



**2nd Sunday
after
Epiphany
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday 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, David Ziegler - Handbell Director

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated according to the Lutheran Confessions based on the teaching Jesus gave his disciples and us that he is truly present in this meal. Confident that our sins are forgiven, we experience our oneness with him and each other as he gathers us at his table. His true body and blood, given and shed for us, we share in this meal as he invites in Matthew 26:26-28, "Take and eat; this is My Body ... This is My Blood..." Baptized Christians sharing these beliefs are invited to receive Communion. All others are invited to the altar rail for a blessing. Wine can be taken by common chalice, individual cup, or by dipping your wafer into the chalice. Please address questions to the Elders or the Pastor. ***Non-alcoholic wine is in purple-colored cups.***

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 8:00 AM

Elders: JJ Jones
Comm/Asst. Elder: Mike Bandman
Acolytes: Holly Faitsch, Kelsi Mulley
Lay Readers: Ben Sanders
Ushers: Don Heidlauf, Christie Kozlik
Greeters: Cindy Offerdahl, Pellettiere Family
Fellowship: Church Council
Jan. Altar Guild: Diane Sanders
Jan. Counters: Mary Kay Ames

Sunday 10:45 AM

Jack Warneke
Scott Mundrick
Annika Chudy, Jacob Chudy
Elizabeth Blasko, Joan Blasko
Lance Rasmussen, OPEN
Rosenthal Family, Swanson Family

Sheila Bunnell
Joan Blasko

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

Mari Kube in celebration of her birthday and in memory of her husband Cal's 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.

Government & Safety

Local, State and Federal government and leaders
Local police and fire departments

Local concerns

Human trafficking, here locally and across the world
Marc & Pedro, men who burglarized Bethel, 30 months probation/rehabilitation

Congregation: Spiritual Conversation

Help us talk about spiritual things that are the source and foundation for life, and build relationships and friendships that include these conversations

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THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS LITURGY

*A traditional order for worship celebrating the Spiritual Gifts
that the Holy Spirit gives to His people for serving the Church and the world.*

Opening Hymn Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing

LSB 847; tune: 417



1 Christ, our hu - man like - ness shar - ing, Heav - en's love on
2 Hear the word that Christ has spo - ken, Help the weak, the
3 Christ, in ev - 'ry con - gre - ga - tion Build Your tem - ple,
4 Come, O liv - ing Christ, re - new us, As of old in



earth por - trayed; Christ the Shep - herd, tend - ing, car - ing,
hun - gry feed; See the pow'rs of dark - ness bro - ken,
stone by stone, With Your word as firm foun - da - tion
wind and flame; With the Spir - it's pow'r en - due us,



In His death our ran - som paid: Christ the Sav - ior,
Sin - ners par - doned, cap - tives freed: Christ the Sav - ior,
For a faith ma - tured and grown: Christ the Sav - ior,
Ser - vants of Your sav - ing name: Christ the Sav - ior,



Christ the Ser - vant, Be Your life in us dis - played.
Christ the Ser - vant, Help us meet our neigh - bor's need.
Christ the Ser - vant, Make in us Your Gos - pel known.
Christ the Ser - vant, Christ whose king - dom we pro - claim.

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Invocation (Based on the hymn "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives" LSB 602)

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

C: Amen.

P: The gifts Christ freely gives
He gives to you and me

**C: To be His Church, His bride,
His chosen, saved and free!**

P: Gifts flow from baptism
Where He calls us His own;

**C: There He forgives our sins
With water and His Word;**

P: The triune God Himself
Gives you power to call Him Lord.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Lord, whose love through humble service
Bore the weight of human need,

**C: Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Offered mercy's perfect deed,**

P: We, Your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart,

**C: Setting aside for Your purpose
Every gift that You impart.**

P: But we confess unto You, Lord, all our sins and iniquities. We acknowledge how we have neglected the gifts you have given to us—our indifference to Your Word and our selfishness in not using our spiritual gifts to serve You and others, and so we confess before You in prayer:

C: Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have called me into the work of Your vineyard and lavished upon me Your grace and all manner of spiritual and eternal gifts. Help me to live in humility and patience, to hope in Your pure grace and faithfulness, to abide in Your house, and to praise and magnify Your glorious grace forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: The gifts of grace and peace
From absolution flow;

**C: The pastor's words are Christ's
For us to trust and know.**

P: Forgiveness that we need
Is granted to us here;

**C: Blest words that give us life,
His words, let us now hear.**

P: 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.**

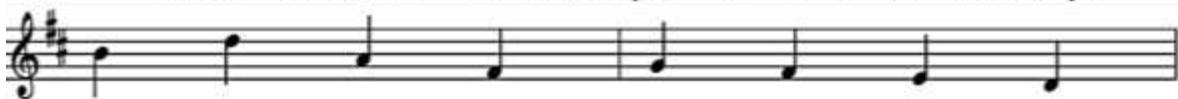
(Based on the hymns "Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service" LSB 848 & "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives" LSB 602, along with collects from LSB)

Song of Praise

The Servant Song



1. Broth - er, let me be your ser - vant. Let me be as Christ to you.
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney. We are broth - ers on the road.
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing, When you laugh I'll laugh with you.
6. Broth - er sis - ter let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you.



Pray that I might have the grace to
We are here to help each oth - er
I will share your joy and sor - row
Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
Walk the mile and bear the load.
Till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my serv - ant too.

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Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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 49:1-7 (ESV)

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar.

The LORD called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named my name.

²He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.

³And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”

⁴But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God.”

⁵And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him— for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength

⁶he says:

“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers:

“Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle (New Testament Letter)

1 Corinthians 1:1–9 (ESV)

[A letter from] ¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem **“We Need You, Lord (Besig and Price)”** **Adult Choir**

- Use the anthem’s music and words to help you to meditate on God’s Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

*When the shadows appear bringing darkness and despair,
When our hearts are feeling lonely and no one seems to care;
When there’s nowhere to turn, or we find we don’t belong,
Lord, speak to us, and comfort us, and help us to be strong.*

*We need You ev’ry hour to help us find our way,
To fill our lives with hope. To guide us through each day.
We need You, yes, we need You, ev’ry hour we need You.
O blessed Lord and Savior, we give our hearts to You.*

*When we’re feeling afraid, and we want to turn away;
When temptation overcomes us and makes us go astray;
When we stumble and fall, or the signs of doubt set in,
Lord, come to us, and walk with us, and help us start again.*

*We need You, yes, we need You, ev’ry hour we need You.
O blessed Lord and Savior, we give our hearts to You.
Lord, we give our hearts to You.*

Holy Gospel

John 1:29–42a (ESV)

²⁹[The day after John the Baptist told the priests and Levites that he was not the Christ], [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that

day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

LSB 857



1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -
 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But
 3 No gold - en scep - ter but a towel You
 4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor
 5 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -



ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -
 pow'r You laid a - side. You lived Your years in
 place with - in the hands Of those who seek to
 count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the
 ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.
 ser - vant - hood; In low - li - ness You died.
 fol - low You And live by Your com - mands.
 mean - est task That waits the gift of love.
 get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.

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Sermon

"Jesus as Servant: What Does That Mean For Us as Servants?"

Isaiah 49:1-7

Confession of Faith from 1 Corinthians 12 & 1 Peter 4

P: There are varieties of gifts,

C: but the same Holy Spirit;

P: and there are varieties of service,

C: but the same Lord Jesus;

P: and there are varieties of activities,

C: but it is the same God the Father who empowers them all in everyone.

P: To each disciple is given an expression of the Spirit

C: for the common good.

P: Just as the body is one and has many parts,

C: All the members of the body of Christ are one body.

P: As each of you has received spiritual gifts,

C: may we use them to serve one another,

P: as good stewards of God’s varied grace:

 whoever speaks,

C: speak as one who speaks the Word of God;

P: whoever serves,

C: as one who serves by the strength supplied by God

P: in order that in everything

C: God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. 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

All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

LSB 596 sts. 1, 6

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



1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of
6 So use it well! You are made new— In Christ a new cre-



heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of
a-tion! As faith-ful Chris-tians, live and do With-in your

Christ once giv - en: Con - sid - er now what God has done, The
own vo - ca - tion, Un - til that day when you pos - sess His
gifts He gives to ev - 'ry - one Bap-tized in - to Christ Je - sus!
glo - rious robe of righ-teous-ness Be-stowed on you for - ev - er!

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Prayers

The Lord's Supper: What We Believe

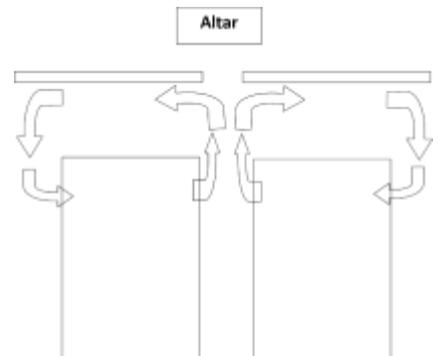
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe, we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.



Communion Distribution

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.



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.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")

First Distribution Hymn

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

LSB 702



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

Second Distribution Hymn "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

LSB 688



1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My
2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly
3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your
5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;
love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex - press,
soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,
cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My
From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge
In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.
well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.
strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."
bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

Common Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord...

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer (Based on the hymn "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" LSB 497)

P: Let us pray. Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord, with all Your graces now outpoured by Your Son's body and blood, on each believer's mind and heart; Your fervent love to us impart. Lord, by the brightness of Your light, in holy faith Your Church unite; from ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue, this to Your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung: Alleluia, alleluia! **C: Amen.**

Benediction (Blessing) (Based on the hymn "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" LSB 497)

P: Come, holy Light, guide divine,
Now cause the Word of life to shine
In you, His people, taught to know our God aright
And call Him Father with delight.
From every error may the Lord keep you free;
Let none but Christ your master be
That you in living faith abide,
In Him, our Lord, with all your might confide.
In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

LSB 691



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, May we rip - en
2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing Gifts the Giv - er
3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, May we grow till



and in - crease, Fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
har - vests cease; Till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



Rich in love and joy and peace.
Pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
Good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
Heav - en's love and joy and peace.

Generosity Expressions Series

January—February 2020

A sermon & study series to help us explore how God has designed us to express generosity

Generosity Expressions helps us to see that there's not just one way to show generosity. Generosity shows up in five different expressions: monetary giving, hospitality, emotional-relational support, volunteering-service and gifts. But each of us has a unique combination of those expressions, so that one person's generosity doesn't look the same as another.



The Generosity Expressions™ Profile

We need as many people as possible to complete this by February 2.

As a tool for this series, The Generosity Expressions™ Profile is a short online assessment experience that will give you helpful insights about yourself, but it will also help us create an anonymous report about what Bethel's generosity looks like. We need as many of you to complete this brief assessment as possible.

Go to: www.bethelgurnee.org/generosity

(**NOTE:** It asks for your name and email **ONLY** to provide you with your individual results. The congregation will only have access to anonymous data).

Sunday Series Schedule

(Sermons & Sunday AM Adult Bible Study)

January 19 - Introduction to Series / Encouragement about Online Assessment

January 26 - Volunteering / Service

February 2 - Hospitality

February 9 - Monetary Support

February 16 - Gifts

February 23 - Emotional/Relational Support