis Rickert, Kirsten Risse, Sam Risse, Sylvia Spiering, Mary Spreier

Please fill out a prayer card and put it in the altar plate or call the office. We would love to put you in our prayers.

Birthdays this week

David Thies, Wyatt Briggs, Nitasha Mazzeo, Erica McCarty, Logan Hunter, Stephen Smith, Thomas Ford

Anniversary

Otto and Amanda Gruhn

Announcements

2021 Contribution Statements can be picked up in Narthex.

Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request or would like to join our prayer chain, please email the office at tami@bethlehemlutheranjaxbeach.org.

Hand Bells

Rehearsals have begun at 6 pm in the Sanctuary on every other Thursday night. If you think you would enjoy playing bells and spend time with this great bunch of people, contact Kristine at 904-536-0826 or email murraykr@hotmail.com

Military members

If you have a family member or friend in the military, we would love to send them cards and notes of encouragement throughout the year. There is a sheet in the Narthex on the bulletin board if you would supply us with that information, we would appreciate it. You could also send an email to tami@bethlehemlutheranjaxbeach.org with that information. God bless their service.

LWML stockings

If you picked up a stocking during LWML Sunday in October, now is the time to start adding your quarters. See the instructions attached to the stocking... one quarter in January, two quarters in February, etc. Thanks so much for your participation.

Wednesday, March 2

Ash Wednesday worship services at 12 noon and 7 pm

I JOHN BIBLE STUDY... **The Word of the Lord Endures Forever** is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon will begin a study this week on I John. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

Calendar Events

Please be sure to check with the church office before scheduling events at Bethlehem. We must make sure that we don't have conflicts with others of the church.

BLC Guest Password: MartinLuther

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Welcome Guests!

We hope you feel loved and that you are challenged by the theme and message today.

If you desire a prayer, write it on the prayer card and we will pray for you throughout the week.

Please see an usher or elder should you have any questions or need more information. We are here to serve you and strive to make your worship experience the best it can be at Bethlehem.

Holy Communion

As Lutherans, we believe that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Lord's Supper, together with bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. If this is your faith, you are welcome at our altar.

Nursery Care

If you should need a quiet place to calm your children or tend to their needs, nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers during worship. The nursery is located across the courtyard.

Parents with Young Children

We encourage families to worship together.

Sermons Online

Weekly sermons are available by visiting our church website at <http://www.bethlehemplutheranjaxbeach.org/online-worship>



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