



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 2, 2020

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.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Pie Jesu, Gabriel Fauré, arr. Richard Lloyd

Welcome and Announcements



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.

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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



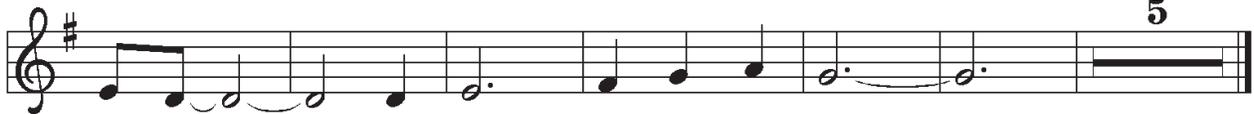
live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



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.

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Micah 6:1-8

First Reading

A reading from Micah.

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

"O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

"With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

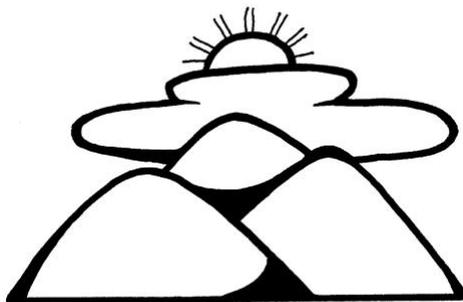
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

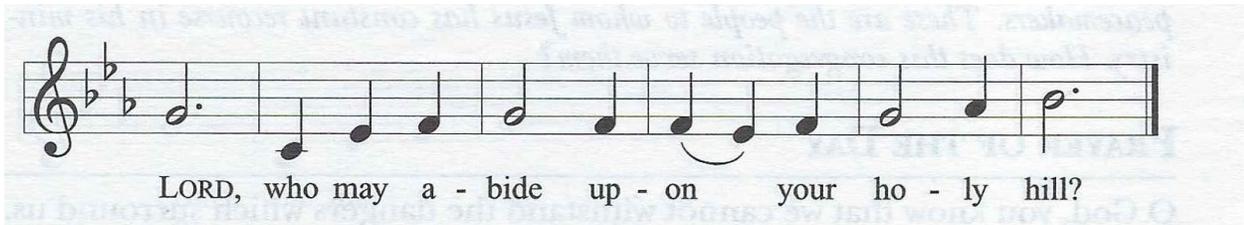


Psalm 27:1, 4-5, 8

Congregation sings the refrains and the lines printed in boldface type. In each line, the pitch changes at the underlined syllables.

Refrain (listen first time, then repeat)

Refrain: **LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill?**



O God, who may abide in your tent? * Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who lead a blameless life * and do what is right,

who speak the truth from their heart; * and do not slander with their tongue;

who do no evil to their friends, * nor cast discredit upon a neighbor.

Refrain: **LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill?**

In their sight the wicked are rejected, * but they honor those who fear the LORD.

They stand by their oath * even to their hurt;

They do not charge interest on a loan, * and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things * shall never be overthrown.

Refrain: **LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill?**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

A reading from First Corinthians.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

P: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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

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You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon, Pastor Joan Beck

Childrens Message



Hymn of the Day

Blessed Are They

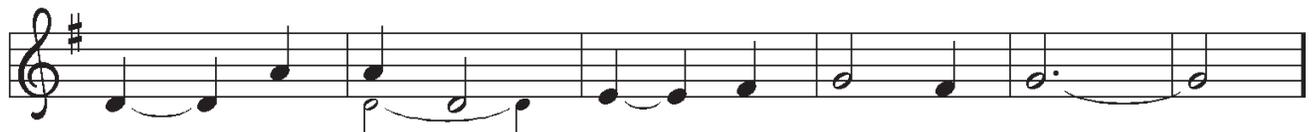
Leader or All



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -
3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
4 Blest are they who seek peace; . . they are the
5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they,
her - it the earth. Blest are they who
shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the
chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,



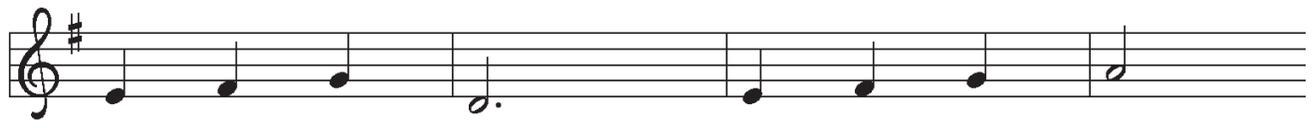
full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
pure of heart; they shall see God.
suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain

All



Re - joice and be glad!



Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!



Re - joice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

Prayers of the People

Prayers reflect the wideness of God's mercy for the whole world—for the church universal, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel; the well-being of creation; peace and justice in the world, the nations and those in authority, the community; the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, lonely; all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; the congregation, and special concerns. Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Peace

We greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

WE CELEBRATE THE MEAL

Offertory

Only in God, John B. Foley

Sing as the gifts are brought forward, and rise if it is comfortable for you.

Offering

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful

Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim
cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with
bread of life. Ga-ther the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace this ta - ble with your pre - sence, Lord, ar
grant us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Dear Savior, your mission is as urgent now as it was when you walked on earth. Use these gifts which we offer here according to your need, so that all your children might know your healing love, for your sake in this world. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

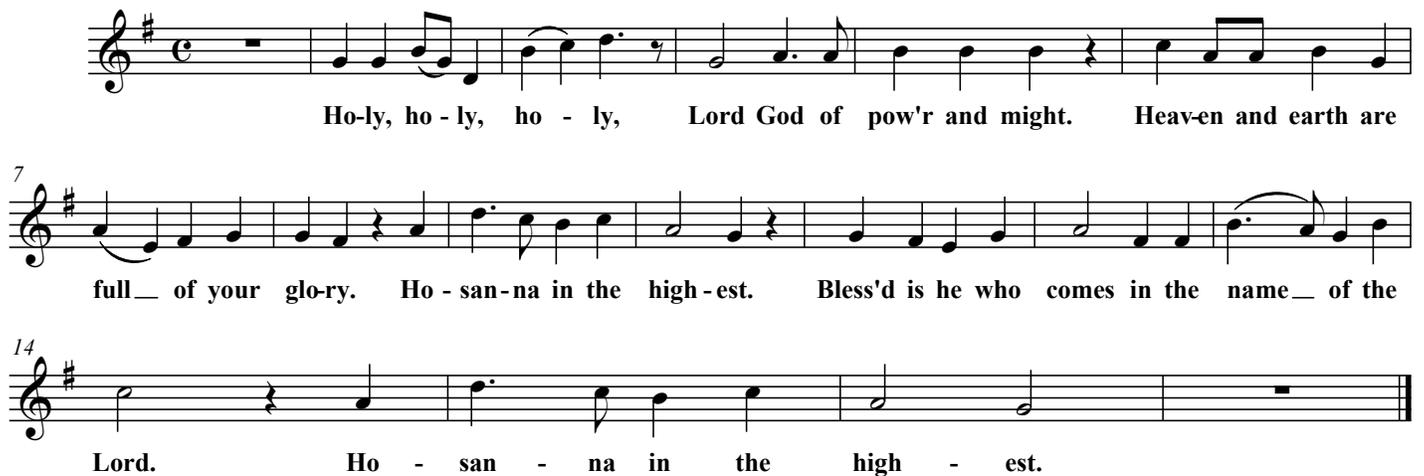
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, and join the unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are

7 full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the

14 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

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

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table of mercy and joy.

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.

Music During Communion

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take away the sin_ of the world, have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take away the sin_ of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a-way the sin_ of the world. Grant_ us_ peace.



Communion Hymns

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
 Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
 feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to yu - na mi - sión.
 wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
 1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
 2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
 3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all

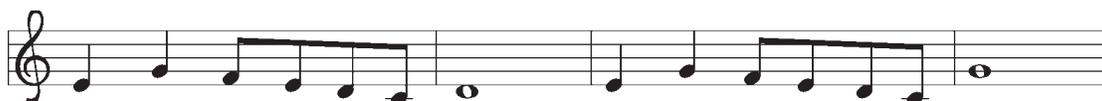


pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
 mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
 ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
 peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
 walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
 hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
 geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

Take, oh, Take Me As I Am



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Blessing and Prayer after Communion

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you...

Let us pray. Faithful God,

you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WE ARE SENT IN JESUS' LOVE

Announcements

Blessing

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God,
and the source of our life together,
keep you united in mind and purpose.

And the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you always.

Amen

Sending Hymn

To Be Your Presence



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - joice,

Sending

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer Requested For:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
For the People of Bethel Lutheran	May the wisdom and counsel of the Holy Spirit abide within the people of Bethel during this time of change and transition.	Staff
For the environment and all those working to bring about live-giving change	Grant us wisdom to care for earth and energy to act now for the good of future generations	Staff
Katie Reitel & Family	Prayers for peace & assurance of God's love.	The Bentleys
Faith St. John	Healing and support as she undergoes treatment for cancer.	Staff
Jennifer Nevills, former YDIC director	Struggling with heart disease.	Karen Anderson
Family and friends of Bob Haggard	Prayers of peace after Bob Haggard's death Tuesday morning. We pray God may wipe all tears from their eyes.	Becky McAllister
David Gyles	Peace, assurance of God's presence and comfort; freedom from pain. Prayers of comfort for his companion Sandy Morris.	Bethel Care Team
Joan Barber	Peace and comfort and freedom from discomfort as she begins palliative care.	Pastor Core
Mary Rix	Prayers for continued healing after a successful surgery.	JulieAnn Edman
Faith Moser	Prayers for Faith, Joann Noll's mother to regain strength as she prepares to leave a skilled nursing facility.	Joann Noll
June and Wayne Hassebroke	Prayers healing and comfort as June recovers from surgery.	Bethel Care Team
The Fletcher Family	Prayer for peace and comfort as the family prepares for the upcoming trial.	Bethel Care Team
Travis	Prayers for peace and comfort as he battle with personal demons.	Anthony
Cody Jay	Prayer of peace after his girl passed away.	G.
Our prayers continue for many among us: for Timothy Collins, Elizabeth, Rob, Jacob Bard, Miles Bard, Annalu Lingnau, Ben Lingnau III, David Lingnau, Patricia Connor.		

Stewardship of Service	Today - February 2	Next Week - February 9
Ministers:	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor:	Pr. Joan Beck	
Lay-Led Service of the Word		Jim Van Dyke
Music Director	Jamie Webster	Jamie Webster
Musician		
Usher:		
Reader:	Karen Anderson	
Communion:	Brady and Stephanie Burdick	
Preparation of the Altar:		

BETHEL NEWS

† SERVICE SCHEDULE:

- **Feb. 2, Pastor Joan Beck**
- **Feb. 9, Lay-led Service** with Jim Van Dyke
- **Feb. 16, Pastor Joan Beck**
- **Feb. 23, Pastor John Beck**

COMING UP:

- **Feb 9 | 70th Birthday/Retirement Party for Pastor Moe**
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm, at Leaven, 5431 NE 20th Ave
- **Feb 15 | Women's Spirituality Group**, 8:30 at the Edman's
- **Feb 16 | Council Meeting**, following worship
- **Feb 29 | Women's Spirituality Group**, 8:30 at the Edman's

SAVE THE DATE:

- **Sept. 11-13 | All Bethel members and friends are invited to the 2020 Annual Bethel Camp-Out Site Correction:** This will be at Milo McIver State Park, at the Steelhead site, where we were last year. Contact Scott Burris, Tana Bishop or one of the other Campers Extraordinaire.

OTHER NEWS

Pastor Moe's 70th Birthday/Retirement Party

What: You're invited to 70th Birthday/Retirement Party for Pastor Moe

When: Sunday, February 9, 2020, 4:00 pm- 8:00 pm

Where: Leaven, 5431 NE 20th Ave.

Please RSVP: Tmoex1@gmail.com



MORE FUN AT BETHEL! (of a different kind)

Wednesday evenings from February 26 thru April 1

Fellowship and food!

How do you feel about soup supper and Holden Vespers for Lent? Plans are on the table to make it happen! Set aside Wednesday nights during Lent.

Dates will be Wednesday evenings from February 26 thru April 1. Final time yet to be decided.

Contact person: JulieAnn Edman, 593-984-7930, (text or call), jedman999@gmail.com

2020 Annual Meeting Summary

We had a fantastic annual meeting of the congregation on Sunday, January 26. Although 2019 was a rough year and we remain in a state of transition, those in attendance were optimistic, creative, supportive, and listened to each other. Although you can request the complete draft of the meeting minutes from the church office, here are a few highlights:

Finances

Even after hours of hard work and creative problem-solving by the Bethel Finance Team (Meghan Cyr, Dorian Bentley, and Stephanie Burdick), we still ended 2019 with a \$13,000 deficit. When we combine that with the forecasted deficit for 2020, we expect our total deficit to climb to \$18,000. The congregation agreed to seek help from the Bethel Players, move money from memorial funds to the general budget, embark on an estimated giving campaign (to forecast our income), and to return in April for a quarterly congregational meeting focused on the budget and fundraising.

Interim pastors

Bethel will continue with substitute pastors through at least the month of February as we remain in conversation with Juan Carlos La Puente Tapia of the Oregon Synod about bringing on an interim pastor. He is listening to our needs and looking for skilled interim pastors that would be a good fit for Bethel. With our current budget, Bethel is able to afford a half-time interim. Did you know that interim pastors are specifically trained in helping churches through transition? They help congregations like ours prepare for the call process of a permanent pastor.

New council members

Say hello to your new church council!

- Marjorie Strieff
- Carolyn Beck
- Stephanie Burdick (newly elected)
- PJ Bentley
- Joann Noll
- Ryan Burghard (newly elected)
- JulieAnn Edman (re-elected)
- Sonia Fornoni (re-elected)
- Shirley Kolpin (newly elected)
- Cate Milburn (re-elected)
- Ryan Olson (newly elected)
- Holly Redfern (newly elected)

The new council will have its first meeting after church on Sunday, February 16, when it will elect its officers, learn about the church constitution and council practices, and get to work.

Bethel Players Present Clerical Errors



Performance Dates:

- **2/28 Friday Night Informal** | 7 PM, \$15/advance or \$17 door
- **2/29 Saturday "Just the Play" Matinee** | 1:30 PM, \$10 door
- **2/29 Saturday Dinner** | 7 PM, \$20/advance or \$22 door
- **3/1 Sunday Dessert** | 3 PM, \$15 advance or \$17 door
- **3/6 Friday Night Informal** | 7 PM, \$15/advance or \$17 door
- **3/7 Saturday "Just the Play" Matinee** | 1:30 PM, \$10
- **3/7 Saturday Dinner** | 7 PM, \$20/advance or \$22 door
- **3/8 Sunday Dessert** | 3 PM, \$15 advance or \$17 door

Purchase Tickets Online at Eventbrite

Direct link is: <https://clericalerrors.eventbrite.com>
Call: 503-285-4919 and leave a message to reserve tickets
or email: bethelplayers@bethelpdx.org

Women's Spirituality Group, 2/15, Saturday, 8:30 am at the Edman's home

While in the season of Epiphany, referred to as "ordinary time" in our church calendar, it seems anything but ordinary here at Bethel! Do you realize that on Saturday(1/25) there were 5 different meetings held at Bethel? Our building is once again habitable and being used! What a blessing to us and others! Extraordinary things happen here.

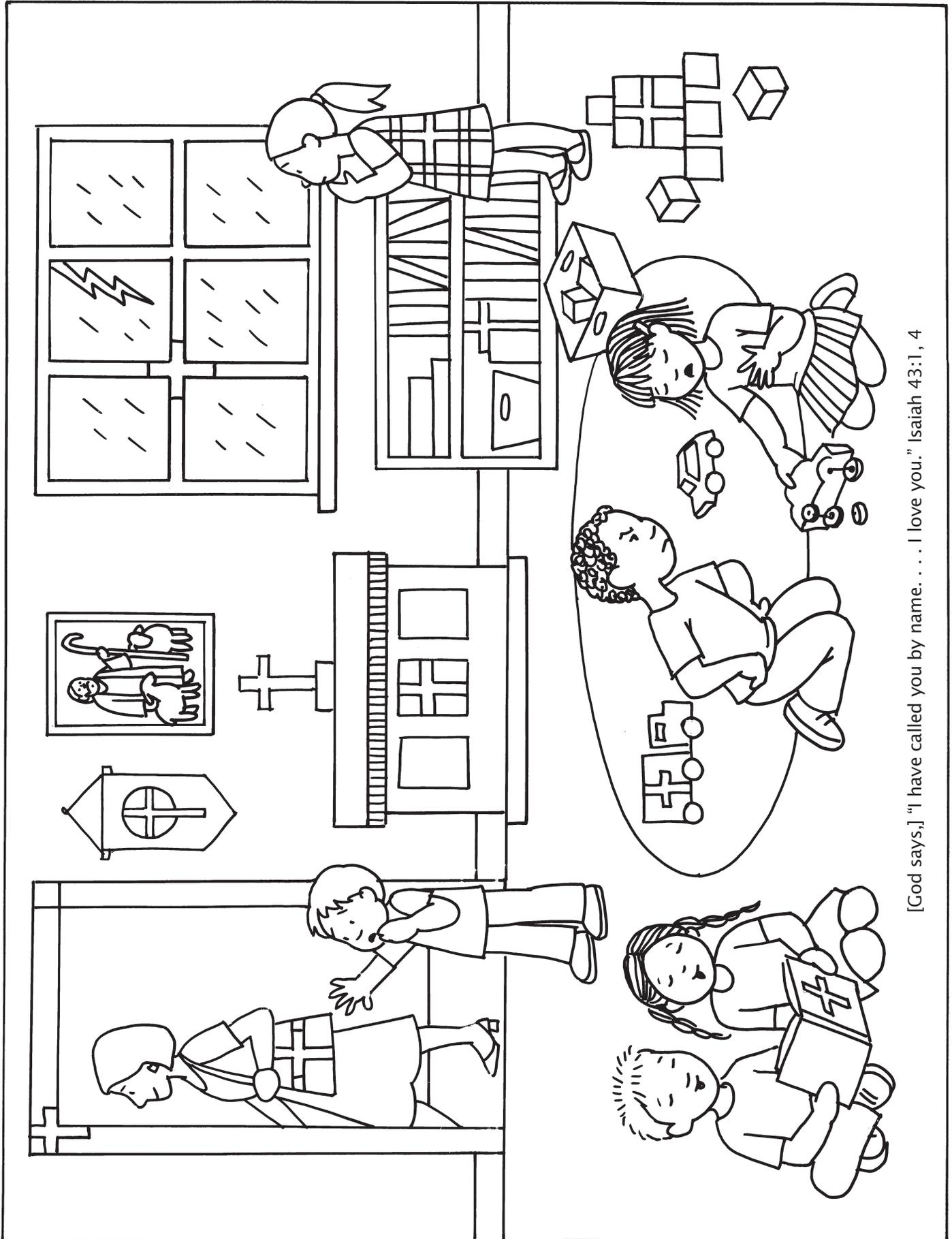
In our women's group we share the ordinary and extraordinary as we contemplate, laugh, pray and meander through our study book "In Wisdom's Path". Please join us and enjoy a light breakfast and a time of sharing this Saturday! The following meeting time, 2/15, we will be having fun making a collage. Come and have fun with us!

"Ruminating is one of the chief delights of the soul." Thomas Moore

Future Saturday Dates: 2/15, 2/29, 3/14

Blessings to all, JulieAnn, 503-984-7930, jedman999@gmail.com

FIND THE CROSSES



[God says,] "I have called you by name. . . I love you." Isaiah 43:1, 4