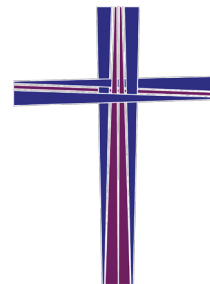




Bethany Lutheran & Partners in Faith

welcome you to worship!



Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 17, 2021

8:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

We Gather

Prelude

Susan Barta and Amy Brekke

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin - our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of + Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

"Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"

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Greeting

Blessed be the holy Trinity + one God, our Prince of Peace, our Might God, our Wonderful Counselor, who is and was and is to come. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, **most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

Reading

I Samuel 3:1-10

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

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

Special Music

"Speak, O Lord"

DeAnna Westphal

Children's Moment

Angie Buchli

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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Gospel Reading

John 1:43-51

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

Message

Pastor Luci Sesvold

Hymn of the Day

"Here I Am, Lord"

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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

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Offering Hymn

"Earth and All Stars"

Bulletin Page 7: Vs. 1, 2, 5

Requested in memory of her husband, Val by Lynn Sulackow

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

"God Extends an Invitation"

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Prayer after Communion

We Are Sent

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn

"The People Walk"

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

Amy Brekke

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

Refrain / Estribillo



Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

Refrain / Estribillo



walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

Text: Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955, *Misa popular salvadoreña*; tr. Bret Hesla, b. 1957, and William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956
Music: VAMOS TODOS AL BANQUETÉ, Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955
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Gospel Acclamation

ALLELUIA

Larry Olson



Al - le - lu - ia Al - - le - lu - ia, I am the light of the world.



Al - le - lu - ia Al - - le - lu - ia, I am the light of the world.



Those who fol - low me will not walk in dark - ness.



Those who fol - low me will have the light of life.

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Hymn of the Day

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

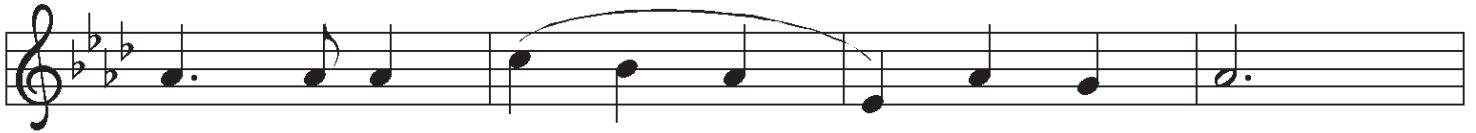


lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Earth and All Stars!



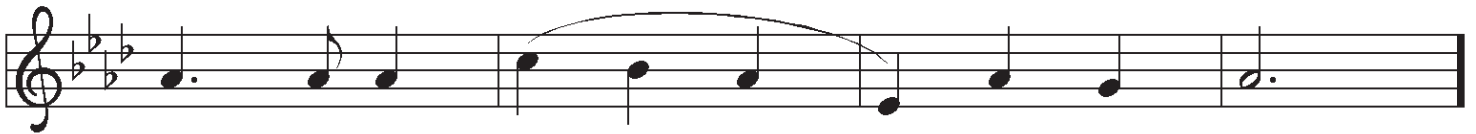
1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
5 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



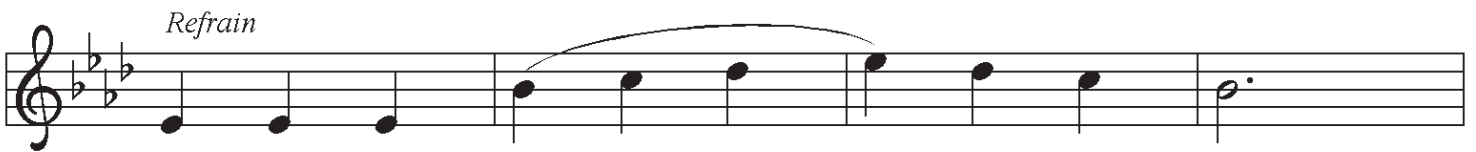
Sing to the Lord a new song!



Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!



Refrain
God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

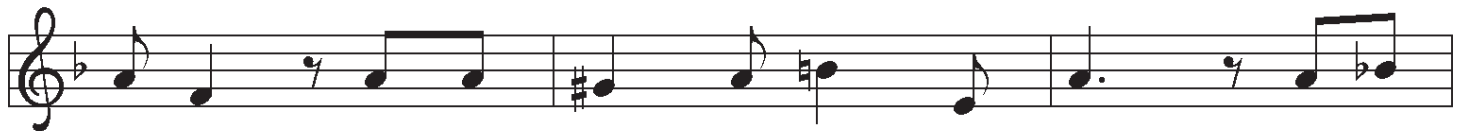
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God Extends an Invitation *Nuestro Padre nos invita*



Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la
God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -



vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we



so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -
gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the



sí es la co - mu - ni - ón; pues a - sí es la co - mu - ni - ón.
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

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The People Walk



The peo - ple walk through-out the world to - geth - er and



cry out, "Come, O Lord"; the peo - ple who long to claim the



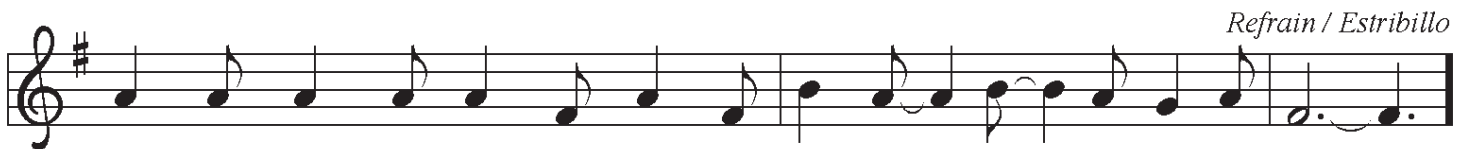
prom-ise, God's lib - er - at - ing Word.



1 The poor ones of the world a - wait the dawn of hope, when
2 You broke the bonds of sin, un - tied the cap - tive's hands, re -
3 The life - blood of the world is shed in mind - less war; and



jus - tice will shine and make op - pres - sion flee. The
leased us from fear and slav - 'ry to the law. We
fam - 'lies de - sire a home where con - flicts cease. With



emp - ty hands of all are raised to you, Lord God: oh, set us free!
lift our hands in hope, we put our trust in you, O God of love.
all the world we lift our hands in hope to you, O God of peace.

Text: Juan A. Espinosa, b. 1940; tr. Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951

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Sunday
17 8:00 AM Worship/Streamed Online & Radio
Sunday School Lessons Available Online

Monday
18 4:30 PM Mission Concerns Committee/Zoom
5:30 PM Council/Zoom

Tuesday
19 9:00 AM Staff Meeting/Zoom
12:00 PM Lunch Box/Parking Lot
5:30 PM Welcome & Invite Team/Zoom

Wednesday
20 10:00 AM Word or words/Zoom
5:00 PM Here We Stand/Zoom

Thursday
21 5:30 PM Stewardship Committee/Zoom
7:00 PM AA/3F

Friday
22

Saturday
23

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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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.

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

Thank you for your participation in & support of the life & mission of Bethany Lutheran!

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

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Upcoming Worship Opportunities: Join us for worship on Sundays at 8:00 a.m.! Sunday worship is livestreamed on Bethany's website and Facebook page as well as broadcast live on WJMC FM96.1 & AM1240.

The next Wednesday worship will be for Ash Wednesday on February 17, 2021.

Interfaith Prayer Service: This Wednesday, January 20 at 6:00 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church in Eau Claire is hosting an Interfaith Prayer Service. Don't go to Trinity though, the service is on Zoom! The link is in the Bethany 411! email.

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 is in the Bethany 411! email. The Annual Report will be available on Friday, January 22. Hardcopies will be available in the bin outside the church door and digital copies will be on the website.

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 Annual Report will be available on Friday, January 22. Hardcopies will be available in the bin outside the church door and digital copies will be on the website.

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. The Zoom link is in the Bethany 411! email.

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.

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.

Word or words: zoomversations on our life of faith: To be a part of conversations (zoomversations!) on the first and third Wednesday mornings of the month at 10:00 a.m.,

please email Pastor Peter at pastorpeter@bethanyricelake.org so he can provide links for essential background/pre-session preparation. Post-session applications will be up to all of us as Disciples of Jesus Christ! The next conversation is Wednesday, January 20, 2021!

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.

Online Worship Archives: Bethany archives previous worship services on their website and Facebook for 90 days. After that, the videos are removed, but there are hard copies in the office. If needed, you can contact Leah Hullinger at lhullinger@bethanyricelake.org for more information on older worship services.

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: All this information demonstrates we are a responsive, adaptable, but cautious church. Let's explore, let's educate, let's communicate, let's move forward faith, connection and service!

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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Sundays 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM; Thursdays 7:00 PM

Prayer Ministry

New Prayers for Members:

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 • Dave Lhotka • 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: Belinda Cernick and family upon the death of her father, Richard "Dick" Shelton. Ed Glaubitz and family upon the death of his wife, Mary.

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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