



Generosity Expressions Series

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

Hospitality



***4th 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: Mike Bandman
Comm/Asst. Elder: Al Diercks
Acolytes: Dylan Love, Owen Squires
Lay Readers: Jude Squires, Karla Stewart
Ushers: **OPEN, OPEN**
Greeters: Rayos Family,
Robinson Family
Fellowship: Betsy Evans
Feb. Altar Guild: Margie Tatgenhorst
Feb. Counters: Monte Stoltzman

Sunday 10:45 AM

Jack Wameke
Paul DeLassus
Ruth Ziegler, **OPEN**
Sheila Bunnell, Ellen Dalrymple
Scott Gutzke, **OPEN**
Don & Deborah Wuethrick,
Ziegler family
Dawn Werfelmann
Bill & Kathy Schwartz

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

Chris Mason & Sue Walker in celebration of their father Roy Roberts' 98th birthday (2/1).

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.

Missionaries

Pastor Nicholas Salifu and churches in Northern Ghana
Chris, Heather, Moses & Micah
Carlos & Suzanne Tejada, former preschool family, Costa Rica

Prayers for Justice

Heal our communities, break systems of injustice, use us as Your people
help us see others as children of God

Our local partners

Love INC—serving churches to help Christians serve those in need
COOL—food bank and transitional housing
PADS—homeless advocacy and support
A Safe Place—support for those affected by domestic violence
Informed Choices—Pregnancy & Parenting centers, Grayslake & Crystal Lake

Congregation: Care in Community

We will provide direct assistance and build supportive relationships

GENEROSITY SERVICE

A service celebrating God's generosity to us—especially in His generous salvation offered as a gift to us in Jesus Christ. May that generosity transform us.

Opening Hymn

With the Lord Begin Your Task

LSB 869



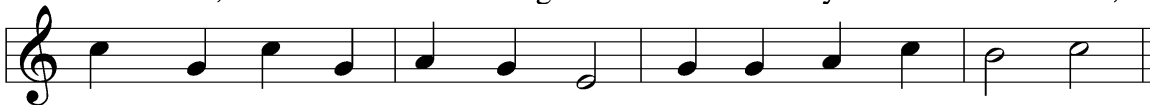
1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di - rect it.
2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise, and ad - o - ra - tion.
3 With your Sav - ior at your side, Foes need not a - larm you;
4 If your task be thus be - gun With the Sav - ior's bless - ing,
5 Thus, Lord Je - sus, ev - 'ry task Be to You com - mend - ed;



For His aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus will per - fect it.
On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is your sal - va - tion.
In His prom - is - es con - fide, And no ill can harm you.
Safe - ly then your course will run, Toward the prom - ise press - ing.
May Your will be done, I ask, Un - til life is end - ed.



Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, And when day is end - ed,
Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night Je - sus will be near you,
All your trust and hope re - pose In the might - y Mas - ter,
Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where While you here must wan - der;
Je - sus, in Your name be - gun Be the day's en - deav - or;



In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him com - mend - ed.
Save you from the tempt - er's might, With His pres - ence cheer you.
Who in wis - dom tru - ly knows How to stem dis - as - ter.
You at last the joy will share In the man - sions yon - der.
Grant that it may well be done To Your praise for - ev - er.

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Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Generosity Praises

based on 1 Cor. 2:12; 2 Cor. 9:11; Prov. 11:25; Rom. 12:6,8; James 1:17

P: We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God,

C: that we may understand what God has freely given us.

P: You will be made rich in every way

C: so that you can be generous on every occasion.

P: A generous person will prosper;

C: The one who refreshes others will also be refreshed.

P: We have different gifts, according to the grace,
the gift of God, given to us. If it is encouraging,

C: let him encourage;

P: if it is contributing to the needs of others,

C: let him give generously;

P: if it is leadership,

C: let him lead diligently;

P: if it is showing mercy,

C: let him do it cheerfully.

P: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above,

C: coming down from the Father of lights. Amen.

Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)

based on Titus 3:3-7

P: Confess—admit your sin before the Lord and before one another.

**C: In our sinful condition, we were foolish, disobedient,
deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures.
We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.**

P: But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,

C: He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done,

P: but because of his mercy.

C: He saved us through the washing of rebirth—

P: Your baptism into the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: He saved us through the renewal by the Holy Spirit—

P: The Spirit He poured out on you generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,

C: So that, now we are made right in God's eyes,

P: You are justified by his grace, a free gift to you through God's generosity. You are forgiven, made right, justified in the Name of the Father, the Son, & the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen! Now we inherit all the riches of the kingdom of God as His children.

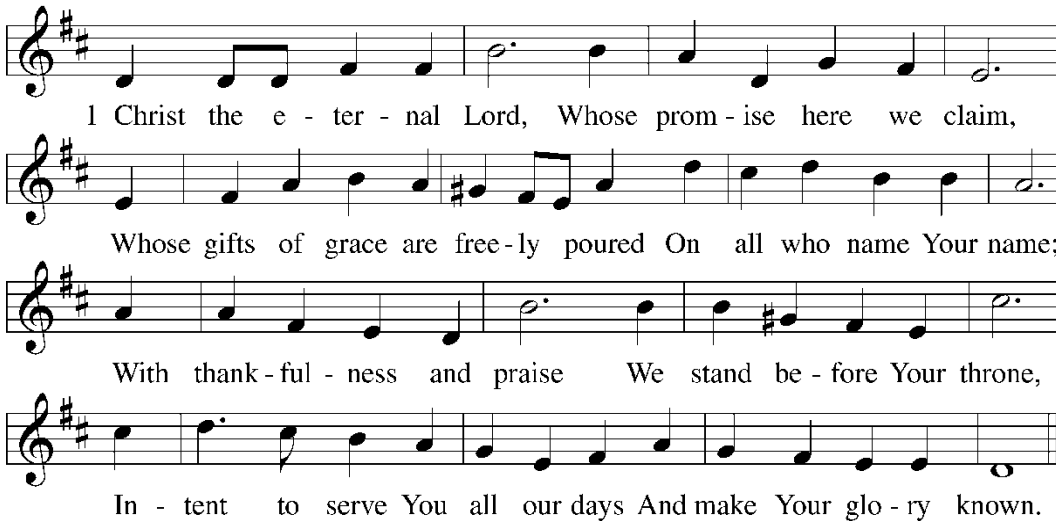
P: You inherit the gift of the hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Christ the Eternal Lord

LSB 829, st. 1



I Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,
Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;
With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,
In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.

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Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Lord God, protect and guide us as a congregation gathered here and as we go on our way throughout the week. Let us show hospitality to all who visit this congregation and everyone we meet each day, so that those who in our presence may find Your peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Anthem

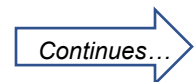
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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.

*Come, Thou Fount of ev’ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I’m fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I’m come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wond’ring from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.*



O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it. Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, for Thy courts above.
Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.

Old Testament Reading

Micah 6:1–8 (ESV)

¹Hear what the LORD says:

Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has an indictment against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³“O my people, what have I done to you?

How have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

[And it is as if the people reply saying]:

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

[The prophet with the voice of the Lord says]:

⁸He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Reading

Psalm 15 (ESV)

¹O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?

Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

²He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart;

³who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor,
nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

⁴in whose eyes a vile person is despised,
but who honors those who fear the LORD;
who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

⁵who does not put out his money at interest
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.

He who does these things shall never be moved.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Preparation Song

Blest Are They

LSB 982 sts. 1, ref, 2-3



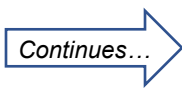
1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; Theirs is the
2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; They shall in -
3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; Mer - cy



king - dom of God. Blest are they, full of
her - it the earth. Blest are they who hun - ger and
shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of



sor - row; They shall be con - soled.
thirst; They shall have their fill.
heart; They shall see God!



Refrain

Re - joyce _____ and be glad! _____ Bless-ed are you,
 ho-ly are you. Re - joyce _____ and be glad! _____ Yours is the
 king - dom of God. _____

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
 for they shall be satisfied.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.



1 In Christ there is no east or west,
 2 With God there is no tribe or race;
 3 So, broth - ers, sis - ters, praise His name
 4 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith,
 5 In Christ now meet both east and west;



In Him no south or north, But one great fel - low -
 In Him we all are one. He loves us as His
 Who died to set us free From sin, di - vi - sion,
 What - e'er your race may be; Who serves my Fa - ther
 In Him meet south and north. All Chris - tian souls are



ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.
 chil - dren through Our faith in His dear Son.
 hate, and shame, From spite and en - mi - ty!
 as His child Is sure - ly kin to me.
 one in Him Through - out the whole wide earth.

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Sermon***“How Do We Receive & Treat Others?”******Psalm 15******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.

Offering Preface

based on King David's prayer in 1 Chronicles 29:10-14

P: Praise be to you, O Lord, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

**C: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.**

P: Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

C: Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.

P: In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

C: Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

P: But who are we that we should be able to give as generously as this?

**C: Everything comes from you,
and we have given you only what comes from your hand. Amen.**

Offering & Prayer Requests

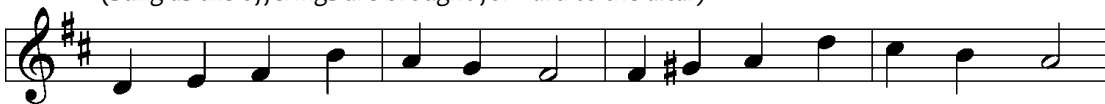
In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

Offertory

Take My Life and Let it Be

LSB 783 sts. 1, 4, 6

(Sung as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

Prayers

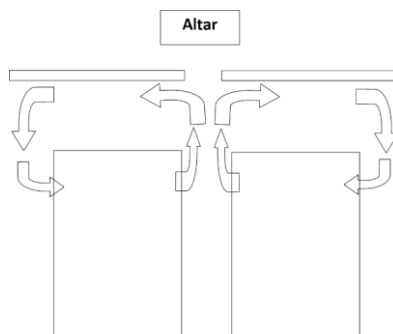
The Lord's Supper: What We Believe

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.



Preparation for the Lord's Supper & Lord's Prayer

LSB 290, 203, & others

P: I will go to the altar of God,

C: to God, my exceeding joy.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: Since we are gathered to receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, and in His incredible generosity shown to us in the death of His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. In perfect love for us Jesus Christ our God and Lord became incarnate, died, and rose for our sake. He bestows the benefits of His redeeming work on us as He places His body and blood into our mouths in the Sacrament of the Altar. As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: We pray: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So 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

Your Table I Approach

LSB 628



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach;	Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins	And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
3 Your bod - y and Your blood,	Once slain and shed for me,
4 Search not how this takes place,	This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart	Prove hurt - ful to me there.
A con - trite heart is sure to find	For - give - ness at Your hands.
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord,	In blest re - al - i - ty.
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more	Than what we think could be.

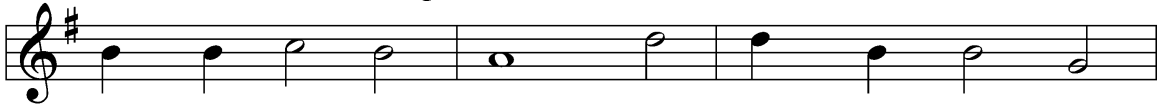
5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

Second Distribution Hymn Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing LSB 528, sts. 1-4,6-7



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -
3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.
sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made
For ev'ry soul of man.
- 7 To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n.

Common Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and blood. . .and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Generosity Praises

based on Psalm 106:1-5,47-48

P: Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: **his love endures forever.**

P: Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare his praise?

C: **Remember us, O Lord, when you show favor to your people,
come to our aid when you save them,**

P: that we may enjoy the prosperity of your chosen ones,
that we may share in the joy of your nation

C: **So we may join your inheritance in giving praise.**

P: Save us, O Lord our God,

C: *and gather us from the nations,*

P: So that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

C: *Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.*

P: Let all the people say, "Amen! Praise the Lord."

C: *Amen! Praise the Lord.*

Benediction

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve you.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

On What Has Now Been Sown

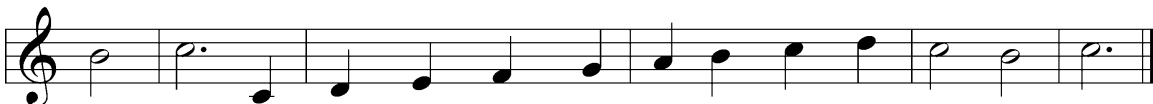
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1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

Announcements

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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)

February 2 - Hospitality

February 9 - Monetary Support

February 16 - Gifts

February 23 - Emotional/Relational Support