



Fourth 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.

Prelude

We Gather Together

Welcome

Call to Worship

God alone is our refuge and hope,
our shelter and protection.

**From our very first breath to our last,
God's love and compassion never fails.**

So come, lift your voices in praise to God.

**Bear witness to God's acts of mercy and love.
Proclaim God's glory to all who will listen.
Let us worship God together.**



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

Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.



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.

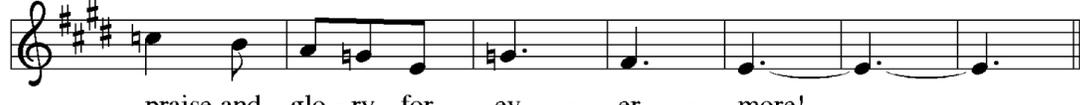
Refrain



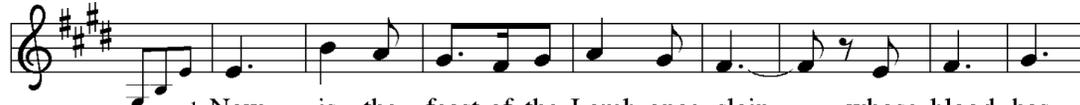
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



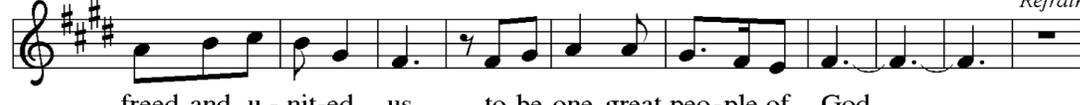
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;



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



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



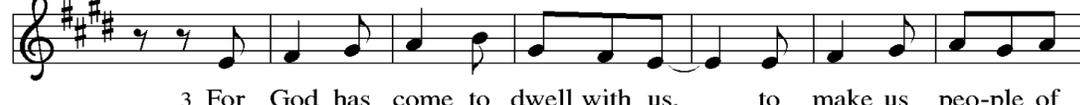
freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God. *Refrain*



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



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*



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



God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,
"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."

But the Lord said to me,
"Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.
Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,
"Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant."

P: Hear the Word of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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*

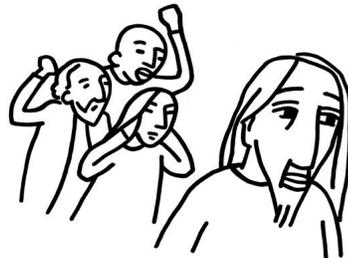
The Holy Gospel according to Luke the fourth chapter.

Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

P: This is the Gospel of the Jesus Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message Sermon



Hymn of the Day

Will You Come and Follow Me



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



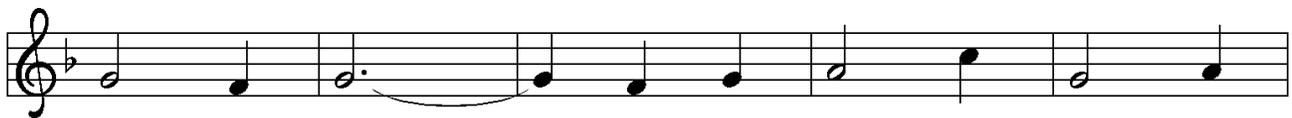
your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

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

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

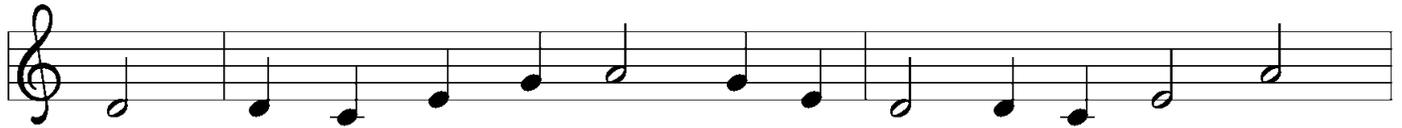


Communion Distribution

All are welcome to come to the feast.

Communion Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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

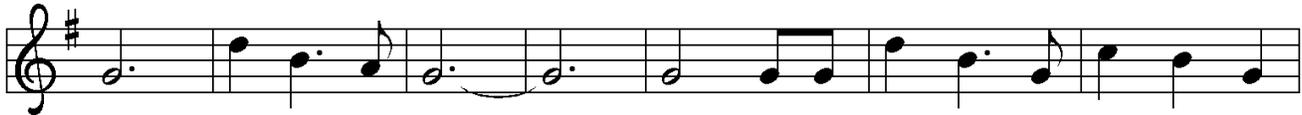
We Are Sent in Jesus' Love

Announcements

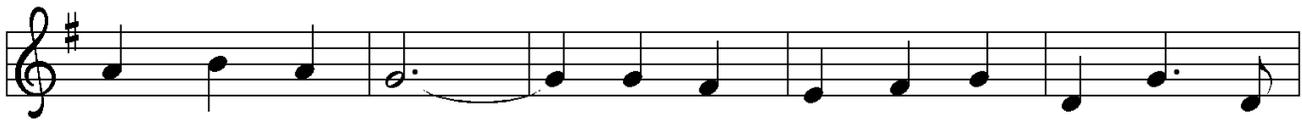
Blessing

Sending Hymn

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with 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 weather extremes.	Prayers of concern.	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
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
Family and friends of Ian Potts	Prayers of comfort and peace following Ian's death	Naso Michaels
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 - Feb 3	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:	LeAnn Michaels	LeAnn Michaels
Usher:		Meghan and Clare
Reader:		Cate Millburn
Communion:		Tammy Gover
Preparation of the Altar:		Tammy Gover

Bethel News



Coming Up:

- February 3** | Pastor Christine talks with children who are serving as Lectors and Communion Assistants – immediately following worship in the Fireside Room. This will be a 15-20 minute interactive conversation. All children who serve in this way are invited.
- February 4** | Food Ministry Team Meeting, 6:30 pm, Library. Please note this is a change in date from February 6.
- February 5** | YDIC Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, Library
- February 9** | Bethel Discernment Team Retreat with Council Members – Menucha Retreat Center
- February 9** | Hygiene Services, 9 am to noon
- February 9** | Retirement Party for Scott Burris -- 1 - 6 pm at the home of Scott Burris and Tana Bishop

Other News

Congregation Council Members

Congratulations to Incoming Congregation Council Members:

Carolyn "Stretch" Beck, Paul Gover, Joann Noll, and Marjorie Strieff

They Are Joining:

PJ Bentley, Tana Bishop (alternate), Meghan Cyr, JulieAnn Edman, Sonia Fornoni, Naso Michaels, Kate Milburn, Jim VanDyke, Pastor Core and Pastor Moe

Much appreciation to those who have served with faithfulness:

Stephanie Burdick, Karen Carpenter, Ryan Olson, Holly Redfern, and Don Worthington

Celebrating Tammy's Service to the Youth Drop-In Center

After many years of service, Tammy Gover has submitted her resignation from the position of Director of the Drop-In Center. We are incredibly grateful to Tammy for her hard work, devotion, and leadership; we are also appreciative of Tammy's support and flexibility for making the leadership transition a success for all our children and their families and Center supporters.

Keep in mind: Tammy and Paul are not leaving the Bethel and Drop-In communities! They will continue to be enthusiastic Drop-In supporters. Tammy will still participate in Bethel Players and she will stop by the Center for laughter and hugs and an energizing Drop-In fix.

Save the Date: Of course, we are planning parties for Tammy! Save Sunday, March 31, after worship service. This gives us all a chance to honor Tammy's service and the support of her spouse, Paul. We thank Tammy for her love and service to the Drop-In community and for her, and Paul's support and love for the Bethel community .

Visit from State Senator Lew Frederick | February 23

State Senator Lew Frederick will be visiting Bethel to learn more about Bethel's outreach programs and service to the community.

Congregation Gathering | February 24, following worship

We will be talking about some of the wonderings and questions that bubbled up out of the Annual Meeting. **Gratitudes from the Annual Congregational Meeting | We heard appreciation for:**

The children and their joyous spirit. Thank you to PJ for one heck of a year.



And now these three remain:
faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is

Love

1 Corinthians 13:13