

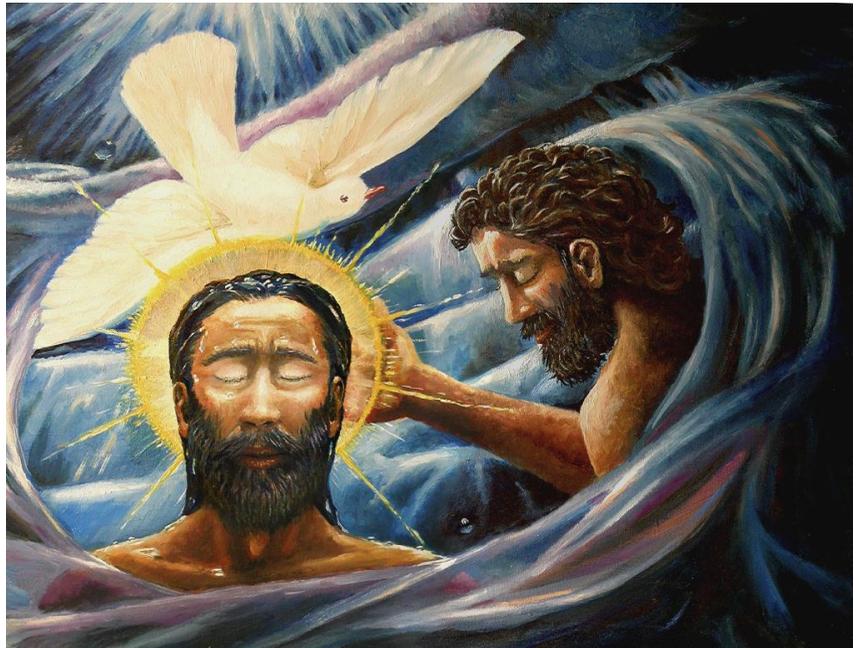
Divine Service & Story

telling the story of how God is at work in the liturgy

*Today's worship
includes a narrator
to help us pause at
certain points and
reflect on how God is
at work in the liturgy*

**Baptism
of Our
Lord**

**Sunday
January 14
2018**



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,

Mandi Stilson – Choir/New Music Accompanist

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

SERVING TODAY

8:00 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

Elders: JJ Jones

Ushers: Mike Bandman

Acolytes: Nathan Faitsch, Michaela Rosenthal

Lay Readers: Tim Faitsch

Narrators: Jen Vana, Diane Boehm

Ushers: Don Heidlauf, Tera Redman

Greeters: The Faitsch Family,
John & Karen Kozlik

Fellowship: Vana Family

Jan. Altar Guild: Diane Sanders

Jan. Counters: Monte Stoltzman

Randy Gifford

Bob Souza

Jacob Herstowski, Griffin Pavletic

Norm Balliet

Ellen Dalrymple

Scott Mundrick, John Schultz

***Ellen Dalrymple,
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WORSHIP AT BETHEL

Worship at Bethel is a combination of a traditional Lutheran liturgical order with organ-led hymns, but also incorporates one or more praise songs each service, interactive preaching, and an atmosphere that invites people of all ages and all backgrounds to participate and worship the Lord.



Bethel rotates through a series of liturgies (orders of service). Some are taken directly or adapted from *Lutheran Service Book (LSB)*, the hymnal of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Other liturgies have been developed for use at Bethel.

Generally, we use a liturgy for 2 weeks in a row, so that the second week has some familiarity. We also try to limit the number of different liturgies in rotation. This means that we are able to become familiar with a variety of liturgies, but that there's still a returning to words we've already heard and said. This helps worship to become more and more our heart language as we hear from God and repeat back to Him the words He gives to us.

Opening Anthem

8:00 a.m. ***“Rise and Shine” & “Apple Red Happiness”*** ***Cherub Choir***
10:45 a.m. ***“King of Kings”*** ***Junior Choir***

Gospel Reading for the Baptism of Our Lord

Mark 1:4–11 (ESV)

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: *Thanks be to God.***

Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

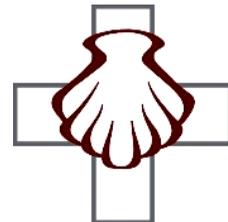
P: Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Invocation

Every worship service starts with your baptism. We call upon the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, remembering that we approach the Lord with confidence because He has placed His Name on us in our baptisms. We are His children, His sheep. Martin Luther encouraged people through his Small Catechism to make the sign of the cross on ourselves to remind us that we are marked as ones redeemed by Christ the crucified.



Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Remembrance of Baptism

LSB Agenda 20, alt.

P: In Holy Baptism God the Father has made us members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and inheritors of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive one another in the Name of Jesus as brothers and sisters in Christ, so that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C: **Amen.**

Confession & Absolution



What to Watch For

In Martin Luther's Small Catechism, he teaches according to God's Word: "Confession has two parts. First that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven." We come to God confessing our sin in the assurance that we are His baptized children and He has promised to show us His mercy. The pastor speaks the words of forgiveness which are the words of God Himself, giving voice to the Word of God, so that we may hear how God speaks to us and receive assurance of His forgiveness.

Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)

LSB 151

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins,
God, who is faithful and just,
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:8-9

P: We pause in silence to reflect on our personal sins that trouble us.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

LSB 184

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

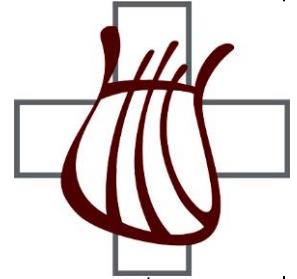
P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

John 20:19-23

Hymn of Praise

Glory be to God on high...



What to Watch For

The Hymn of Praise, “Gloria in Excelsis” (Latin for “Glory in the highest”), brings together pieces of Scripture in a liturgical text that has been known since the 4th century. This is the song of the angels announcing the birth of Christ to the shepherds. It is also the words that John the Baptist declares about Jesus: “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29).

Hymn of Praise Gloria in Excelsis (Glory in the Highest)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 187



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



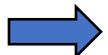
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

What to Watch For

The Kyrie Eleison (Latin for “Lord, have mercy”) is “an ancient prayer [that] represents the last remnant of the earliest Christian orders of service, which were in Greek, the language used for Christian worship for the first 300 years of the church.” It begins by remembering that we pray to the Lord because of the peace He has given to us in His Word and our baptism. “The prayers [in the Kyrie] focus on the desire for true peace, which Christ alone gives. Each petition asks for a dimension of peace, beginning with salvation and concluding with peace among those assembled as God’s gathered guests.”

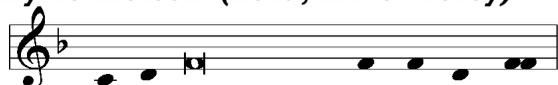


**Quotations taken from Gathered Guests (CPH).

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)

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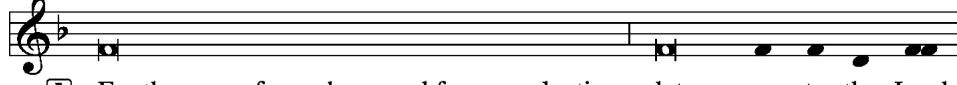
Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



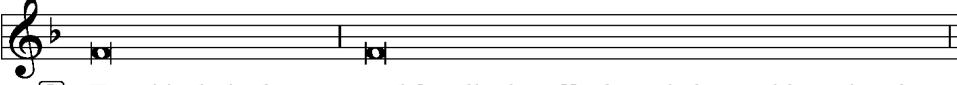
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



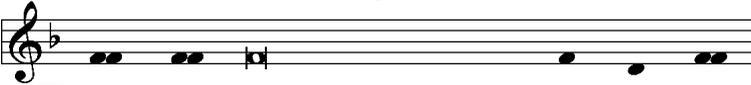
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

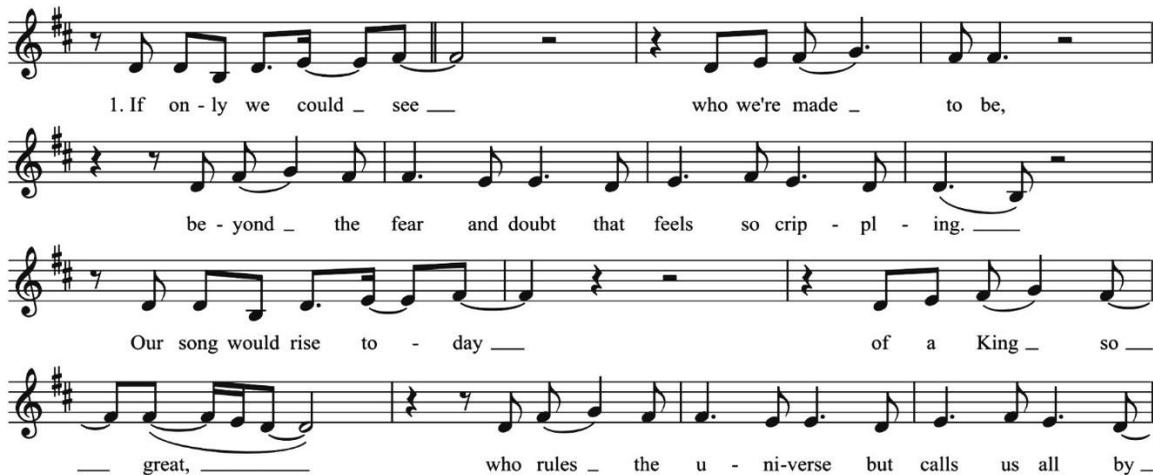


G A - men.

Song of Praise

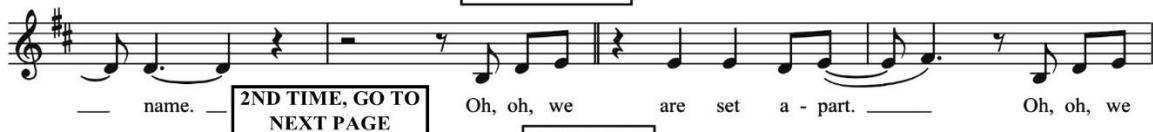
We Are The Kingdom

VERSE 1



1. If on - ly we could _ see _ who we're made _ to be,
be - yond _ the fear and doubt that feels so crip - pl - ing. _
Our song would rise to - day _ of a King _ so _
_ great, _ who rules _ the u - ni - verse but calls us all by _

PRE-CHORUS 1



_ name. _ Oh, oh, we are set a - part. _ Oh, oh, we

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CHORUS 1a



know who we are. _ We are _ the King - dom, we are _ the light.
You set _ a fi - re we can - not hide. And we'll be _ Your cit - y

INTERLUDE 1



burn - ing _ so bright, 'cause we are _ the King - dom. Oh, _
_ oh, _ oh. _

REPEAT VERSE 1



We are _ the King - dom. _

PRE-CHORUS 2



Musical notation for the first staff of the Pre-Chorus 2 section.

Oh, oh, we are set a - part.

Musical notation for the second staff of the Pre-Chorus 2 section.

Oh, oh, this is where we start.

BRIDGE

Musical notation for the first staff of the Bridge section.

We'll shine Your light and raise it high, raise it high.

Musical notation for the second staff of the Bridge section.

The King - dom of God is a - live, is a - live.

INTERLUDE 2

Musical notation for the Interlude 2 section.

Oh, oh,

CHORUS 1a & 1b

Musical notation for the first staff of the Chorus 1a & 1b section.

We are the King - dom, we are the light. You set a fi - re

Musical notation for the second staff of the Chorus 1a & 1b section, including first ending.

we can - not hide. And we'll be Your cit - y burn - ing so bright, 'cause

Musical notation for the third staff of the Chorus 1a & 1b section, including second ending.

we are the King - dom. burn - ing so bright, 'cause

Musical notation for the fourth staff of the Chorus 1a & 1b section.

we are the King - dom. (We are the King - dom.) We are the King -

ENDING

Musical notation for the first staff of the Ending section.

-dom. Oh, oh,

Musical notation for the second staff of the Ending section.

oh. We are the King - dom.

Epistle (New Testament Letter)**Romans 6:1–11 (ESV)**

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Confession of Faith**Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.— And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.—I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Sermon **“Introduction to the Arts of Spiritual Conversation”**

the **arts** of
spiritual conversations



the big idea

With a fresh perspective and simple, everyday practices, any Christian can engage in the Great Commission.

Offerings & Prayers



What to Watch For

At Bethel, we use the time of the Offering for receiving both our offerings to the Lord and our prayer requests. This is a communal time, because through our baptism, God has called us into community—the Church—to worship Him and serve one another.

The Offering “is in the sacrificial part of the liturgy where we offer our gifts to God, including our tithes” (10% of earnings set aside for the Lord) “and offerings” (over-and-above gifts to the Church). The offerings Bethel receives go to support the work of the Church—here at Bethel, in our community, and regionally, nationally, and internationally through the missions which we support through our budget.

“The public prayer is a response to the Word and all that has been heard. In the Prayer of the Church teaches us to pray not only for our own needs but also for our neighbor. This is seen in the traditional invitation: ‘Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.’”

****Quotations taken from Heaven on Earth by Art Just (CPH), Eric Andrae, and scotkinnaman.com.**

Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

Offertory (sung as Offerings are brought forward to the altar)

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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

Benedicamus & Benediction

What to Watch For

The Lord begins and closes the Divine Service. We were drawn together under the Lord's Name given to us in our baptism which we were reminded of at the Invocation. Now with that same Name, He sends us back into the world, to the places of our various callings, to live by the mercy we have received as living sacrifices to the praise of His glory and the good of our neighbor. "Benedicamus is an exhortation" "to give all honor to God alone." "Benediction is the blessing of God which is 'put upon' the worshippers at the close of the Divine Service."

**Quotations taken from Donald Jordan and scotkinnaman.com.



Benedicamus

LSB 202



A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Psalms 103:1

Benediction (Blessing)

2 Corinthians 13:14

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

All Who Believe and Are Baptized

LSB 601



1 All who be-lieve and are bap-tized Shall see the Lord's sal - va - tion;
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Ho - ly Spir - it.



Bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, They are a new cre - a - tion.
Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it.



Through Christ's re-demp-tion they shall stand A - mong the glo-rious,
Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sac - ra -



heav'n - ly band Of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.
ment we may E - ter - nal life in - her - it.

Announcements