

Welcome to Bethel

Baptism of our Lord

January 7, 2018



Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church. We are glad you are here and we pray God will be real to you as you worship. Bethel is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Knowing God loves all creation and holds us all, we welcome you who walk through our doors and you who are outside those doors. We welcome everyone and honor the rich diversity and giftedness that age, sexual orientation, race, belief, emotional and physical health, gender identity, marital status and station in life bring to the Bethel family and our relationships.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Restrooms are located in the basement on the east side of the building. A gender neutral restroom is located behind the worship space next to the church office. Please ask the Usher or Greeter for assistance. There is also a rocking chair in the rear of the Sanctuary. Please use it as you wish.

GATHERING SONG

Wade in the Water

Refrain
All

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

wade in the wa - ter, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the wa - ter.

Leader All

1 See that host all dressed in white,
2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the
3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
4 If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,

wa - ter; the lead - er looks like the Is - ra - 'lite,
looks like the band that . . . Mo - ses led,
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com-ing on me,
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream,

All *Refrain*

God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you

Stewardship of Service	Today:	Next week - Jan 14
Ministers:	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor:	Pastor Michael Keys	Pastor Michael Keys
Pastor:	Pastor Christine Core	Pastor Christine Core
Musician:	Timmy Straw	Timmy Straw
Usher:	OPEN	OPEN
Reader:	OPEN	OPEN
Communion:	OPEN	OPEN

Our welcome extends to the Communion Table. We recognize that this is Christ's Table and Christ's invitation. Please come forward as you are invited. If you prefer not to receive Communion at this time, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing – just fold your arms across your chest so that we know you prefer a blessing. Wine is served from the first chalice; grape juice is served from the second. We also offer gluten-free bread and individual cups of wine.

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

P: May God be with you

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29 (Read responsively)

¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

³The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

¹¹May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

SECOND READING

Acts 19:1-7

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied — ⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

P: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSEPL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the first chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 1:4-11

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you. O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our teacher, our brother and our redeemer.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our Creator God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed our right, our duty and our joy... We praise Your name and join their unending hymn

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to_e-res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN

Come, Beloved of the Maker



1 Come, be - lov - ed of the Mak - er, come, be -
2 See the Morn - ing - star now beck - on to those
3 Fol - low to the birth of new - ness; fol - low
4 There we too will burn and bright - en, God's re -
5 Christ, bright im - age of the Mak - er, God, whose



hold the First - born One; see re - vealed cre - a - tion's
bound to doubt and night; "Fol - low me," Christ calls in
to the life of peace; fol - low to the hill of
splen - dent work be - gun; glo - ry will as - cend and
glo - ry none may pass, Spir - it, sun of love and



splen - dor crowned in glo - ry like the sun.
wel - come, "come from dark - ness in - to light."
an - guish; fol - low to the gar - den bliss.
height - en, crown - ing us with glo - rious sun.
splen - dor, bear us in - to light at last.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and send us in mission to the world

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Go My Children with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.

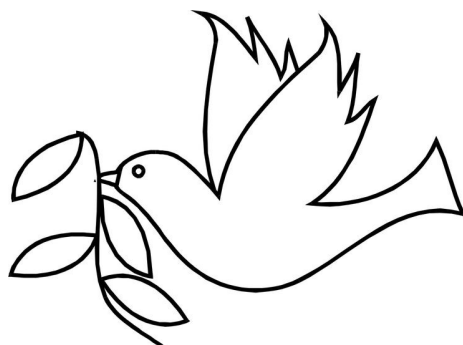


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Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

DISMISSAL


Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.



<u>Prayer Requested for:</u>	<u>Prayer Concern:</u>	<u>Prayer Contact:</u>
Bertha Anderson	Prayers for healing	Karen Anderson
For all victims of hate speech and prejudice	Peace and healing	Bethel Staff
Prayers for the families and children of migrant workers that they may be reunited	Prayers for peace and justice	Bethel Sanctuary Justice Team
Skip Getman	Prayers of peace and comfort as he battles cancer	Bethel Players and Congregation
Family and friends of Judy Merchant	Prayers for God's peace following her death	Mary Rix
Vance Burghard	Prayers for support and healing as he works through medical issues	The Burghard/Moody family
Dennis Mitchell	Prayers of healing and comfort as his throat cancer has returned	Stephanie Burdick
Family and Friends of Deb Cornils (Karen Anderson's favorite college roommate)	Prayers for peace and comfort upon the death of Deb	Karen Anderson
Dale Tersey (JulieAnn and Marlo Edman's son-in-law)	Prayers of healing and comfort as he battles a very rare and potentially aggressive form of cancer	JulieAnn Edman
Timothy Collins (JulieAnn's good friend)	Prayers of healing and comfort as he battles a very rare and potentially aggressive form of cancer	JulieAnn Edman
Family and friends of Betty Hahn (Mary Rix's Mother)	Prayers for God's peace following Betty's death Monday 12/11	Bethel Staff
Family and friends of Vernon Dengler	Prayers for God's peace following his death	Mary Rix
Katie Reitel	Prayers of healing, strength and comfort	The Bentleys

Coming Up:
Jan 13:
Neighborhood Hygiene Program 9-12
Faith and Family FunDay 3-5
January 14:
Community Breakfast 9am
Worship 10am

<p style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">January Birthdays!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Robert Knight 2 Megan Keys 14 Wayne Hassebroek 25 Holly Hassebroek 30 Holly Redfern 	
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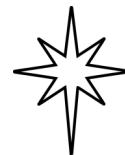
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Epiphany Stars

Epiphany Season begins with the Celebration of the Wise Ones showing up in Bethlehem to worship the new born King of the Jews. They got here by following the light of a star. Light and Stars play into the season as we begin to move from darkness to more light.

A Bethel tradition has been for each person to draw a star for the coming year. Each star has a word on it and there are no duplicates. Some will see their word and want to turn it back in (that is cheating), another will see the word as a blessing to pay attention to, and others will find the word to be a challenge going into 2018. You are encouraged to put the star up in a place that you will see it regularly. As the year unfolds your word star may continue to pop up in all sorts of ways.

May the Light of Christ shine on you and through you. Pastor Mike



Faith Family and Fun Day

Saturday January 13th from 5-8. Hope to see you there!



ANNUAL MEETING - JANUARY 28

The meeting will take place after worship.

Committee liaison reports at due by (tomorrow) Monday the 8th!



Laundry is my Life!

Help is always appreciated for laundry generated each week by the Drop-In Center and the Sunday Morning Breakfast Service. Stop by after any Sunday worship service and talk to Nash. He'll supply you with a basket full of wet and soiled towels. A capful of detergent, a splash of bleach and return the basket with clean and folded towels is all it takes.

Thank you and your laundry facilities. Know that St. Hunna, who died in 679 and who is the patron saint of laundry workers is smiling down on you with the deepest affection.

Children's Library has expanded!!



We've added a few more titles to the children's book section in the Fireside Room. Come check out the new books on the bookshelves ... *The Holy Moly Christmas Story*, *God Made Feelings*, *God's Great Big World*, and *Maybe God is Like That Too* are among the new titles.

