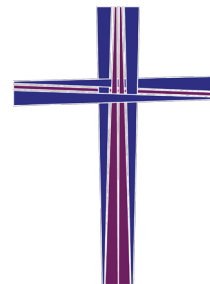




# Bethany Lutheran & Partners in Faith

*welcome you to worship!*



*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

February 7, 2021

8:00 a.m.

## Order of Worship

### **We Gather**

**Prelude**

Susan Barta and Amy Brekke

**Welcome**

**Welcome Video**

Diercks Family

**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**

*"Gather Us In"*

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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**

Everlasting God, **you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## We Hear God's Word

### First Reading

Isaiah 40:27-31

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

### Special Music

*"Come to Jesus"*

Mark Nymo

### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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

### Children's Moment

Angie Buchli

### Gospel Acclamation

*"Alleluia"*

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### Gospel Reading

Mark 1:29-39

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

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

### Message

Pastor Peter Muschinske

### Hymn of the Day

*"On Eagle's Wings"*

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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

*"Lift High the Cross"*

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*Requested by Carol Sevals in honor of granddaughters, Jaymee, Eva and Mya*

### 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 Song

*"By Your Hand You Feed Your People"*

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### Prayer after Communion

## We Are Sent

### Announcements / Blessing

### Sending Hymn

*"I Love to Tell the Story"*

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### Dismissal

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

### Postlude

# Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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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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## On Eagle's Wings

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in this shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust!"

### *Refrain*

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear;  
under God's wings your refuge,  
with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

3 You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you,  
near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

4 For to the angels God's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

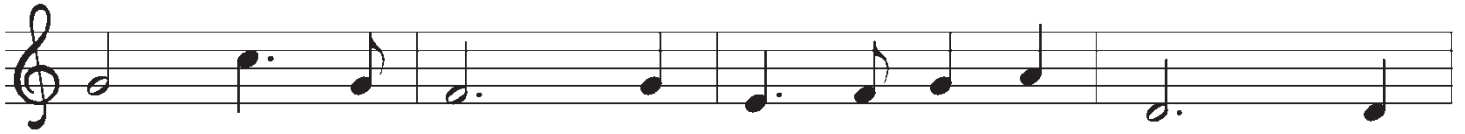
### *Final refrain*

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand;  
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Text: Michael Joncas, b. 1957

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## Lift High the Cross



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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## By Your Hand You Feed Your People



- 1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
- 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
- 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.  
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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# I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

# The Bethany WeekAhead • February 7 - 13, 2021

**Sunday**  
**7** 8:00 AM Worship/Streamed Online & Radio  
Sunday School Lessons Available Online

**Monday**  
**8** 6:00 PM Property Committee/Zoom

**Tuesday**  
**9** 7:30 AM Bethany Belles Small Group/BR,SA  
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**  
**10** 5:00 PM Here We Stand/Zoom  
5:30 PM Vesper Bells Small Group/BR, SA

**Thursday**  
**11** 9:30 AM Caring Community Coordinators/Zoom  
5:00 PM Worship & Music/Zoom  
7:00 PM AA/3F

**Friday**  
**12**

**Saturday**  
**13**

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

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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, which is the beginning of Lent. Pastors will be available for the Imposition of Ashes on a walk-through basis on Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be available from 7:00-8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 5:00-6:00 p.m. that day. Come to the Newton Street church entrance and you will be guided from there.

**Thank you:** Thank you to those who were a part of last Sunday's annual meeting. There were 149 voting members that were carefully registered and votes will be counted by cross referencing all who participated in the meeting. In order to ensure all votes have been delivered, Council decided to allow an extra couple days for USPS delivery and will count votes early this week. Contact a Council member, Pastor or (regarding the Reconciling in Christ resolution) a member of the Building an Inclusive Church team with your comments or questions.

**Midweek Worship Experience:** We are thankful to offer limited slots for in person viewing and experiencing mid-week worship in the church building during Lent. Worship viewing times are Wednesdays and Thursdays at 12:00 and 6:00 p.m. February 17-March 24.

You must have preregistered to attend, as we have limited seating available. Please be mindful of the limited slots, so that all who wish attend, have the opportunity. You can pre-register by signing up online or contacting the office. The signup link can be found on the Signups tab of the Bethany website.

Masks are required at all times. You will be greeted and ushered to a seat for worship. At the end, we ask that you remain seated until you are ushered out and do not congregate in the building.

If your desired time is full, please contact the office at [lhullinger@bethanyricelake.com](mailto:lhullinger@bethanyricelake.com) to have your name placed on a waiting list. You will be contacted if there is an opening. If you are unable to attend the time you signed up for, please contact the office to be removed or rescheduled.

**Silent Meditation Opportunities:** We are thankful that we can now offer opportunities for in person silent meditation in the Sanctuary on Mondays from February 15-March 22.

You must have preregistered to attend, as we have limited time availability. Please be mindful of the limited slots, so that all who wish attend, have the opportunity. You can pre-register by signing up online or contacting the office at [lhullinger@bethanyricelake.com](mailto:lhullinger@bethanyricelake.com). The signup link can be found on the Signups tab of the Bethany website.

Please sign up for a 15-minute slot. Slots are limited to one household at a time (individuals/families). Masks must be

worn at all times. You will be greeted at the door and ushered into the Sanctuary for your time. After your scheduled 15 minutes have passed, you will be ushered to the door; we ask that you do not congregate in the church building. High-touch surfaces will be sanitized between meditation slots.

**Ushers Needed:** While we are excited to offer two in person opportunities during Lent, we need your help! We are in need of ushers to instruct and guide participants during Wednesday Midweek Worship and Monday Silent Meditation times. You can signup online to usher. The signup link can be found on the Signups tab of the Bethany website.

You will be given instructions and training for your role. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Brekke at [brekke.amy@gmail.com](mailto:brekke.amy@gmail.com) or Mark Nymo of the Safely Regathering Task Force at [nymomtn@gmail.com](mailto:nymomtn@gmail.com).

**Lent-in-a-Box:** Journey through Lent with our Lent-in-a-Box! This is a resource with fun, meaningful activities for households to do at home. Our hope is that each household experiences Lent together in a meaningful way. Boxes will be available to pick up during Imposition of Ashes on February 17, 2021.

**Devotional Booklet:** Available to pick up starting Sunday, February 14 from the bin under the carpet.

**Leaving a Legacy Workshop:** Plan now to make a future gift from your estate to support the work of Christ. If you are considering an estate plan, reviewing/updating a plan, or would simply like to know more about thoughtful estate planning that will consider your heirs and your church, this event is important for you!

The workshops will be held via Zoom on Thursday, February 11 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. or Saturday, February 13 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. To register, go to <http://nswi.org/generosity/leaving-a-legacy-workshop>.

**COVID-19 Update:** The task force met earlier this week and are encouraged with the declining numbers we are seeing in our area and are hopeful that the trend will continue. Although case numbers have been decreasing in Barron County, our area and surrounding counties remain in the red zone (or tipping point) which is still the highest risk level and stay-at-home measures remain necessary.

We will continue to plan for Phase 2, when we will be able to provide more opportunities, but want to remind everyone we are still a long way from being able to go back to our traditional worship without precautions. If you have questions, contact Mark Nymo, chair, at [nymomtn@gmail.com](mailto:nymomtn@gmail.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.

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**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:** Ray Arnevik

**Ongoing Prayers for Members:** Sandie Anderson • Red Axtell • Jaquan Bever • Laif Bever • Irene Christianson • Bonnie Dahl • Ron Debner • Jonathan Fritz • Jim Hagen • Heidi Jacobs • 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:** Chuck Dahl • 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

**Radio Broadcast:** in Memory of husband, John, by Alice Johnson.

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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