



Second Sunday After the Epiphany

January 20, 2018

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.

Prelude

We Gather Together

Welcome

Call to Worship

No matter how far we wander from you, O God,
your steadfast love finds us.

No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,
your steadfast righteousness sustains us.

No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,
your steadfast presence gives us hope.

No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,
you hear our cries and answer our prayers.
Thanks be to God!

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

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ - teous - ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
joy - less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

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

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

P: Hear the Word of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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*

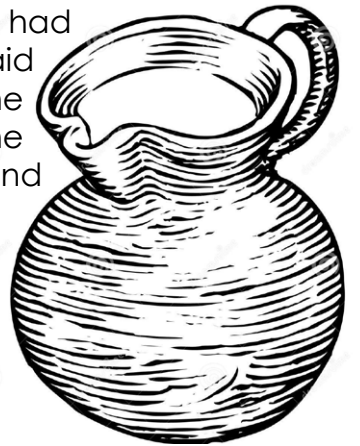
The Holy Gospel according to John the second chapter.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Jesus Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message Sermon



- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
prophet, priest, and king supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine,
changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee
at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in flesh made manifest.



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

Bethel Choir - *God is Love*, by David Haas

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

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

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



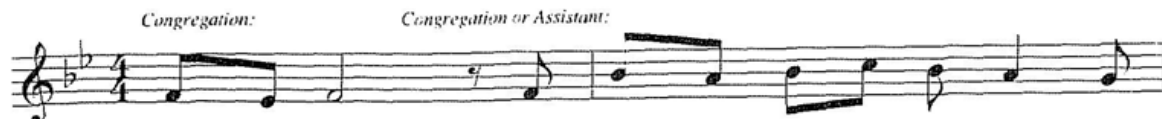
The Lord's Prayer

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

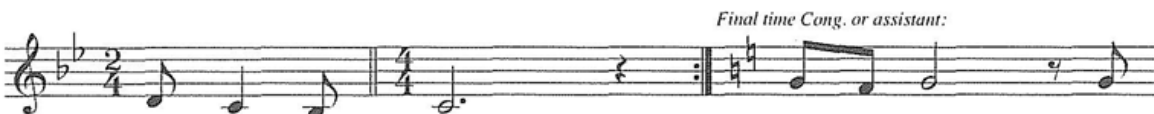
Speak to us, O God, in the breaking of the bread and make us one with you.



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



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



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



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



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Distribution

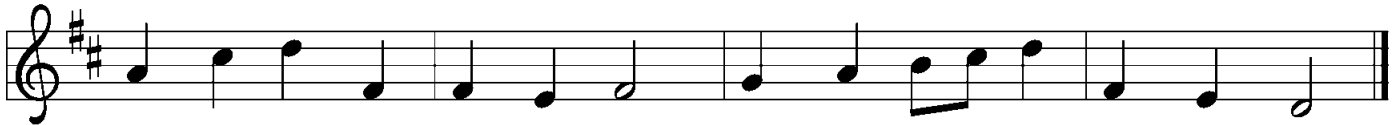
All are welcome to come to the feast.

Communion Hymn

Take My Life That I May Be



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

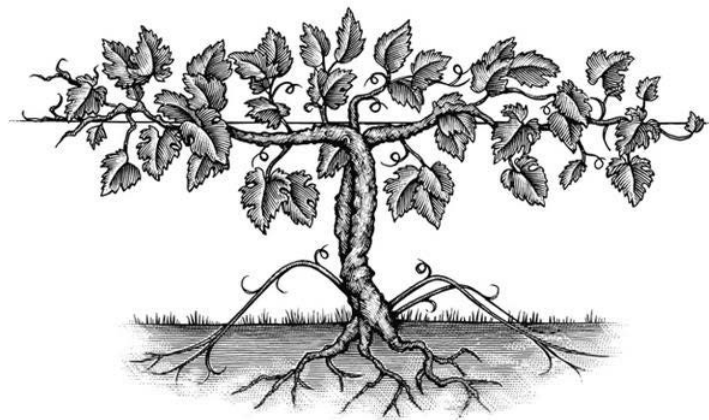


take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 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.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

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

For the Beauty of the Earth



- 1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
- 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
- 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
- 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is your light.

Thanks be to God.



Prayer Requested For:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
Refugees and immigrants and all families who are still separated at the border	Prayers for acceptance, safety and just treatment	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 Lynch	Prayers for healing and peace while. Barbara continues recovery at the home of her daughter and you may send your get well greetings to her at 803B NE 166th Ave., Vancouver, WA 08684	Pastor Christine
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
Leesha, a Sunday Guest	Prayers for guidance and peace.	Staff
Jackie Calder	Prayers for healing and comfort while recovering from foot surgery.	Pastor Christine
Our prayers continue for many among us: 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.		



Stewardship of Service	Today - Jan 20	Next Week - Jan 27
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:	LeAnn Michaels	LeAnn Michaels
Usher:		
Reader:	Cate Millburn	Marlo Edman
Communion:		
Preparation of the Altar:		

Bethel News



Coming Up:

- January 20** | Congregation Council Meeting – following worship in the Library
- January 26** | Bethel Hygiene Program, 9 am - noon
- 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 6** | Food Ministry Meeting – 6 pm

Other News

Pastor Schedule

Pastor Christine will be out 1/21-1/23 while attending a seminar; but will be available intermittently bycall, email or text. Pastor Moe will be in town.

Thank You to Outgoing Council Members

We give our thanks to outgoing Council Members for their service on the Congregation Council:

- **Stephanie Burdick**
- **Karen Carpenter**
- **Ryan Olson**
- **Don Worthington**

Service to Bethel on the Council is a true labor of love and we thank each of these folks for their careful consideration of all of the issues that have come before them. Some decisions may be relatively straightforward, others take a bit of thought. Throughout, these people have served faithfully.

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 GATHERINGS

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 St. Andrew Lutheran, Beaverton or West Linn Lutheran, West Linn (attend either)

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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the Open Spirit Gallery welcomes...**



January 2019

Community of Christ Church
5170 NE Five Oaks Drive, Hillsboro 97124

Gallery hours:

T, W, TH 9am – 4pm
Sundays 9am – noon

Join us for a reception & presentation, including a panel discussion with some of the Dreamers featured in the exhibit on

Thursday, January 24 @ 6:30 pm

Attendance is free but please RSVP:

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