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Parking lot worship for

**Sunday, December 20, 2020**

**Worship Leader: Rev. Roy Rogers**

**Organist: Kathy Bowe**

If you plan to sit outside please put your mask on before leaving your car. You may also want to wear a mask if you remain sitting in your car with the windows open. The CDC recommends individuals age two and older wear masks. ***Remember, if you plan to sit outside you will need to sit next to your car so you are able to hear the radio broadcast.***

- The church will be open for restroom use only.
- The rules for social distancing remain in effect. Stay a minimum of 6 feet from each other and wear a mask that covers both your mouth and nose.
- Scrip will be available for purchase before and after worship. We ask that when purchasing scrip cards that only one person be at the scrip table at a time.

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

### LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

L: In this season of Advent, we celebrate God's love.

**P: Soon we will welcome the beautiful and radical love of God as Jesus Christ comes to live among us.**

L: We embrace our identity as God's beloved children and let this truth guide our decisions and relationships.

**P: In our homes and in our church, we offer hospitality, welcoming those we don't know, those who are in need, and those who are different from us.**

L: We demonstrate our care for creation in real and tangible ways through the products we buy, the food we eat, and the way we live every day.

**P: Together, we are a sign of God's love for the world.**

(The candle is lit)

L: Let us pray:

**P: God of extravagant generosity, in Jesus we discover the depth of your care and the lengths you will go to save us. Forgive us when we ignore those in need,**

**trample your creation and refuse to share all that we receive from you. Teach us to love our neighbors, caring for each other in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Come let us share our true feelings with our Lord.

**C: "Forgive us, Lord, for we do fear for the future at times, even with our faith.**

P: Our future does seem bleak when the present is projected into the future.

**C: It's only human nature to be afraid.**

P: Right, and yet our God knows what we feel like because he did become human.

**C: That's what this season is all about.**

P: Let's see how our God can restore our hope today.

#### OPENING PRAYER

**If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. Almighty God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SONG # 390

"It is well with My Soul"

#### READING OF SCRIPTURE

##### **Isaiah 11:1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

### **Psalms 34:17-22**

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears,  
and rescues them from all their troubles.

The LORD is near to the broken-hearted,  
and saves the crushed in spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the LORD rescues them from them all.

He keeps all their bones;  
not one of them will be broken.

Evil brings death to the wicked,

and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.  
The LORD redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

SERMON

SONG #263

"This is My Father's World"

PASTORAL PRAYER...LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor will end each petition with "Lord, in your mercy..." congregation responds with "...hear our prayer."

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION:

... POSTLUDE

**Those in our thoughts and prayers:**

**Joys:**

**Families who have lost loved ones:**

Eugene Schmidt, Sr. (father of Tammy Westphalen)  
Knapp Family

**Those struggling with health issues:**

Warren Fidlin  
Macullen Schnell (friend of Tasha Rabe)  
Polly Jeanty  
Dan Wempner  
Ross Westphalen  
Nenahlo Family  
JQ - Student of Randy  
Theo Marcus  
Bonnie Neuhaus (mother of Dawn Muehlbauer)

When sending Christmas cards this year, please consider our members in assisted living facilities:

Merlin and Doris Mae Nimmer  
c/o Field Of Dreams Asst. Living  
505 Belitz Dr.  
Kiel, WI 53042

Carol Meiselwitz  
c/o The Waterford at Plymouth  
2586 Valley Rd.  
Plymouth, WI 53073

Karen Schlegel  
Jane Markelz  
Dale Horneck  
Olivia Marie  
Jessica Horneck

**Those unable to worship with us:**

Merlin and Doris Mae Ninmer, Carol Meiselwitz,

**Other concerns:**

Division in the U.S.

Racial Justice and equality in our country

Health Care workers

Those whose businesses are struggling

Those who are out of work

People who live in places where violence prevails.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Bethlehem U.C.C. on Lax Chapel Road northeast of Kiel is hosting a live Christmas Eve Nativity service. It is open to the public at 7p.m. on December 24.**

**It will be a parking lot service and there will be no person to person contact. Sound will be carried on FM radio dial 101.3 in your car.**

**The Nativity scene will play on the church's east side with narrative, vocal and instrumental music all coming to spectators in the parking lot free of charge.**

**Everyone is welcome to worship with us.**

- This holiday season, the Sunday School is collecting items for the Treffert Center in Fond du Lac. The Treffert Center offers services to children with autism, behavioral and communication disorders, in addition to preschool and after-school programs. Materials in need are:
  - Packs of Construction Paper • Play-dough • Play-dough tools • Kinetic Sand • Children's Paint Brushes • Water color paints • Shaving Cream • Bubbles • Larger plastic beads to string • Yoga Balls • Markers • Arts and Crafts Supplies (pom poms, trinkets, glitter, beads, etc.) • Blue Painters Tape
  - A box is located near the church entrance. Monetary donations are also accepted.
- Christmas lights not working? Don't throw them away - Bethlehem recycles them! Place them beneath the mail boxes and the proceed help support the Building Maintenance Fund.
- The Loads of Love Laundry ministry had its biggest turnout on December 7. We served four family units who were referred by the NH schools and St. Vinnie's of Kiel. We had just under \$80 in expenditures. We could use your help! In addition to cash donations, we are in need of more Tide Pods and dryer sheets. If writing a check, please make it

out to “Bethlehem Missions” and note LAUNDRY in the memo. If you’d like to be involved, let Randy know.

- If you are able, consider challenging yourself and your family to STOCK the SHELVES to help a family in need. Items will be collected at our Christmas Eve Living Nativity Parking Lot Service. Donations collected will be distributed to area food pantries. Thank you for helping make the Christmas Season bright! A “pile” has been started in the church foyer.

### **This Week at Bethlehem:**

**Today, Sunday 12/20:** 9:30a Drive In worship; *Happy Birthday Merlin Ninmer, Rachel Suttner and Judy Brockway!*

**Monday 12/21:**

**Tuesday 12/22:**

**Wednesday 12/23:**

**Thursday 12/24:** 7pm Christmas Eve Live Nativity Worship;

**Friday 12/25:** *Merry Christmas! Happy Birthday Mike Wilharms*

**Saturday 12/26:** *Happy Anniversary Bethlehem UCC! (155 years!)*

**Sunday 12/27:** 9:30a Drive In worship; *Happy Birthday Ryan Jeanty!*

**Pantry item: Box of Cereal**