Welcome to Bethel Fifth Sunday After Epiphany



February 4th, 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



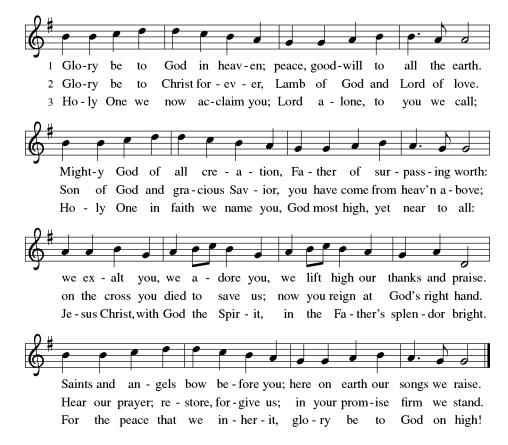
GREETING

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

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.

Stewardship of Service	Today:	Next week - Feb 11
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:	Shirley Kolpin	Meghan Cyr
Reader:	Jared Burdick	Marlo Edman
Communion:	Cate Milburn	JulieAnn Edman and Cate Milburn

HYMN OF PRAISE



P: God be with you **C: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

P: Word of God, Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

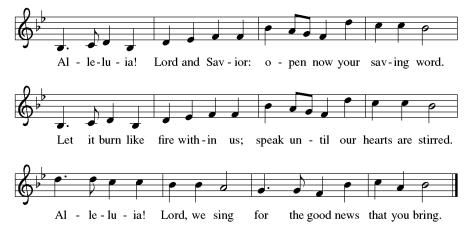
If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

P: Word of God, Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Isaiah 40:21-31

GOSEPL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the first chapter **Glory to you, O God.**

Mark 1:29-39

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

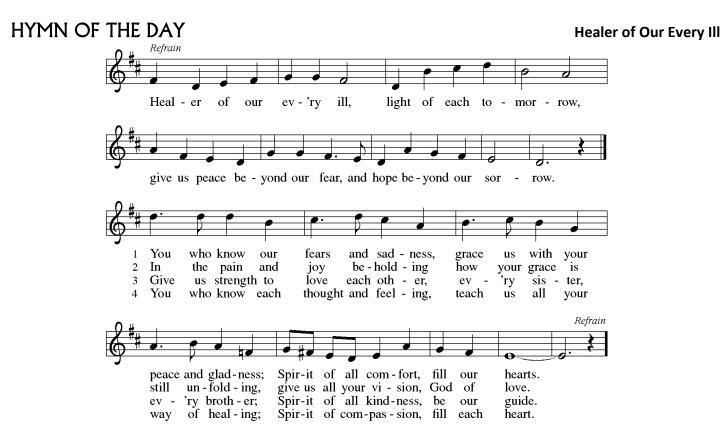
³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you. O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON



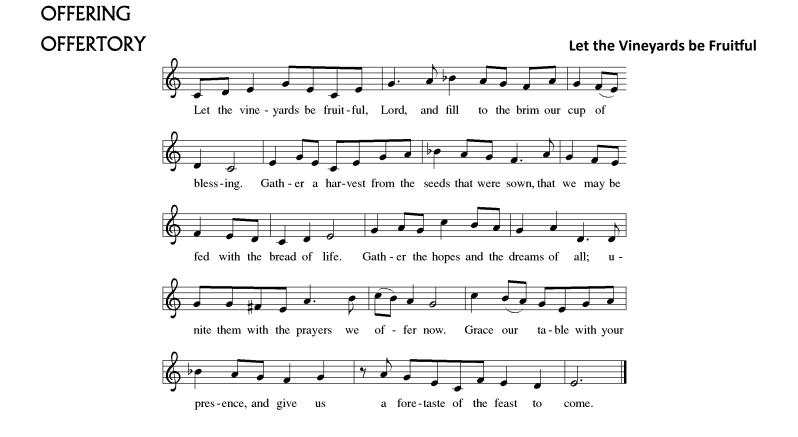


PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 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.

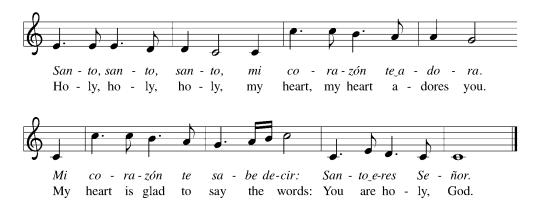
Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: God be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them up to God.
P: Let us give thanks to our Creator God.
C: 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



EUCHARISTIC 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

Bread of Life from Heaven



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.

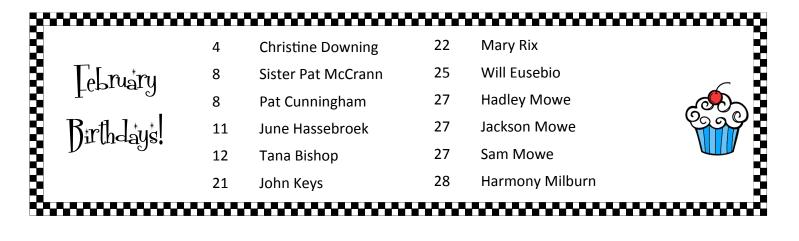
SENDING HYMN

Oh Sing to the Lord



DISMISSAL Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer Requested for:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
Bertha Anderson	Prayers for healing	Karen Anderson
For all victims of hate speech and prejudice	Peace and healing	Bethel Staff
Skip Getman	Prayers of peace and comfort as he battles cancer	Bethel Players and Congregation
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
Katie Reitel	Prayers of healing, strength and comfort for Katie and support for her family	The Bentleys
Shirley and Jeff Kolpin	Prayers of healing for Jeff; peace and comfort for Shirley	Cate Milburn
Sarah Whadford and her baby Penelope	Prayers for a safe delivery and a healthy baby	Joann Noll
Elizabeth	Prayers of healing and comfort	Joann Noll
Rob	Prayer of comfort and peace following a diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease	Joann Noll
Jacob and Miles Bard	Prayers for health and healing	Ronda Bard
Annalu Lingnau and Ben Lingnau Jr., Stephani Burdick's grandparents	Prayers of healing and comfort	Stephanie Burdick
Ben Lingnau III, Stephanie's uncle	Prayers of healing and comfort	Stephanie Burdick
Stephanie Burdick	Prayers of peace and knowledge of God's presence for Stephanie	Pr. Christine
For Family of Mike Lee (Pastor Mike's nephew) who died in a drowning accident	Prayer for peace and comfort	Pr. Mike



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coming Up: Feb 10: Neighborhood Hygiene Program 9-noon Feb 11: Community Breakfast 9am Worship 10am Installation of the Bethel Council

FEBRUARY 11

VIKING PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Bring the family to our Pancake Breakfast and start your day with delicious all-you-can-eat Viking pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fresh fruit, strawberry compote, lingonberries, orange juice and coffee or tea—served in our charming Bergen Dining Room at Norse Hall. 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Adults \$8, Children ages 5-12 \$4, Children under age 5 are free. 111 NE 11th Ave, Portland, 97232. Parking is free.

Looking for an Overnight Camping Experience for Your Child this Summer?

Check out Camp Lutherwood Oregon – The Lutherwood experience differs from most summer camps – they encourage everyone at camp to discover caring and affirming relationships with God, others, self and the natural world. Summer 2018 campers will explore what it means to be changed by God's grace and how we can show that grace to the world. Campers can celebrate how God's unending grace in Christ changes everything!

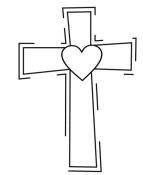
Lutherwood's staff is carefully selected and goes through a 12-day intensive training to prepare for their various roles at camp. They feel called to create an intentional community that spreads God's love and supports each camper.

There are programs for children from grade 1 to 12. There are also adult and family camping experiences offered.

Check out the Camp Lutherwood program and register online at <u>www.lutherwoodoregon.org</u>



Coming up: Faith and Family **FunDay** Cultivating Kindness and the Story of Ruth February 17th!







HELP WANTED

I CAN DO THAT ...

If it's one thing we know for sure, when there's something that needs doing at Bethel, there are people around here ready, willing and able to step in. There are lots of ways to step in and help out, and if you've ever wondered what else you might want to try ... take a look at the insert I CAN DO THAT ...

Bethel Council 2018

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Thank you to those who have served on the council in the past year! Karen Anderson, Will Eusebio, Robin Moody, and Sharon Delcambre