



# 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Worship with Holy Communion

February 5, 2023



## Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church

We are glad you are here with us—in person and via Zoom—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. 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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**Communion** - We will celebrate Holy Communion together via Zoom, as well as gathered in person. Please have bread/cracker(s) and a cup of wine/grape juice ready if you and those with you would like to participate. If you do not have access to wine or grape juice, you may receive Communion without the cup—Christ is present in the bread, as Jesus said, “I am the Bread of Life.” (John 6:35)

## GATHERING

**Prelude** \

**Home on the Range**

By Brewster M. Higley



*Restrooms are located in the basement on the east side of the building. An all gender 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.*

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# Thanksgiving for Baptism

*Please stand in body or spirit*

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.**



## You Are Holy *Du är helig*

1\*



*Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer*  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



*än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.*  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



*Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,*  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



*väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.*  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



*Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,*  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



*du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!*  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



*Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,*  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



*ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.*  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

\* May be sung in canon.

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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together:

**Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## WORD

### Scripture Reading

*Isaiah 58:1-9a*

A reading from Isaiah

<sup>1</sup>Shout out, do not hold back!  
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.  
<sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments,  
they delight to draw near to God.  
<sup>3</sup>"Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"  
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.  
<sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.  
<sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the Lord?  
  
<sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?  
<sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

<sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.  
<sup>9a</sup>Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand in body or spirit*



## Gospel Reading

**Matthew 5:13-20**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Children's Time

## Sermon

*Please stand in body or spirit*

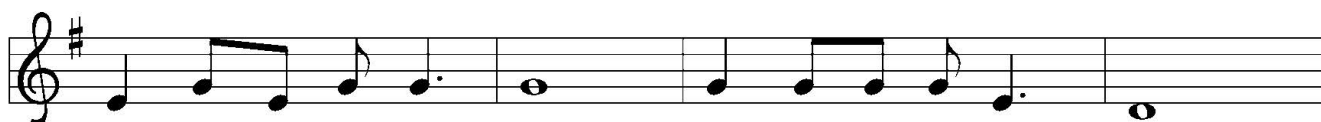
## Hymn of the Day

## *This Little Light of Mine*

### This Little Light of Mine



- 1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
- 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
- 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
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Text: African American spiritual

Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

## Prayers of Intercession

*The response to each prayer is: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.***

**Sharing of Peace** — *Take time to share the peace on Zoom and in person*

## COMMUNION MEAL

*For those worshipping virtually, please gather your bread and wine to participate in Holy Communion.*

### Offering

*You may use one of our options for giving: Venmo @BethelLutheran-Church phone # digits 6064, Paypal, see our website [bethelpdx.org](http://bethelpdx.org) for link, online at: <http://bethelpdx.org/donate> Additionally you may donate by mail or, if worshipping in-person, use the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for supporting the many ministries of Bethel!*

### Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**Liberating God,**

**you break the bonds of injustice**

**and let the oppressed go free.**

**Receive these offerings in thanksgiving**

**for all your works of merciful power,**

**and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.**

**You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,**

**Amen.**

### Great Thanksgiving

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

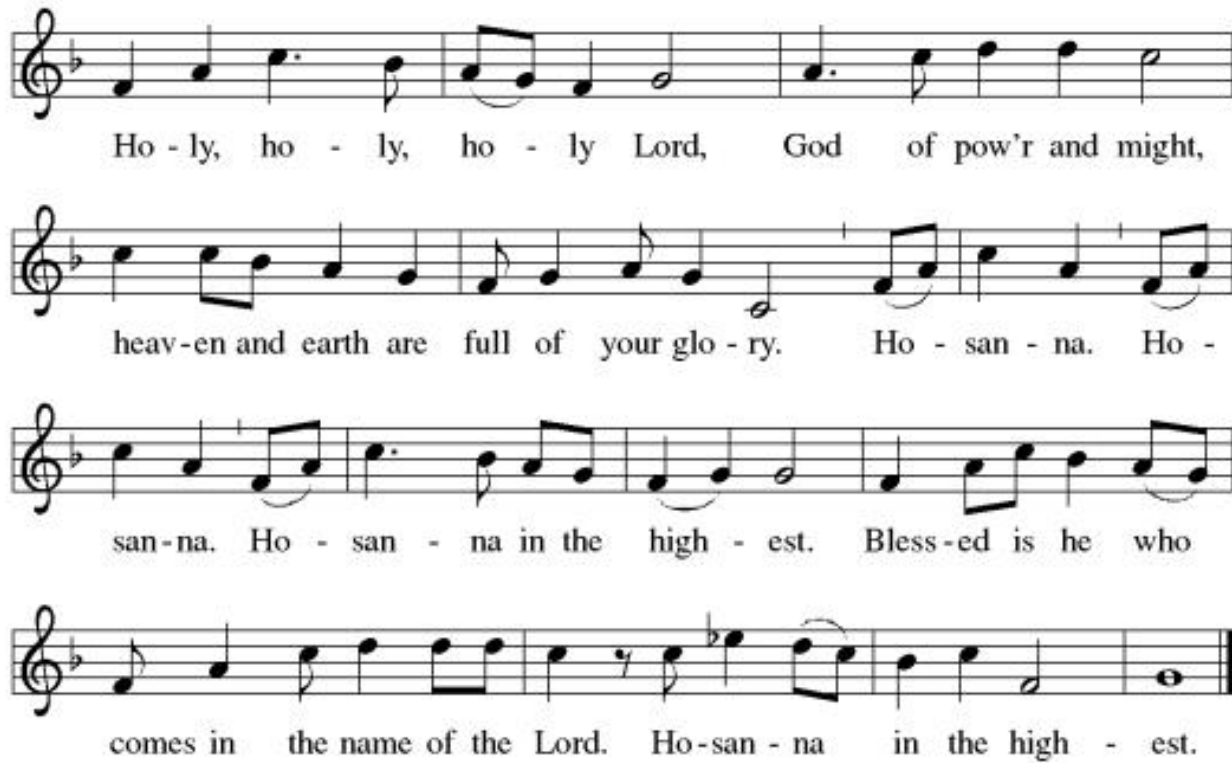
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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





*The Thanksgiving continues with the preface for the season.*



*The presiding minister continues with the Thanksgiving at the Table. At the end, all say: **Amen.***

## **The 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 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.**

Please be seated

## **Sharing the Bread and Cup**

### **Communion Music**

### ***My One and Only Love***

*By Guy B. Wood*



# SENDING

## Announcements

### Blessing

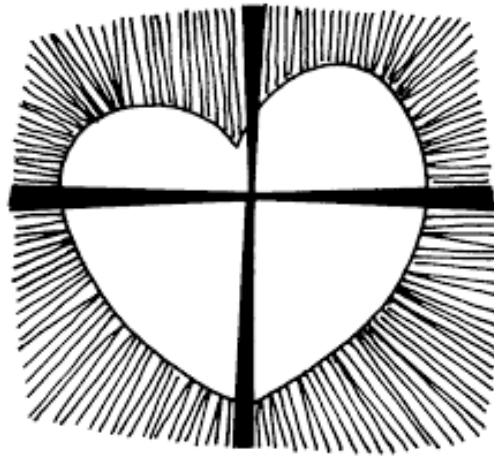
The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor's rod  
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always.  
**Amen.**

### Sending Song

**Where is Love**  
*By Lionel Bart*

### The Sending.

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God.**



Stewardship of Service	This week – Feb. 5, 2023	Next week – Feb. 12, 2023
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Pastor Leon LaCross	Pastor Leon LaCross
Music Director	Shlomo Farber	Shlomo Farber
Reader	Jackie Calder	PJ Bentley
Zoom Host	<b>Joann Noll</b>	<b>Volunteer needed!</b>

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## **Please Pray**

**Pray for the women of Iran** that they may speak out in safety and be heard and honored.

**Pray for Farid Owji**, a cousin to a friend of Pastor Leon, who is a journalist in Iran who was jailed for 27 days. Help him to heal from his trauma and help him as he seeks safety and asylum in other countries.

**Let us continue to pray for all victims of gun violence**, especially those in Highland Park, Ill, Buffalo, NY, Tulsa, OK and Uvalde, TX.

**Pray for Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Seaside, OR.** Let us lift them up in the spirit of congeniality, and partnership to live out the gospel message with our neighbors. Especially as they get ready for a new roof and their 75th anniversary.

**Pray for peace and justice in Russia and Ukraine.** Pray for the people of both countries, the diplomats and negotiators, and the leaders of all the nations involved. Pray that all refugees and displaced persons are safe and warm and fed. Bring healing and comfort to the injured and grieving. Pray that the warfare ceases.

**Pray for peace and justice** and safety among our houseless neighbors. Help us understand how we can share your love with them.

**Pray for Bethel leaders**, including Pastor Leon LaCross, Music Director Shlomo Farber, Admin Assistant Kerry Czuba, the 2022 Church Council members, and for all the members and friends of Bethel Lutheran Church.

**Pray for those going through our confirmation program** that they grow in faith and have a deeper understanding of Jesus as someone who is a guiding, loving force in their lives.

**Pray for our children**, as they started the school year. Let us continue to welcome their noisy, (mostly!) joyful participation in online and in-person gatherings!

**Pray for those who are ill:**

- **Neil Marshall** (Nash's Portland family) as Neil undergoes treatment for a brain tumor while newly returned to his home base
- **Faith Moser** (mother of Joann Noll) and all her family who are caregiving and traveling and dealing with plumbing adventures in Faith's older home.
- **David Gyles** for his improved lung health
- **Leo Lawrence** as he continues treatment for cancer
- **Shirley Kolpin and family** as Shirley recovers from hip surgery and faces life's challenges with humor, stubbornness, and joy
- **John Knight and family** as John continues in memory care
- **Laura Day**, mother of Natalie Peterson, in her diagnosis and treatment of cancer
- **Donald Gibler**, grandson of Laverne Atkins, who has experienced a set back due to a previous injury.
- **Clarence Montgomery and his family**, cousin of Karen Anderson, who has been recently diagnosed with Parkinson's disease that has progressed rapidly.
- **Gary Andeen** as he receives treatments for lung cancer.
- **Amy Bishop McDonald** for her diagnosis and surgery for breast cancer.
- **Faith St. John** for a speedy recovery after surgery

**Pray for those enduring family loss and anguish**, we continue to pray for the **Marx Family**.

**Pray for all those who have passed away** that they experience the loving embrace of God's love.

**Pray for the friends and family of Richard Miller**, father of Lisa Siems, who passed away suddenly Saturday evening.

**Pray for the Hansen family** as John Hansen the son of Warren and Joyce Hansen (who the piano is being given in memory of) has died. Their grandfather, L. Warren Hansen was pastor at Bethel in the 40s-50s so roots go deep. Surviving siblings include Julie (Hansen) Lyons and brothers Paul and Karl.

**Pray for Mike Dundas and family** for the passing of Bertie Dundas.

**Pray for Miles Bard** as he has moved back to Portland.

**Pray for Cedar**, nephew of P.J. & Dorian Bentley, that he receives caring and effective mental health treatment during a very difficult time for him and his family.

Continuing prayers for well-being for our loved ones **Timothy, Elizabeth, Faith, Jim, Rob, Jacob, Miles, Andrew, Nash,** and **Patricia**--may they walk in light and peace.

**Pray in thanksgiving** for all the blessings received this week.

**Pray we know that God is close** and we are open to receiving and sharing God's love.

**Pray for Bethel Lutheran Church.**

Send



Find two ways the children in this picture are being the salt of the earth (telling others about Jesus' love). Look again. Circle seven silly things you find.

### this week

Taste some food without salt. Then try adding a little salt. How does the taste change? Be a "saltier" person for God by inviting a friend to come to worship with you next Sunday.

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## Kids Celebrate

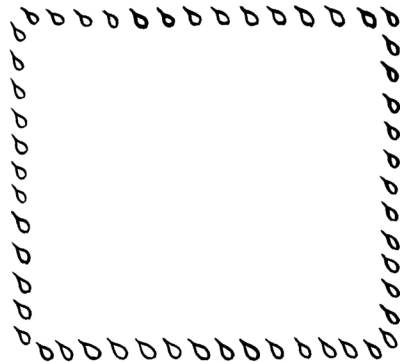
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### gather

Welcome to worship.

In baptism we receive a lit candle and hear these words: "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven."

**Draw your baptismal font.**



**After worship, walk up to look at the font. Dip your finger in the water. Trace a cross on your forehead. Making the sign of the cross will remind you that in baptism you became God's child.**

## hear & celebrate

### Salt and light

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus was a teacher. He taught about God's love. Use the pictures to help you read one of Jesus' message.



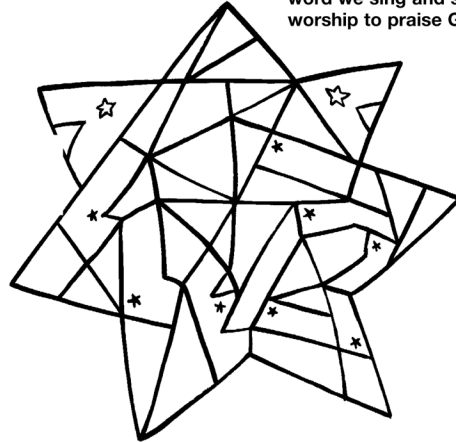
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Where have you heard the words in the last sentence of Jesus' message? (Hint: Look on the front page.)

We give glory to our Father in heaven each time we worship.

Color in the spaces with stars to find one special word we sing and say in worship to praise God.



What is one special word you can use to praise God?



Dear God, thank you for filling me up with lots of salt (your love). Help me shake out lots of salt (your love) on the people I meet every day. Amen.

*Stardate 2023...*

# Star Trip: The Wrath of Kazrool

Dinners:	Feb. 24, Feb. 25	7PM	\$25
	Mar. 3, Mar. 4	7PM	\$25
Desserts:	Feb. 26, Mar. 5	3PM	\$20

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To make sure everyone gets a fair chance to buy tickets we're asking that all reserved tickets be prepaid within a week of making the reservation so that unused tickets can be released to folks who might otherwise be turned away. Sorry, we cannot offer refunds for unused tickets.

Are you a Thrivent member? The Drop In Center/Bethel is a registered Choice Dollars Recipient. We appreciate your support!

Join us for our first (not necessarily) annual

## White Elipiphany Party!

February 11th, 2 pm to 6 pm  
 4400 SW Arnold, Portland, OR 97219  
 (Scott & Tana's Home) 503-740-4918

Bring ONLY yourselves and a snack or finger food to share along with a beverage of choice!

JOIN THE FUN COMMITTEE AS WE CELEBRATE MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS (OVER THE LAST 3 YEARS), EPIPHANY SEASON...(A LONG TIME FOR LUTHERANS), AND A NEW YEAR (WE ARE BACK AND IN THE BLACK.....SEE ANNUAL MEETING NOTES & EXCITING PARSONAGE NEWS!)

There will be white elephant gifts provided, wine tasting, & general merriment! Kids are welcome!