

Because of His own testimony about Himself,
Jesus is either God or a fraud.
There is no logical middle ground.
Jesus demonstrated His deity
through prophecy, teaching, and the resurrection.

explore **God**

Is Christianity Too Narrow?
Is Jesus Really God?
Is The Bible Reliable?
Can I Trust God?

5th Sunday after Epiphany
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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 Diver – 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

Sunday 8:00AM

Elders: JJ Jones
Comm/Asst. Elder: Mike Bandman
Acolytes: Ashley Plapp, Jacob Plapp
Lay Readers: Mike Bandman, Sue Bandman
Ushers: Bob Souza, Jay Souza
Greeters: Best Family, Diane Boehm
Fellowship: Rasmussen Family
Feb. Altar Guild: Margie Tatgenhorst
Feb. Counters: Chris Mason

Sunday 10:45AM

David Ziegler
Jack Warneke
Annika Chudy, Jake Chudy
Bill Schwartz, Monte Stoltzman
Lance Rasmussen, John Schultz
Peplow Family, Pipia Family

Dawn Werfelmann
Diane Sanders

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

Carla Thompson in celebration of mother, Pat Marsh's 90th birthday.

In Today's Prayers

If you have something you'd like added,
please go to one of the Prayer Stands,
write down your request, & put in the plastic rack.



In our weekly Worship Prayers, we lift up praises, thanksgivings, requests, and concerns to our Lord. In order to help us pray to God about the wholeness of our lives in the world, we have a schedule for when we will focus on specific areas for prayer. Any immediate needs will always take priority, but in general, we will follow this schedule. Please note that this means on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, Pastor will speak the names of everyone on our health concerns list, but on other Sundays, this will be lifted up only as a general prayer for health and healing.

2nd Sunday

Our District Partners

Northern Illinois District
Concordia University—Chicago

Walcamp—outdoor ministry
Lutheran Church Charities

Our Seminaries

Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne
and Bethel member, Jacob Stoltzman, who is in his 2nd year
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Congregation: Discipleship

Help us continue to see what it means to have a “heart life,” daily lives for Jesus

Our Loved Ones in the Armed Forces *Let Pastor know if you have someone to add.*

Victoria Wuethrick, Bethel member, Air Force
Lt. Colonel Michael Ridley, USAF, Minot AFB, ND – Steve Best’s brother
Jason Lucker, Navy, had been at Great Lakes, now in school in Virginia
Marshall King, Army—son of Deb Pellettiere’s friend
David Mrnak, Army—Deb Pellettiere’s friend’s future son-in-law
Allison Luzwick, Lt., Navy—Great Lakes
Bradley Abbitt, Army—Susan Squires’ cousin
Steven Furman, Air Force—Margie Tatgenhorst’s nephew
Andrew Waala, Air Force—Brian & Sherri Waala’s son

A LITURGY OF DOUBT AND HOPE

Worship in a traditional order drawing on along with words of doubt and hope
from Scripture, poets, and writers.

Opening Anthem 8 AM "Come Into His Presence" Junior Choir
10:45 AM "Jesus Loves the Little Children" Cherub Choir

Opening Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

LSB 507 sts. 1-4



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Invocation

Jude 1-2, 20-22, 25

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

C: Amen.

P: To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ:
May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

**C: To the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority,
before all time and now and forever. Amen.**

P: We come to be built up in our most holy faith,
building one another up through the Word of God.
God the Father calls on us to have compassion on one another:

C: “Have mercy on those who doubt.”

P: God the Son calls on us to support one another
as we wait for His mercy that leads to eternal life:

**C: Jesus is able to keep us from stumbling
and to present us blameless before the presence of his glory
with great joy. Amen.**

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Confession of Sins

P: Can we just admit together that we're not fine?

C: *Because I'm not fine, and you're not fine.*

P: Can we just admit together that we're afraid?

C: *Because I'm afraid, and you're afraid.*

P: Can we just admit together that we have doubts?

C: *Because I have doubts, and you have doubts.*

P: Can we just admit together that we're not free?

C: *Because I'm not free, and I want to be.*

P: If you're not free, then call out to God with me:

C: *Emmanuel,*

God with us today,

We humbly call out Your Name:

Emmanuel,

As near as our need,

As close as the air that we breathe,

Emmanuel.

Lord, have mercy.

P: Can we just admit together that we have failed?

C: *Because I have failed, and you have failed.*

P: Can we just admit that our hands aren't clean?

C: *And our hearts aren't clean, and they'll never be.*

P: Until we're freed, and mercy sings.

C: *Emmanuel,*

God with us today,

We desperately cling to Your Name:

Emmanuel,

As near as our need,

As close as the air that we breathe.

Emmanuel.

Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Absolution (Forgiveness)

Based on liturgy by Bernie Seter and "Emmanuel" by Aaron Niequist

P: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners, which means He does not desire your death. But rather He calls you to turn from your wicked ways and find life in the life of Christ. He has had mercy upon you. He graciously forgives your sins through the death and resurrection of Your Lord Jesus Christ. He strengthens you by the power of the Holy Spirit to amend your sinful lives according to His will, and will keep you in His grace until that day when He will take you to be with Him for eternity. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Emmanuel,

God with us today,

In thanksgiving we praise Your Name:

Emmanuel,

Who came near so we are freed,

As close as the Word that we hear.

Emmanuel.

The Lord has had mercy on us.

P: Now we can admit together that we've failed,

C: *Because I am forgiven, and you are forgiven.*

P: Now we can admit together that our hands aren't clean,

C: *Because Jesus made me clean, and He made you clean.*

P: If you're now free, then call out to God with me:

C: *Emmanuel,*

God with us today,

In thanksgiving we praise Your Name:

Emmanuel.

The Lord has had mercy on us. Amen.

Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: Let us pray. O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1–8 (ESV)

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” ⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”

Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle (New Testament Letter)

Philippians 2:5–11 (CEV)

⁵[In your relationships with one another,]
think the same way that Christ Jesus thought:

⁶Christ was truly God.

But he did not try to remain equal with God.

⁷Instead he gave up everything and became a slave,
when he became like one of us.

⁸Christ was humble.

He obeyed God and even died on a cross.

⁹Then God gave Christ the highest place
and honored his name above all others.

¹⁰So at the name of Jesus everyone will bow down,
those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth.

¹¹And to the glory of God the Father everyone will openly agree,
“Jesus Christ is Lord!”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Song of Praise

Open the Eyes of My Heart

O - pen the eyes _ of my heart, _ Lord, _ o - pen the eyes _ of my heart; .

I want to see You, _ I want to see You. _

O - pen the eyes _ of my heart, _ Lord, _ o - pen the eyes _ of my heart; .

_ I want to see You, _ I want to see You. _

To see You high and lift - ed up, _ shin -

- ing in the light of Your glo - ry. _ Pour out Your pow'r and love; -

_ As we sing ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. _

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, _ ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -

- ly; _ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, _ I want to

1. see You. _ repeat as desired 2. see You. _

Holy Gospel

Luke 5:1–11 (ESV)

¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ²and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." ¹¹And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Explore God Collect (Prayer of the Today's Explore God Question)

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, Your Church has steadfastly proclaimed Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be one person, fully God and fully man. By Your infinite mercy, keep us constant in this faith and worship of Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

Praise Be to Christ

LSB 538



1 Praise be to Christ in whom we see The im - age of the
2 Praise be to Him whose sov - 'reign sway And will up - holds cre -
3 Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High, The full - ness of the



Fa - ther shown, The first-born Son re - vealed and known, The truth and
a - tion's plan; Who is, be - fore all worlds be - gan And when our
God-head shares; And yet our hu - man na - ture bears, Who came as



grace of de - i - ty; Through whom cre - a - tion came to birth,
world has passed a - way: Lord of the Church, its life and head,
man to bleed and die. And from His cross there flows our peace



Whose fin - gers set the stars in place, The un - seen pow'rs, and
Re - demp - tion's price and source and theme, A - live, the first - born
Who chose for us the path He trod, That so might sins and



this small earth, The fur - thest bounds of time and space.
from the dead, To reign as all - in - all su - preme.
sor - rows cease And all be rec - on - ciled to God.



I am trying here to prevent anyone from saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: “I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept His claim to be God.” That is one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a **lunatic**—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the **Devil** of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the **Son of God**: or else a **madman** or something worse. You can shut Him up for a **fool**, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a **demon**; or you can fall at His feet and call Him **Lord and God**. But let us not come with any patronising nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.

(C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, 52)

Confession of Faith (adapted from the Apostles' Creed)

Our Father and Creator, the One Above Us All,
made all things in the world above and the earth below.

Jesus, his special born Son,
was fathered by the Holy Spirit
and was born into this world through a virgin named Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, a ruler of the Roman people,
who had him nailed to a tree pole, the cross, where he bled to death.
He was buried and then went down to the world of the dead.
On the third day he came back to life, never to die again.
He returned to his Father in the world above
and sat down at his powerful right hand.
One day he will return to this earth to make the final decision
about the eternity of the living and the dead.

After he went to the world above,
Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to us from the Father,
to live in and through us.
There is only one holy and world-wide group of believers in Jesus
—a Sacred Family called his Church.
All of the Holy Spirit's holy people sit together equally in this Family
and share his Sacred Food at his table.
He has forgiven us and set us free from all of our broken ways,
and all who trust in him, even though they cross over to death,
will be brought back to life again,
to a life that will never end. Amen.

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

Just as I Am, without One Plea

LSB 570, sts. 1,3,5

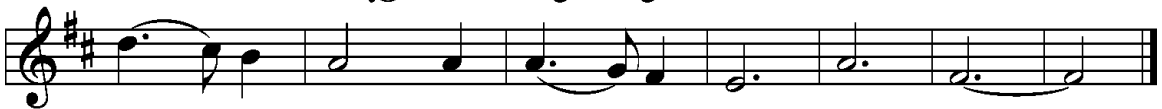
(we join in singing as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Prayers of the Church

based on Langston Hughes' poem "Prayer [2]"

P: Gather up
In the arms of Your mercy

C: **The sick, the depraved**
The desperate, the tired,

P: All the scum
Of our weary city.
Gather up

C: **In the arms of Your mercy.**

P: Gather up

C: **In the arms of Your love—**

P: Those who expect

C: **No love from above.**

P: For them—for us—

C: **We pray now.**

Pastor then offers the Prayers of the Church

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.

Benediction (Blessing)

Colossians 1:19-20

P: God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Jesus Christ, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross. You are reconciled to God the Father, through the work of God the Son, and kept in this faith by God the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

O Blessed, Holy Trinity

LSB 876



1 O bless - ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Di - vine, e -
2 My soul and bod - y keep from harm, And o - ver
3 The Fa - ther's love shield me this day; The Son's pure
4 My Mak - er, hold me in Your hand; O Christ, for -
5 Lord, bless and keep me as Your own; Lord, look in



ter - nal U - ni - ty, O Fa - ther, Son, and
all ex - tend Your arm; Let Sa - tan cause me
wis - dom cheer my way; The Ho - ly Spir - it's
giv - en let me stand; Blest Com - fort - er, do
kind - ness from Your throne; Lord, shine un - fail - ing



Ho - ly Ghost, This day Your name be up - per - most.
no dis - tress Nor bring me shame and wretch - ed - ness.
joy and light Drive from my heart the shades of night.
not de - part; With faith and love en - rich my heart.
peace on me By grace sur - round - ed; set me free.

Leadership by Definition

President - The Church President is charged with carrying out the operations of the Church and representing the Church in all official matters (along with the **Recording Secretary**). The President leads the Church Council in development of budgets and conducting the Church's business, including developing appropriate policies to guide the actions of the Church and staff.

The President's responsibilities include:

- Represent the Church in all official matters.
- Develop agendas for the monthly council meetings and periodic Voters' meetings.
- Lead the development of the annual budget.
- Develop and institute Policy.
- Support the development of leaders and filling of church positions.

This is a one-year commitment. During this year a **President-elect** will shadow the President to prepare for leading the Council in setting the long-term direction of the church.

Are you willing to serve in this capacity?

For more information on this vital role to Bethel's congregation and its fulfillment of God's mission in our community, please contact Pastor Ben Squires or Katrina Johns at 847-244-9647.