



# BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## *Jesus' Baptism*

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 12TH, 2025

8:30 AM & 10:45 AM

*+ indicates to stand in body or spirit;  
bold print indicates congregational responses*

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE *"Crashing Waters at Creation"* arr. Aaron David Miller

### WORDS OF WELCOME

### + THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*(a brief silence for reflection)*

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.  
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 water and your Word you claim us as your children,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

To you be given honor and praise  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**+ KYRIE**

In peace, in peace

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have  
 mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all,.....  
 For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word,.....

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

Help, save and de-fend us, O God. A - men.

**+ CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a-tion sings for joy to the  
 God of life and love and free-dom: praise and glo-ry for - ev - er - more!\_\_\_\_\_

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has  
 freed and u - ni-ted us to be one great peo-ple of God.\_\_\_\_\_

*to refrain*

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a-tion sings for joy to the

God of life and love and free-dom: praise and glo-ry for - ev - er - more!\_\_\_\_\_

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, and

hon - or and glo - ry to Christ\_\_\_\_\_ for ev - er.\_\_\_\_\_ *to refrain*

3. For God has come to dwell with us,\_\_\_\_\_ to make us

peo-ple of God; to make all things new.\_\_\_\_\_ *to refrain*

**+ 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**

**Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

PSALM *PSALM 51:6-17*



<sup>6</sup>Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.

<sup>7</sup>**Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.**

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear | joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.

<sup>9</sup>**Hide your face | from my sins,  
and blot out | all my wickedness.**

<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean | heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- | it within me.

<sup>11</sup>**Cast me not away | from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.**

<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of | your salvation  
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.

<sup>13</sup>**Let me teach your ways | to offenders,  
and sinners shall be re- | stored to you.**

<sup>14</sup>Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of | my salvation,  
and my tongue shall sing | of your righteousness.

<sup>15</sup>**O Lord, o- | pen my lips,  
and my mouth shall pro- | claim your praise.**

<sup>16</sup>For you take no delight in sacrifice, or | I would give it.  
You are not pleased | with burnt offering.

<sup>17</sup>**The sacrifice of God is a | troubled spirit;  
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will | not despise.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? —



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia! —

The gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;

<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

<sup>7</sup>John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." <sup>12</sup>Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" <sup>13</sup>He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you."

<sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>18</sup>So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

## CHILDREN'S HOMILY

### HOMILY

+ **HYMN OF THE DAY** *"There's a Voice in the Wilderness"* ELW #255

### + 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 THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

### + SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

### OFFERING

We pass the peace of Christ beyond our congregation and this moment through our offerings of time, talent, and treasure. Use this QR code for a one-time gift or to schedule an automatic donation. Online giving cards (in the back of hymnal), checks or cash may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed.



**ANTHEM (8:30)** *"All Things Bright and Beautiful"* John Rutter

**ANTHEM (10:45)** *"Jazz Gloria"* Sandra Tucker

+ OFFERTORY

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

✠ MEAL ✠

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:*    *Congregation:*    *Presider:*  
The\_ Lord be with you.    **And\_** al - so with you.    Lift up your  
*Congregation:*    *Presider:*  
hearts.    **We lift them to the Lord.**    Let us give thanks to the  
*Congregation:*  
Lord our God.    **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who is your light made manifest to the nations, and so with the church on earth, all creation, and host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow-er and might; Heav-en and earth are

filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
One who comes in your name.. Ho - san-na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the high - est!

### + EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

In your Son's baptism at the Jordan, we see your creative and liberating purpose at work amid our human flaws and failures. As you sent down your Holy Spirit like a dove upon your Beloved, send your Spirit among us now to sanctify us by your grace.

*The Words of Institution / Las Palabras de la Institución*

In our own baptism you number us among your saints, created and redeemed for your glory. Through baptism you bury us in death with Christ yet raise us to new life with him forever. Be close to those who ache for your liberating power in the midst of trials. Bless all who long to be called beloved, by sibling or parent or spouse or friend or child, and any who are searching for the love that only you can bring, until all stand in your presence and are enfolded in your embrace, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God. **Amen.**

### + THE LORD'S PRAYER

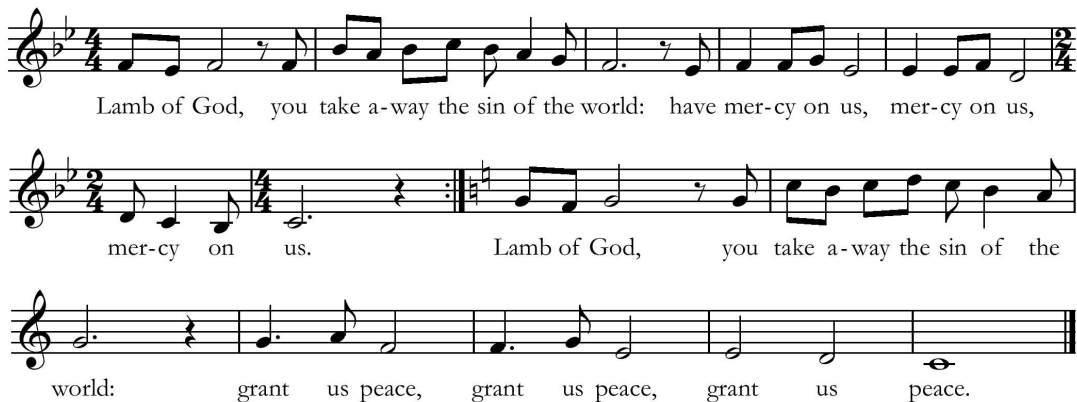
Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory  
are yours, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### + EL PADRE NUESTRO

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos,  
santificado sea tu nombre;  
venga a nos tu reino;  
hágase tu voluntad,  
así en la tierra como en el cielo;  
el pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy;  
y perdónanos nuestras deudas  
así como nosotros perdonamos  
a nuestros deudores;  
y no nos dejes caer en la tentación;  
mas líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino,  
el poder y la gloria,  
por los siglos de los siglos.  
**Amén.**



## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us,  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

**HOLY COMMUNION ANTHEM (8:30)** *“Jazz Gloria”* Sandra Tucker  
**HYMN (10:45)** *“Baptized in Water”* ELW #456

### + TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### + PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ✠ SENDING ✠

### + BENEDICTION

The Spirit of the triune God  
✠ bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love. **Amen.**

+ **SENDING HYMN** *“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”* ELW #310

### + DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE** *“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”* arr. Robert A. Hobby

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Inger Hanson & Pastor Ben Schori

Acolytes: (8:30) Violet Christensen (10:45) Dane Headrick

Assisting Minister: (8:30) Joanna McLees (10:45) Rolf Kragseth

Ushers: (8:30) Maryann Kaul, Duane & Barb Uhl, and Harley Foster  
(10:45) Chad Jenkinson and Pam Vig

Readers: (8:30) Paula Mathison (10:45) Gene Broughton

Sacramental Ministers: (8:30) Telford Norvold, Phyllis Larson, Dottie Hammer, Carol Cole, and Judy  
Code (10:45) Michael Sparby

Altar Care: (set) Carol Lysne and Margaret Grunzke (clean) Sharon Stoeck and Margaret Grunzke

Director of Pop-Up Choir: Pete Schleif

Director of Resonance: Cindy Carlson

Keyboards: Megan Engel

A/V Technicians: Sam Dwyer, Asher Engle, Nathan Hoekstra, Brent Kivell

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## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

January 5	in person attendance
8:30	169
10:45	89
Total	258

Offering—General Operating Budget	2024 Budget monthly goal: \$80,771
January 4th online giving	\$8,667
January 11th online giving	
Plate Offering Jan 5th & Jan 12th	
January 18th online giving	
January 25th online giving	
Plate Offering Jan 19th & 26th	
Current Total	\$8,667

### 2024 Financial Status (YTD as of end of Dec)

Revenue	\$ 947,976
Expenses	\$ 948,121
Net Deficit	\$ 145

## SAVE THE DATES!

### **January 19, 2025 Budget Meeting**

*9:45 am in the Sanctuary*

Our treasurer will present the proposed budget for 2025.

### **January 26, 2025 Annual Meeting**

*9:45 am in the Sanctuary*

As a congregation, we will receive 2024 reports and look together at the year ahead.

Vote on the 2025 budget, new council members, and to update the constitution!

Please note that while the Annual Meeting will be livestreamed, you must be physically present to participate or vote.

## TODAY!


- **A staffed nursery for little ones is available during and between worship services.**
- **9:45—10:30 am Coffee Fellowship (CLC) and Faith Formation opportunities:**  
**Sunday School** (various classrooms)    **Youth Sabbath** (Youth Room)  
**Bible Deep Dive** (Fireside Room)    **Mission & Justice Ministry Fair** (narthex)
- **Kids' worship** is offered during the 10:45 am worship service (*children grades K-5 are invited to go with Brenda after the Children's Message and will rejoin parents prior to communion.*)


# THIS WEEK


CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 9 AM - 3 PM

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## MONDAY

12:00 pm  Bible Study @ the Vault (1520 Clinton Lane) with Pastor Inger

3:00 pm  Monthly Movie “Elephant Man”

6:30 pm  Resonance Bell Choir (Adults)

## TUESDAY

9:00 am  Quilting Group

9:45 am Staff Meeting

2:00 pm Grief Support Group

Library Committee

5:15 am Personnel Committee

6:30 pm  Church Council

## WEDNESDAY

3:30 pm Limitless

4:30 pm Homes for God’s Children

5:45 pm  Bistro

5:45 pm Ring Forth Youth Bell Choir

6:30 pm J-Term (6th-9th Grade)

7:00 pm Hangtime

8:05 pm  Brio Youth Bell Choir

## THURSDAY

8:30 am MoB (Men of Bethel) (Room 54)

9:30 am FAB (Faith & Books) (Youth Room)

5:00 pm Worship & Arts Planning

## FRIDAY

9:30 am WoW (Women of the Word) via zoom

## NEXT SUNDAY...

The text of the day will be **Luke 4:14-30** (with Psalm 146).

SATURDAY  
9:00 am—4:00 pm  
Senior Quilting Day

