



1 CORINTHIANS 15
JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED AND ROSE AGAIN

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NARRATIVE LECTIONARY – YEAR 2

Worship in a traditional order drawing words from Year 2 of the Narrative Lectionary from the appointed readings from the Old Testament, Acts, and 1 Corinthians.

Opening Hymn

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

LSB 556 sts. 1, 4–5



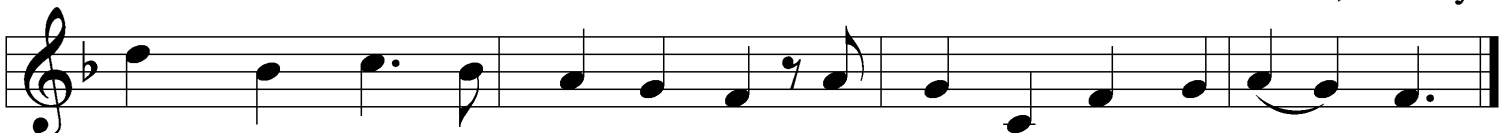
1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joi-ce, With ex - ul - ta - tion
4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be - fore the world's foun -
5 God said to His be - lov - ed Son: "It's time to have com -



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly
da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for
pas - sion. Then go, bright jew - el of My crown, And bring to



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How
my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He
all sal - va - tion. From sin and sor - row set them free; Slay



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!
did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure.
bit - ter death for them that they May live with You for - ev - er."

Invocation (based on Deuteronomy 6:4-6)

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Years ago Moses said, "Hear, O Israel." Today I say, "Hear, O people of God."

C: **We hear!**

P: Then declare the words of faith which God gave to your ancestors through Moses:

C: **The LORD is our God,
the LORD is one!**

We love the LORD our God with all our soul and all our heart and all our strength.

P: Keep these words in mind today even as we enter into His presence in worship.

C: **The LORD is our God,
the LORD is one!**

We love the LORD our God with all our soul and all our heart and all our strength. Amen.

Song of Praise

Come Now Is The Time To Worship

CHORUS

Come, now is the time ___ to wor - ship. ___

Come, now is the time ___ to give ___ your ___ heart. ___

Come, just as you are ___ to wor - ship. ___

Come, just as you are ___ be-fore ___ your ___ God. ___

End here on final time

VERSE

Come. 1. One day ev - 'ry tongue will con-fess ___ You are God. ___
2. Will - ling - ly we serve and sur-ren - der our lives. ___

One day ev - 'ry knee ___ will bow. ___ Still, the great-est treas-ure re-mains _
Will - ing - ly our knees ___ will bow. ___ With all our heart, ___ soul, ___ mind, _

___ for ___ those ___ who glad - ly ___ praise _ You now. ___
___ and ___ strength ___ we glad - ly ___ serve _ You now. ___

Confession and Absolution (Hosea 11:1-9)

P: The Lord spoke to His people through the prophet Hosea:

“The more I summoned them, the farther they departed from Me.
They sacrificed to the Baal idols and burned incense to images.”

C: *We, too, are confronted with our sin:*

God took us by the arm,

but we did not acknowledge that He has saved us.

God lifted the yoke of sin from our necks,

placing the burden on Jesus,

but we have often refused to repent!

We look for help in ourselves and in others and in false things.

We know we continue to turn away from the Lord God.

Forgive our sinful hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ who died and rose again. Amen.

P: Again the Lord spoke to His people through the prophet Hosea,

and He speaks these words of His enduring love to us:

“How can I give you up? How can I surrender you?

How can I treat you like a people destined for destruction?

How can I make you like a city wiped off the face of the Earth?

I will show you mercy, pulling back the punishment that you deserve.

All My tender compassions are aroused.

I will not carry out My fierce anger!

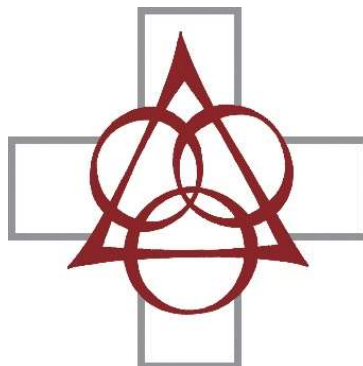
I cannot totally destroy you!

Because I am God—the Holy One among you—

I will not come in wrath!”

Therefore, based on this promise of God’s steadfast love, 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 (based on Hosea 11:8-9)

Tune: LSB 816

1 The Lord God will not give up you, And He will not sur -
2 In Je - sus He shows stead - fast love; He puts His wrath on -
ren - der you; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
to His Son; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
He will not wipe out or con - demn; He will show mer - cy
You now are ho - ly in His sight; Je - sus has giv - en
to the end; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
you His life; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Preparation for the Reading of the Word (based on 2 Kings 23:1-3)

P: When King Josiah heard that a lost and forgotten book of God's Word had been found in the temple, he called together all of the people, and like today

C: all the people were there, from the youngest to the oldest.

P: The king read aloud all the words of the scroll of the covenant. He called on the people to commit themselves to God's Word, as we do today:

C: all the people are here, from the youngest to the oldest, to hear God's own Word. Amen.

Narrative Lectionary Reading—Part One

1 Corinthians 15:1-1 (NET)

Now I want to make clear for you, brothers and sisters, the gospel that I preached to you, that you received and on which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³ For I passed on to you as of first importance what I also received—that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day according to the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than 500 of the brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as though to one born at the wrong time, he appeared to me also. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been in vain. In fact, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, this is the way we preach and this is the way you believed.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You call Your Church to repentance and faith to receive Your merciful forgiveness and to unite us as Your people in Christian love. Grant that Your Church may be anchored in Your truth by the presence of the Holy Spirit and kept blameless in Your service until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn of the Day

This Joyful Eastertide

LSB 482

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
 2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son

sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
 riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
 slum - ber Till trump - ets east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row:
 My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:
 Shall wake the dead in num - ber:

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,



Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



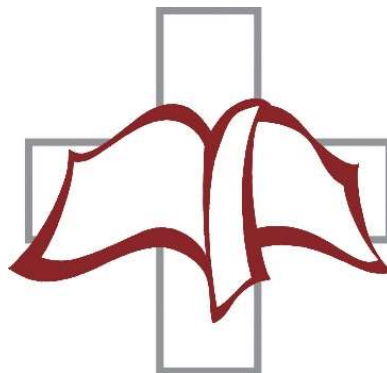
ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

Sermon

Narrative Lectionary Reading—Part Two

1 Corinthians 15:12–19 (NET)

¹² Now if Christ is being preached as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is futile and your faith is empty. ¹⁵ Also, we are found to be false witnesses about God, because we have testified against God that he raised Christ from the dead, when in reality he did not raise him, if indeed the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is useless; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Furthermore, those who have fallen asleep in Christ have also perished. ¹⁹ For if only in this life we have hope in Christ, we should be pitied more than anyone.



Narrative Lectionary Reading—Part Three **1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 51-57 (NET)**

²⁰ But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead also came through a man. ²² For just as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ, the firstfruits; then when Christ comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, when he has brought to an end all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be eliminated is death.

⁵¹ Listen, I will tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵² in a moment, in the blinking of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ Now when this perishable puts on the imperishable, and this mortal puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will happen,

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵ *“Where, O death, is your victory?*

Where, O death, is your sting?”

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

Verse of Praise (based on Deuteronomy 6:4-5)

LSB 694 st. 1

1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tow - er; Thee will I
love, my hope, my joy. Thee will I love with all my
pow - er, With ar - dor time shall ne'er de - stroy. Thee will I
love, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.

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 (Based on Genesis 2 and Isaiah 11:2)

LSB 500 sts. 1, 3

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



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's foun - da - tions
3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high; Your sev'n - fold gifts to



first were laid, Come, vis - it ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come,
us sup - ply; Help us e - ter - nal truths re - ceive And



pour Your joys on hu - man - kind; From sin and sor - row
prac - tice all that we be - lieve; Give us Your - self that



set us free; May we Your liv - ing tem - ples be.
we may see The glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.

Prayers

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

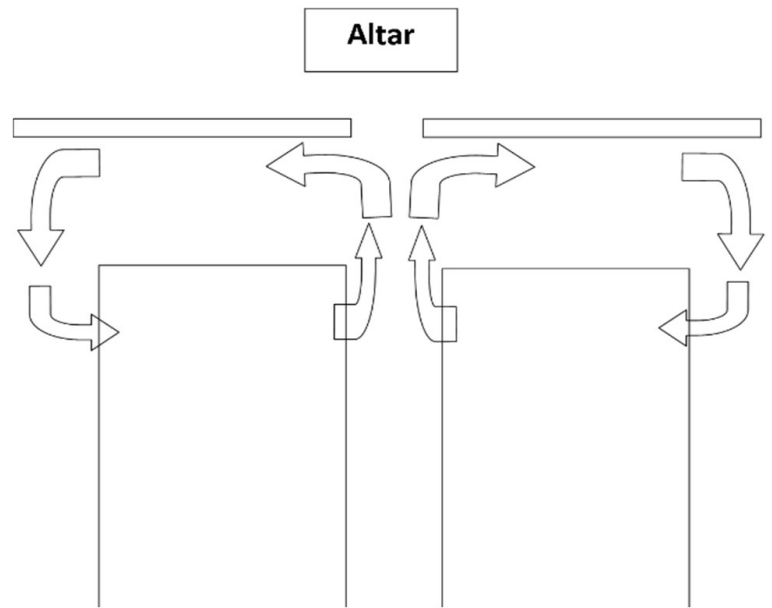
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

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.
- Use the distribution time to prepare yourself for communion, sing the hymns as prayers to God, and maintain this as meditative time.



Preface of the Lord's Supper (based on 2 Samuel 5:1-5)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: When God made David to be King over Israel, the people came to him saying:

C: "We are your very flesh and blood!"

P: David was their true King, even as the Lord had said to him:

C: "You will shepherd my people Israel."

P: But now we have One who is even greater than David—Jesus,
and we come to Him saying:

C: We are Your very flesh and blood!

P: Jesus is our true King, who lays down His life for His sheep, even as the Lord said to Him:

C: "You will shepherd My people."

P: Jesus shares in our flesh and blood, and by His death and resurrection,
through this holy meal, He gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins.

C: This bread and wine is Your very flesh and blood!

We are Your sheep, and You are the Good Shepherd King. Amen.

Sanctus

LSB 637 sts. 1, 3



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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.")



Distribution Anthem**I Will Remember Thee****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.

According to thy gracious word, with great humility,
 This will I do, my dying Lord, I will remember Thee.
 Thy body, broken for my sake,
 My bread from heaven shall be.
 And with Thy cup I take and drink and, thus, remember Thee.

When to the cross I turn my eyes and rest on Calvary,
 O Lamb of God my sacrifice, I must remember Thee.

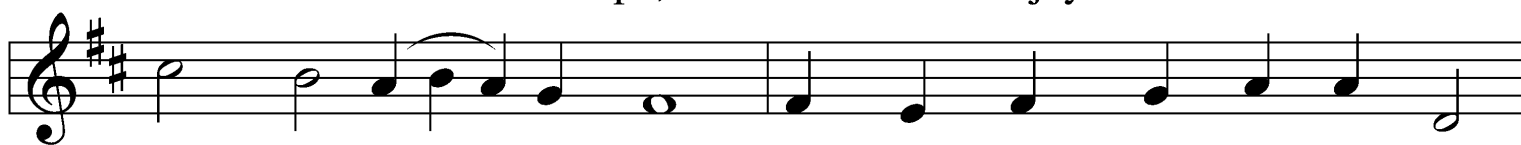
According to thy gracious word, with great humility,
 This will I do, my dying Lord, I will remember Thee.
 This will I do, my dying Lord. Yes, I will remember Thee.

Distribution Hymn**At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing**

LSB 633 sts. 1, 4, 6-7



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal
 6 Now no more can death ap - pall, Now no
 7 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy! This a -



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love
 more the grave en - thrall; You have o - pened par - a - dise,
 lone can sin de - stroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!
 And Your saints in You shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 New - born souls in You to be. Al - le - lu - ia!

Post-Communion Prayer (based on Exodus 3:7-8)

P: Let us pray. Father Most Holy, even as You saw Your people in slavery and in Egypt and rescued them by Your powerful hand, so You have surely seen our affliction in slavery to sin. You have heard our cries and know our sorrows. Your Son has come down to deliver us and to bring us up from the grave to life after death through His cross and resurrection. We rejoice to receive this Gospel through His body and blood. Guide us in our continued wandering until that day when You send Your Son to bring us all to Your promised land of the new life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction (Blessing) (based on Deuteronomy 6:4-8)

P: Hear, O people of God.

C: **We hear!**

P: Declare the words of faith which God gave to your ancestors through Moses:

C: **The LORD is our God,
the LORD is one!**

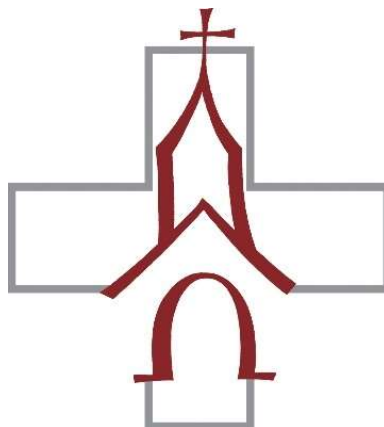
We love the LORD our God with all our soul and all our heart and all our strength.

P: Keep these words in mind as you go from this place. Teach them to your children and speak of them as you sit in your house, as you walk along the road, as you lie down, and as you get up. May the Lord God keep these words of faith in your heart in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

**The LORD is our God,
the LORD is one!**

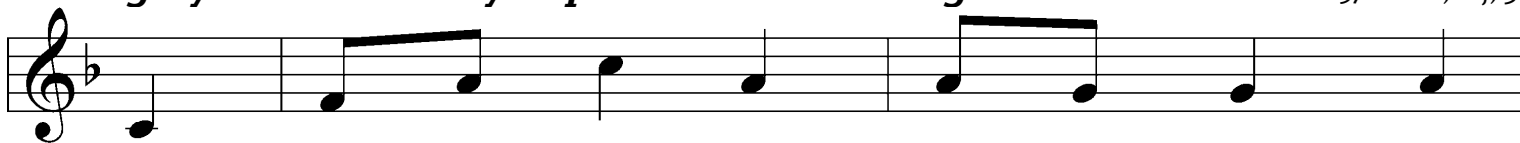
We love the LORD our God with all our soul and all our heart and all our strength. Amen.



Closing Hymn

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

LSB 576 sts. 1, ref, 3



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup -

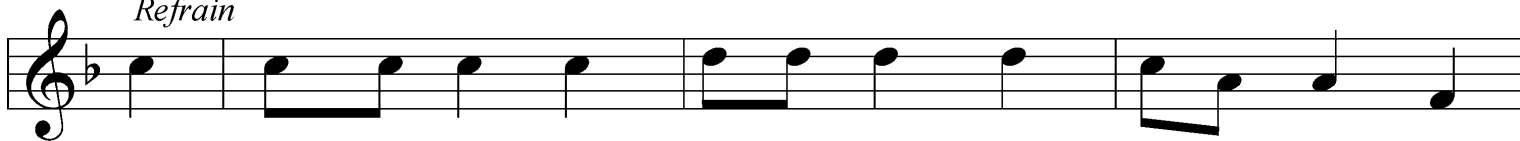


Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
port me in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Announcements

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UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE



SUNDAY, MAY 5

WORSHIP (IN GYM W/COMMUNION) – 9AM
FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM
EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

SUNDAY, MAY 12

WORSHIP (IN GYM) – 9AM
FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM
EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

SUNDAY, MAY 19

WORSHIP (IN GYM W/COMMUNION) – 9AM
FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM
EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

THURSDAY, MAY 23

WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 6:30PM

SUNDAY, MAY 26

WORSHIP (IN GYM) – 9AM

CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SCHEDULE. USHERS, READERS, AND VARIOUS OTHER VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP AND COMMUNION. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR ONE OF THOSE ROLES, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT OFFICE@BETHELGURNEE.ORG.

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.

“Liturgy” is defined as “public service,” meaning God serving His people through the proclamation of the Gospel and administration of the sacraments. However, we often use “liturgy” to also mean the “order of service.”

Bethel rotates through a series of liturgies (orders of service).

Some are taken directly from *Lutheran Service Book (LSB)*, the hymnal of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Others are adapted from *LSB*. Other liturgies have been developed for use at Bethel, many of which focus on using words taken from a specific book of the Bible or highlighting the focus of a church year season.

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.

A list of some of the liturgies commonly in use at Bethel:

- 1 Corinthians Service
- 500th Anniversary
of the Reformation
- All God’s People Sing
- Luther’s Small Catechism Service
- A Liturgy of Doubt & Hope
- Divine Service & Story
(Narrated Explanation)
- Generosity Service
- LSB Divine Service I
- Gospel of Luke
- Gospel of Mark
- Gospel of Matthew
- Morning Prayer
- Psalm Service
- Spiritual Gifts
- The Word of God Service
(1 & 2 Timothy)

