



# Third Sunday After the Epiphany

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## Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church

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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.

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## Prelude

# We Gather Together

## Welcome

## Call to Worship

Come into this sacred space to worship God

**whose teaching is perfect;**

**whose directions are sure.**

Come into this holy place to worship God

**whose standards are right;**

**whose commandment is clear;**

**whose judgements are true.**

Come with holy fear –

to be given life, and made wise,

to have your heart stirred and your eyes opened wide.

Come — let us worship God.

**Let the words of our mouths and the whispering of our hearts**

**be according to your will, O God. Amen.**

Restrooms are located in the basement on the east side of the building. A gender neutral restroom 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.

## Opening Hymn

## Bright and Glorious is the Sky

VERSES 1, 5 AND 6



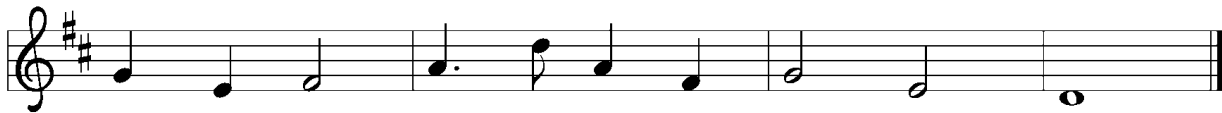
1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the  
2 On that ho - ly Christ - mas night through the dark - ness  
3 Sa - ges from the east a - far, when they saw this  
4 Him they found in Beth - le - hem, yet he wore no



heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.  
beamed a light; all the stars a - bove were pal - ing,  
won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions  
di - a - dem; there they saw a maid - en low - ly



All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to  
all their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing as the won - drous  
and to of - fer their ob - la - tions to the child, the  
with an in - fant pure and ho - ly rest - ing in her



heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.  
star drew nigh, as the won - drous star drew nigh.  
new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.  
lov - ing arms, rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.

5 Guided by the star, they found  
him whose praise the ages sound.  
We too have a star to guide us,  
which forever will provide us  
with the light to find our Lord,  
with the light to find our Lord.

6 And this star, as bright as day,  
that will never lead astray  
with its message so appealing,  
is the word of God, revealing  
Christ, the way, the truth, the life,  
Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

## Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

# Kyrie

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

*Refrain*

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

*Refrain*

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

*Refrain*

God; to make all things new.

## Prayer of the Day

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

# We Hear God's Word

## First Reading

## *Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10*

All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

P: Hear the Word of God.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

## *Corinthians 12:12-31a*

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

P: Hear the Word of God.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

## The Holy Gospel according to Luke the fourth chapter.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

P: This is the Gospel of the Jesus Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message Sermon

## Hymn of the Day

## *If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers*

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If we just talk \_\_\_\_\_ of thoughts and prayers \_\_\_\_\_  
If we just dream \_\_\_\_\_ of what could be \_\_\_\_\_  
If we just sing \_\_\_\_\_ of do - ing good \_\_\_\_\_  
God, may our prayers \_\_\_\_\_ and dreams and songs \_\_\_\_\_

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— And don't live out \_\_\_\_\_ a faith that dares, \_\_\_\_\_  
— And do not build \_\_\_\_\_ com - mun - i - ty, \_\_\_\_\_  
— And don't walk through \_\_\_\_\_ our neigh - bor - hood \_\_\_\_\_  
— Lead to a faith \_\_\_\_\_ that takes on \_\_\_\_\_ wrongs -

8

— And don't take on \_\_\_\_\_ the ways of \_\_\_\_\_ death, \_\_\_\_\_  
— And do not seek \_\_\_\_\_ to change our \_\_\_\_\_ ways, \_\_\_\_\_  
— To learn its hope, \_\_\_\_\_ to ease its \_\_\_\_\_ pain, \_\_\_\_\_  
— That works for peace \_\_\_\_\_ and just - ice, too, \_\_\_\_\_

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— Our thoughts and prayers \_\_\_\_\_ are fleet - ing breath. \_\_\_\_\_  
— Our dreams of change \_\_\_\_\_ are false dis - plays. \_\_\_\_\_  
— Our talk of good \_\_\_\_\_ is simp - ly \_\_\_\_\_ vain. \_\_\_\_\_  
— Then will our prayers \_\_\_\_\_ bring joy to \_\_\_\_\_ you. \_\_\_\_\_



## 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.

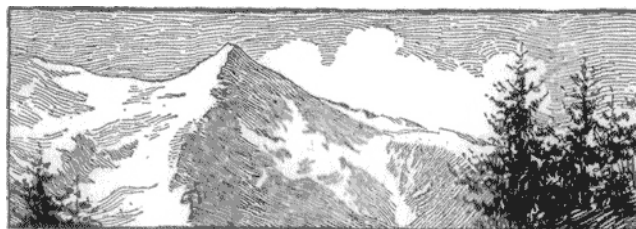
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

## Prayers of the People

God of mercy,  
hear our prayer.

## Sharing of the Peace

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





# WE CELEBRATE THE MEAL

## Offering

## Offering Hymn

## As the Grains of Wheat

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of all creation,

**all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our brother, our teacher, and our Redeemer. Amen**

## The Great Thanksgiving

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.

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right to give our thanks and praise ...

## *Holy, Holy, Holy*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **Eucharistic Prayer**



## The Lord's 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 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

Speak to us, O God, in the breaking of the bread and make us one with you.

*Congregation:*      *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God,      you take a - way the sin of the  
\* you break the chains of ha - tred and  
you are the way of jus - tice and  
you are the way of mer - cy and

*Congregation:*

world:  
fear:      have mer - cy on us,      mer - cy on us,  
peace:  
love:

*Final time Cong. or assistant:*

mer - cy on us.      Lamb of God,      you

*Congregation:*

take a - way the sins of the world:      grant us peace,

grant us peace,      grant us peace.

# Communion Distribution

All are welcome to come to the feast.

## Communion Hymn

## One Bread, One Body

*Refrain*



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of  
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y  
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.  
1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,  
wom - an or man, no more.  
one in the Lord of all.  
gath - ered to one for all.

*Refrain*

## Prayer After Communion

We thank you, Dearest God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to building one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our brother, our teacher and our Redeemer. Amen

# We Are Sent in Jesus' Love

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn

*We Are Marching in the Light of God*



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -  
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',  
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is your light.

**Thanks be to God.**

Prayer Requested For:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
For all those affected by the federal governmental shutdown	Prayers of comfort and hope for reconciliation.	Staff
Those unable to worship with us – Wayne & June Hassebroek, Dorothy Hansen, Barbara Lynch	Assurance of God's presence.	Staff
The women served by Rahab Sisters	Strength and comfort for these houseless women living on the east side of Portland.	Staff
Jan Kimble	Prayers for healing and effective treatment for breast cancer.	Tammy Gover
Richard VanDyke	Prayers for healing and peace.	Jim VanDyke
Pepe Rochon	Prayers for healing and comfort.	Faith St. John
Barbara Horne	Prayers of healing and comfort.	Tammy Gover
June Hassebroek	Prayers of healing and comfort.	Pastor Christine
Carl Olson, Ryan Olson's father	Prayers of healing and comfort as Carl recovers from surgery.	Pastor Christine
John Houdeshell	Prayers of comfort for John Houdeshell and his family	Pastor Christine
Lisha, a Sunday Guest	A safe return to God and return to home and family..	Staff
Jackie Calder	Prayers for healing and comfort while recovering from foot surgery.	Pastor Christine
Willie, a Sunday Guest	Prayers for a good job and a home.	Staff
<b>Our prayers continue for many among us:</b> for Bertha Anderson, Timothy Collins, Elizabeth, Rob, Jacob Bard, Miles Bard, Annalu Lingnau, Ben Lingnau, Jr., Ben Lingnau III, David Lingnau, Mary Rix, Patricia Connor, Lori Fields.		

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Stewardship of Service	Today - Jan 27	Next Week - Feb 10
Ministers:	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor:	Pr. Christine Core	Pr. Christine Core
Pastor:	Pr. Terry Moe	Pr. Terry Moe
Music Director:	Jamie Vandenburg	LeAnn Michaels
Usher:		Meghan and Clare
Reader:	Marlo Edman	Cat Millburn
Communion:		Tammy Gover
Preparation of the Altar:		Tammy Gover

# Bethel News



## Coming Up:

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- January 27** | Annual Meeting and Potluck Lunch – Bring a dish to pass and come ready to listen and ask questions
- January 28** | Bethel Discernment Team - 6:30
- February 2** | All Church Game Day with Dinner by Nash and Pastor C.
- February 2** | Confirmation Class, Saturday 1 – 2:30, Pastor Christine's Office
- February 2** | Phase 2 Synod Gathering, 9 am - 12:00, West Linn Lutheran
- February 6** | Food Ministry Meeting – 6 pm

## Other News

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### Nominations for Church Council

We're inviting nominations from among the members of Bethel to join the Council. A slate of candidates will be presented at the Annual Meeting on January 27. We are looking for people who are thoughtful and caring, willing to learn, listen and lead. If you have someone in mind, or would like to self-nominate, use this link: (<https://goo.gl/forms/xZyFiz2NeOrZ33HI3>)

### Phase Two Synod Gathering

Many of you attended a gathering of east side churches last spring at West Linn Lutheran Church. It was a time of sharing and learning, a time to recommit to mission and to look to the future. You will recall much of the work was conversation around congregational health and vitality. Bethel had ten people attend!

At the 2018 meeting, we promised to come back to focus in on our congregation's opportunities in particular. And now, these gatherings are scheduled.

If you're curious and passionate about the future of church in the world. Please consider attending one of the two Portland area gatherings:

February 2, 2016 at 9am -noon

Look for more information at <https://vimeo.com/307535047/ba930cc15b>

Please let Pr. Christine or P Moe know if you are interested in attending.

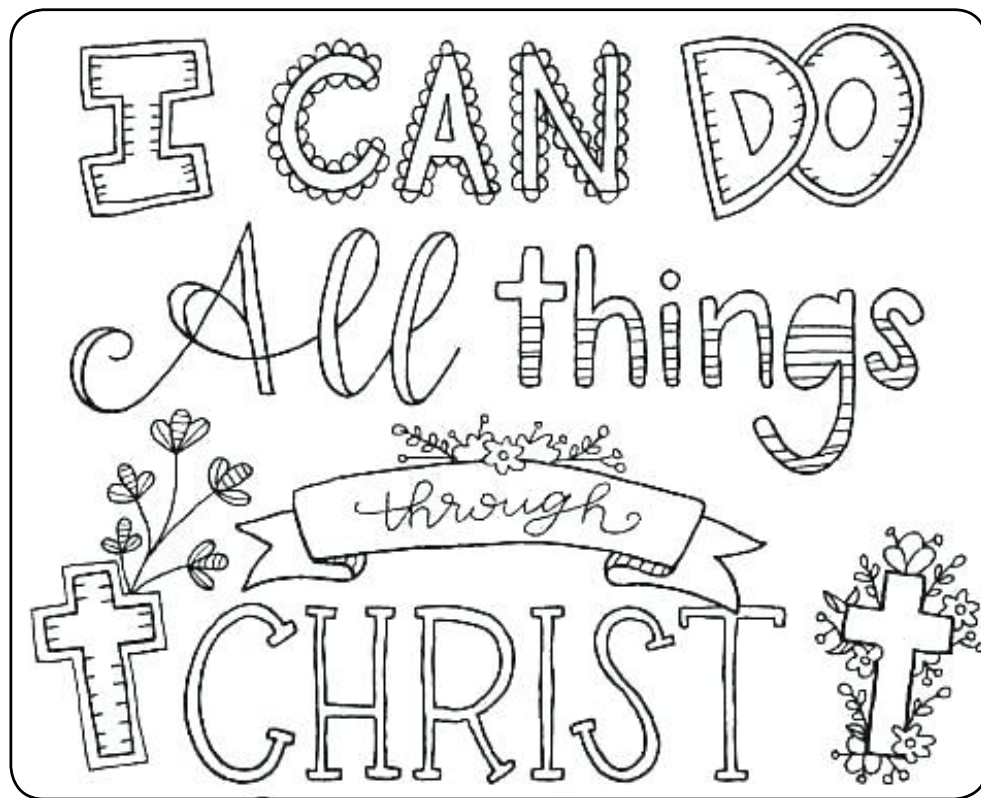
### Bethel Game Day and Dinner | Feb 2 at 3 PM

Everyone is invited to an afternoon of games, snacks, and a simple dinner.

Starting at 3 pm, we'll put our hands to work making sandwiches for our community. Then we'll break out the board games and the decks of cards for a bit of friendly competition. (Hint: Any challengers to Marlo and the pinochle deck are in for an uphill climb!)



Bring a snack to share and Pastor C. and Nash will prepare a simple supper for everyone to share. We'll serve dinner about 6. Come for all or part of the merry making.



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go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."



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release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed