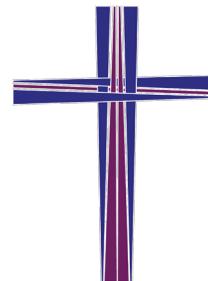




Bethany Lutheran & Partners in Faith

welcome you to worship!



Baptism of Our Lord

January 10, 2021

8:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

We Gather

Prelude

Susan Barta

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"

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Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, **creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music*“Let There Be Peace on Earth”*

DeAnna Westphal and Mark Nymo

Second Reading**Acts 19:1-7**

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ³Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied — ⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Moment

Angie Buchli

Gospel Acclamation*“Bethlehem Highway”*

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Gospel Reading**Mark 1:1-11**

The holy gospel according to St. Mark the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’”

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message

Pastor Peter Muschinske

Hymn of the Day*“Baptized and Set Free”*

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Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

Offering

Bethany Text Giving Available: 715-303-3484

Offering Hymn

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

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Offering Prayer

O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. **Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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.

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

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Prayer after Communion

We Are Sent

Announcements

In Remembrance

Howard Pitts
Gene Gilbertson

Blessing

Sending Hymn

"Let All Things Now Living"

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Amy Brekke

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
give your life for all, to give your life for all.
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

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Gospel Acclamation: Refrain, Verse 2, Refrain

BETHLEHEM HIGHWAY

David Lee Brown
James Hersch

There is hope on Beth - le - hem high - way for the
ones who will jour - ney there. And the hope is the
child in a man - ger bring - ing us love be - yond com - pare. *Fine* It's a
Let the
life - line for the need - y. It's — sight — to those who can't
an - gels go be - fore us. Let the dark - ness be - come —
see. It's a free - dom for the faith - ful in a
light. Now the Sav - ior lives a - mong us. Now
Child of proph - e - cy. There is
truth has come to life.

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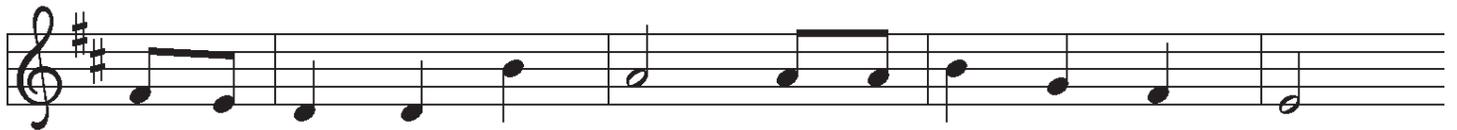
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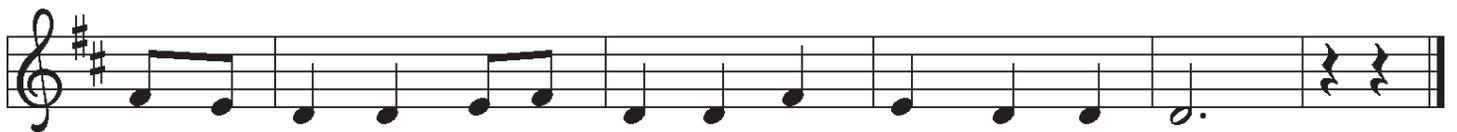
1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

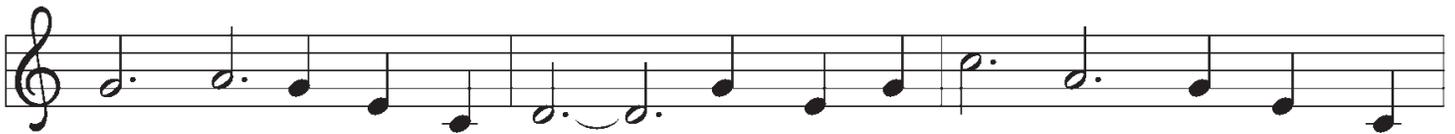
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Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner
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Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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We Come to the Hungry Feast



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever

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Let All Things Now Living

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
 2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.
 deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

The Bethany WeekAhead • January 10 - 16, 2021

Sunday
10 **Baptism of Our Lord**
8:00 AM Worship/Streamed Online & Radio
11:00 AM Club 9/Zoom

Monday
11 **Good NewsBreak Deadline**
6:30 PM Property Committee/Zoom

Tuesday
12 9:00 AM Staff Meeting/Zoom
10:30 AM Executive Committee/Zoom
12:00 PM Lunch Box/Parking Lot
5:30 PM Personnel Committee/Zoom

Wednesday
13 5:00 PM Here We Stand/Zoom

Thursday
14 9:30 AM Caring Community Coordinators/Zoom
5:00 PM Worship & Music/Zoom
7:00 PM AA/3F

Friday
15

Saturday
16

Main Level: CR-Conference Room GR-Gathering Room LI-Library NA-Narthex SA-Sanctuary NS-Nursery
Lower Level: LL-Luther Lecture FH-Fellowship Hall QR-Quilting Room YR-Youth Room *Upper Level:* 3F-3rd Floor

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Pledge Information as of January 5, 2021

Pledge Commitments Received for 2021: *General* - \$451,291 *Building* - \$62,270

We have received pledges from 190 families.

Last year at this time, we had received pledges from 200 families: *General* - \$497,148 *Building* - \$58,922

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If you have not returned your 2021 pledge card, please do so at your earliest convenience.

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Interim Pastor Peter Muschinske *Cell:* 314-703-1496
Pastor Luci Sesvold *Cell:* 715-225-0979

Budget Forum: If you have questions about the 2021 proposed budget, please attend the budget forum on Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. You can join via the Zoom app or telephone. The Zoom link will be available soon.

Annual Meeting: Bethany's Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. You can join via the Zoom app or telephone. If neither of these options works for you, please contact the office for more information on alternative attendance options. The Zoom link will be available soon.

If you have questions about the Annual Meeting process or contents, please contact Bill Evans, Council President. Rev. Erin Nelson from the NWSWI will be moderating and helping with Zoom.

Will you help with a Welcome Video? Couples, singles, families or group of friends, of all ages, are wanted to record a Welcome Video that will be played at the beginning of worship. It's so easy, just sign up for a date, then Amy Brekke will contact you, send you the script and arrange a time to come to your home to record. It's a really fun way to contribute to worship! Signups can also be found on the Bethany website under the Signups tab.

Will you help read in worship? We are in need of persons who enjoy reading out loud to read the Sunday lessons. These will be recorded, then added to our Sunday worship service. Just sign up for a date, Leah Hullinger will send you the reading(s) and Amy Brekke will contact you to arrange a time to record in the Sanctuary or provide instructions on how to record at your home. Signups can also be found on the Bethany website under the Signups tab.

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A Moment for Stewardship: Thank you for the financial gifts you shared this year and the pledges you have submitted for 2021. Your generosity supports the multiple ministries of Bethany. If you have not returned your pledge for 2021, please do so at your earliest convenience. You may direct any questions to Dawn Paul, Business Director, at 715-296-2817.

Christmas Box Thank You: THANK YOU! Whether you gave a gift of time, or a gift of items or a gift of financial support, thank you! Joining our gifts together provided 150 boxes of Christmas dinners and hope to people who needed a little of both this Christmas.

You provided evidence that the church is more than a place. It is through our hands that the love of God Is experienced.

Do you have a favorite hymn you would like us to sing during worship? Amy is seeking hymn requests to be sung during our offering time. They can be in honor of, or in memory of at your request. If you have a special hymn, please email or call Amy Brekke at brekke.amy@gmail.com or 715-651-6991.

Special Music: Amy is always looking for more people to be involved in Bethany's Music Ministry. If you are interested in providing special music or have ideas you would like to share, please contact Amy Brekke at brekke.amy@gmail.com or 715-651-6991.

COVID-19 Update: The year 2021 brings some optimism with vaccines, declining case numbers and hospitalizations. We hope the trend continues, but at this time, cannot recommend resuming in person worship as Barron county remains critically high for cases. Please continue to wear masks, practice hand washing and stay safe at home as much as possible. Get your flu shot if you haven't done so yet, and take advantage of the Covid vaccine when it becomes available to you. If you have questions, contact Pam Crouse, chair, at pamelacrouse@hotmail.com.

For the latest information from the Safely Regathering Task Force, please visit Bethany's COVID-19 Updates page. On the page you will find the bi-weekly update video, information about which phase of regathering Bethany is in and resource links for more information.

Did You Know: The congregation assessment tool was completed by 225 people or 79% of the average worship attendance. There are primary benefits from this figure: 1) People were intent upon leadership's invitation to provide input and 2) There is strong confidence in the validity of the data with this level of response.

Sunday School Lessons are available online: Even though we are not meeting in person at the moment, you can still participate in Sunday School! The lessons are posted on Bethany's website under the At-Home Resources page. The page is password protected, due to copyright, so please see the email from Angie Buchli for the password. If you did not receive the email and password, please contact Angie at abuchli@bethanyricelake.org.

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WJMC 96.1 FM & 1240 AM

Worship: Sundays 8:00 a.m.

Live Streaming: Sundays 8:00 a.m. on Bethany's website and Facebook page

Cable Broadcast: Channels 992 (Charter) & 993 (Mosaic)
Sundays 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM; Thursdays 7:00 PM

Prayer Ministry

New Prayers for Members: Dave Lhotka

Ongoing Prayers for Members: Sandie Anderson • Red Axtell • Jaquan Bever • Laif Bever • Irene Christianson • Bonnie Dahl • Ron Debner • Jonathan Fritz • Jim Hagen • Kevin Jacobson • Doug Karis • Carolyn Kochel • Alyssa McCullough • Dick Moe • Regina Mueller • Randy Read • Shirley Stokes • Virginia Tronstad • Ray Vaughn

New Prayers for Family & Friends of Members:

Ongoing Prayers for Family & Friends of Members: Bob Carter • Chuck Dahl • Mary Glaubitz • John Jaros • Clara Kern • Paul Klancher • Pr. Chad Kohlmeyer & Family • Bob & Marianne Koser • Charlie Lawton • Mark Loehlein • Gloria Mattakat • Colin McCann • Bruce Olson • Kaye Olson • Nolan Passint • Mary Simma • Holly Thompson • Kelly White (Anderson) • Paul Wilker

Active Military Duty: Tanner Ely • Samuel Krebs • Alex Kusilek • Jonathan Marsh • Ethan Nieman • Alain Pierre • Jason Randall • Abby Ring

Sympathy and Grief: Doug Brown and family upon the death of his mother, Barbara.

Pat Gilbertson and family upon the death of her husband, Gene.

Taylor Page and family upon the death of his mother, Doreatha.

Family and friends of Howard Pitts upon his death.

Jim Sevals and family upon the death of his mother, Mildred.

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You may make requests for the Prayer Ministry by calling the church office at 715-234-9028. You can also email bethany@bethanyricelake.org or fill out a request form on Bethany's website.

Prayers for Our Home Members

Sandie Anderson • Edie Berg • June Brunette • Irene Christianson • Foster Dunwiddie • Pauline Eidahl • Donna Gagner • Elaine Gonske • Betty Granum • Nancy Herbert • Esther Honetor • Alice Johnson • Sid & Carolyn Johnson • Dick Moe • Lois Nefstead • Randy Read • Nadyne Reiten • Janie Riggs • Jaci Willhite

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