



Generosity Expressions Series

Exploring how God has designed us to express generosity in multiple ways



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***3rd Sunday after Pentecost
January 26, 2020***

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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.

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: Ashley Plapp, Jacob Plapp
Lay Readers: Al Diercks, Karen Kozlik
Ushers: Lance Rasmussen, John Kozlik
Greeters: Plapp Family,
Aaron Ratzburg Family
Fellowship: Sanders/Kreamer
Jan. Altar Guild: Diane Sanders
Jan. Counters: Mary Kay Ames

Sunday 10:45 AM

Bob Souza
Jack Warneke
Kate Kruse, Amanda Adams
Diane Mundrick, Deb Pellettiere
Scott Gutzke, Al Diercks
Traynor Family,
Marilyn & Cook Westendorf

Sheila Bunnell
Joan Blasko

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

The Ross family in celebration of David's birthday,
Bill and Lynda Oesterreich in memory of Bill's mother Clara Grossklags, and
Madeline Adams to commemorate the anniversary of her son's death.

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.

Local Churches

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Circuit (area) churches:

Beautiful Savior-Antioch, Faith-Lake Forest, Good Shepherd-Lake Villa, Immanuel-Glenview, Lord of Glory-Grayslake, St. Matthew-Hawthorn Wood Grace-Northbrook, Community of Faith-Spring Grove, Redeemer-Waukegan Prince of Peace-Waukegan

GO! Together partner churches in Gurnee:

Gurnee Community, Joy!, Lakeland, Life, Village, Immanuel, La Viña, Epicenter, House of Prayer, Rebaño Condado de Lake, Wildwood Presbyterian, New Hope, and Evangelist Matt Kearney

Waukegan Churches participating in the Mosaic Learning Community

For more info, go to <http://mosaic.tiu.edu>

Christian Neighbors, First Presbyterian, Iglesia Emanuel, Journey, Living Waters Cathedral, New Abbey, Shiloh Baptist, Sign of the Dove, Vertical Encounter, Waukegan Baptist Bible, Waukegan Christian Faith Fellowship, Waukegan Community Church

Congregation Goal: Missional Living

Living as disciples among our neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, families, friends, and daily living

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

Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens

LSB 589



1 Speak, O Lord, Your ser - vant lis - tens, Let Your Word to
2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near You And to lis - ten
3 Lord, Your words are wa - ters liv - ing When my thirst - ing
4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let Your words in



me come near; New - born life and spir - it give me,
to Your voice; Let me ev - er love and hear You,
spir - it pleads. Lord, Your words are bread life - giv - ing;
me take root. May Your Spir - it e'er be near me



Let each prom - ise still my fear. Death's dread pow'r, its in - ward
Let Your Word be now my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,
On Your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, Your words will be my
That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing Your



strife, Wars a - gainst Your Word of life; Fill me, Lord, with
Lord, Flee in ter - ror at Your Word; But to all who
light Through death's cold and drea - ry night; Yes, they are my
praise, From my heart glad an - thems raise, Till my high - est



love's strong fer - vor That I cling to You for - ev - er!
feel sin's bur - den You give words of peace and par - don.
sword pre - vail - ing And my cup of joy un - fail - ing!
praise is giv - en In the end - less joy of heav - en.

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.**

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

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.**

Song of Praise

Seek Ye First

LSB 712

***On stanzas 2 & 3, the Adult Choir will sing a descant
while the congregation sings the stanzas.***



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God, And His
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and
3 Man does not live by bread a - lone, But by



right - teous - ness. And all these things shall be
ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be
ev - 'ry word That pro - ceeds from the



add - ed un - to you! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
mouth of the Lord, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: Let us pray. Gracious Father, You direct Your people to use their gifts in service to others. Receive our thanks and praise for the faithful service of Your people gathered in this place. Bless them with wisdom and patience, and with love and faithfulness to Your Word, that they may continue to serve with gladness; 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)

[The prophet Isaiah wrote]: 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)

Titus 3:3–8 (ESV)

³For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. ⁴But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. ⁸The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:12–25 (ESV)

¹²When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee.

¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵*“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned.”*

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -
 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose
 3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong the des - o - late And
 4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To
 5 O Christ, the a - pos - tles' Lord, The mar - tyrs' strength and song, The



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new:
 words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed:
 broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate:
 serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of God:
 cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To whom the saints be - long:



Grant us to hear Your call To risk se - cu - ri - ty And,
 In - struct us now, we pray, By Your em - pow'r - ing Word. True
 Lead us a - long the ways Where hope has near - ly died And
 Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where
 Though gen - er - a - tions pass, Our trib - ute still we bring, Our



bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.
 teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.
 help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied.
 love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.
 hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our lives an of - fer - ing.

Sermon

“Called to a Life of Service”

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.



Installation & Reaffirmation of Congregational Officers & Leaders

Beloved in the Lord, the constitution and bylaws of this congregation establish various offices to which men and women are elected and appointed to serve.

The apostle Peter writes in his first epistle:

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Questioning

P: At Bethel, our mission is to help people be Disciples—life-long learners & followers of Jesus Christ. Discipleship means God awakening Disciples from head knowledge of the faith to “heart life”. Are you a disciple of Jesus? If so, answer by saying, “I am through the grace of God.”

O: *I am through the grace of God.*

P: As officers and leaders in this congregation, do you prayerfully accept your role to ensure that we pursue our mission as God's people in this place, preaching and teaching God's Word according to the Lutheran Confession, administering the Sacraments, and serving one another and our community in the Name of Jesus?

If so, answer by saying, “I do.”

O: *I do.*

P: Will you lead in such a way as to keep our three strategic initiatives in mind as you direct your areas, that we as a congregation have been led by God to focus on

- Discipleship—encouraging others to follow Jesus with their daily lives,
- Care in Community—caring for one another in this gathering of disciples, caring for our community, and doing so together as a community of Christ,
- Intentional, Spiritual Outreach—seeking ways to help one another have spiritual conversation with one another and with people in our daily lives?

If so, answer by saying, “I will.”

O: *I will.*

Continues...

P: While holiness of life and obedience to Christ are expected of all members of the congregation, it is especially important that you, as office-bearers in His Church, show yourselves, by word and example, to be faithful to Him in service and Christian devotion.

If you pledge to make this commitment, then answer by saying, “I will with the help of God.”

O: *I will by the help of God.*

Therefore, in the presence of God and of this congregation, I ask you: Do you accept the offices entrusted to you, and do you promise faithfully to carry out your duties, trusting in the Lord and conforming yourself to His Word in accordance with the faith of the Lutheran Church?

If so, then answer: I do.

R: *I do.*

Congregational Assent and Promise

P: Beloved in the Lord, you have heard the promises of faithfulness spoken by these men and women whom you have selected to serve as officers of Bethel Lutheran Church. These commitments are a reflection of our commitment together as a congregation. This is not *their* work—as if only the leaders need to pursue and support these goals. This is *OUR* work together as a gathering of disciples. Do you promise to support this work, see it the mission God has given to us *TOGETHER*, remember our leaders in your prayers, and work together according to the gifts God has given you? If so, then answer: We do.

C: *We do.*

Installation

P: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I install you as officers of Bethel Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

Blessing

P: Go in the name of the Lord, according to the grace given to you for this work, in the Name of Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: *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 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) (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

Lord of All Good

LSB 786



1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;
2 We give our minds to un - der - stand Your ways;
△ 3 Fa - ther, whose boun - ty all cre - a - tion shows;



Use them Your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill.
Hands, eyes, and voice to serve Your great de - sign;
Christ, by whose will - ing sac - ri - fice we live;



To - kens of love and pledg - es they shall be
Hearts with the flame of Your own love a - blaze—
Spir - it, from whom all life in full - ness flows:



That our whole life is of - fered to Your will.
Thus for Your glo - ry all our pow'rs com - bine.
To You with grate - ful hearts our - selves we give.

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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 26 - Volunteering / Service

February 2 - Hospitality

February 9 - Monetary Support

February 16 - Gifts

February 23 - Emotional/Relational Support