



BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sermon at Nazareth
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 19TH, 2025
8:30 AM & 10:45 AM

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

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE “ ” arr.

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



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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

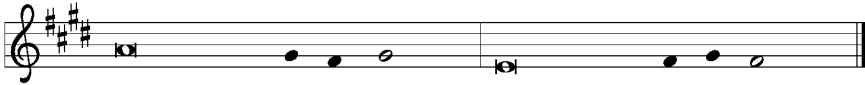
Almighty and ever-living God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that challenged by your commands and comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

PSALM *PSALM 146*



The LORD gives jus-tice, the LORD gives jus-tice to those who are op - pressed.



¹Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

³Put not your | trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there | is no help.

**⁴When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,
and in that day | their thoughts perish. R**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

**⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;
who keeps promis- | es forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.
The LORD sets the | captive free.

**⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;
the LORD | loves the righteous.**

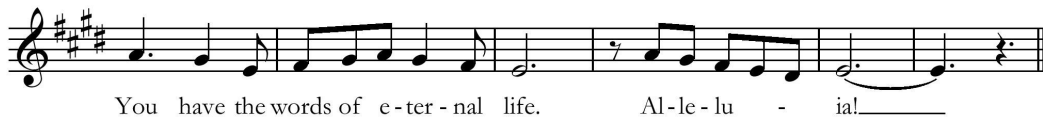
⁹The LORD cares | for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

**¹⁰The LORD shall | reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah! R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



HOLY GOSPEL *LUKE 4:14-30*

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

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'"

²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

HOMILY

+ HYMN OF THE DAY “A Year of God’s Favor” Hymns for the Gospel #50



1. A year of God’s fa - vor Christ prom - ised, and more:
2. This word is ful - filled in be - liev - ers to - day,
3. Ful - filled in our liv - ing be God’s word to - day,



good news to the pris - ’ner, the weak and the poor,
in wom - en and men who would fol - low Christ’s way.
ful - filled in our lov - ing, our work and our play,



re - cov - ’ry of sense to the deaf and the blind,
Re - spond, then, with glad - ness, in all that you do:
ful - filled now in jus - tice, in mer - cy and peace,



full heal - ing for spir - it, for bod - y and mind.
a life - time of fa - vor is of - fered to you!
in joy - ful thanks - giv - ing and praise with - out cease.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

+ **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) “Hallelu!” Stephen Paulus

ANTHEM (10:45) “TBD” arr.

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

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Your prophets foretold a day when your Anointed One would bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind. In Christ, you proclaimed the year of your favor. Your church sometimes is as presumptuous as his hometown, and we can be surprised and challenged by where and how your justice and mercy will manifest. But in Christ's death, he faced your world's impulse to remain in the prison of sin, but by raising him from death you opened the gates of life eternal and set us free.

The Words of Institution / Las Palabras de la Institución

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever. **Amen.**

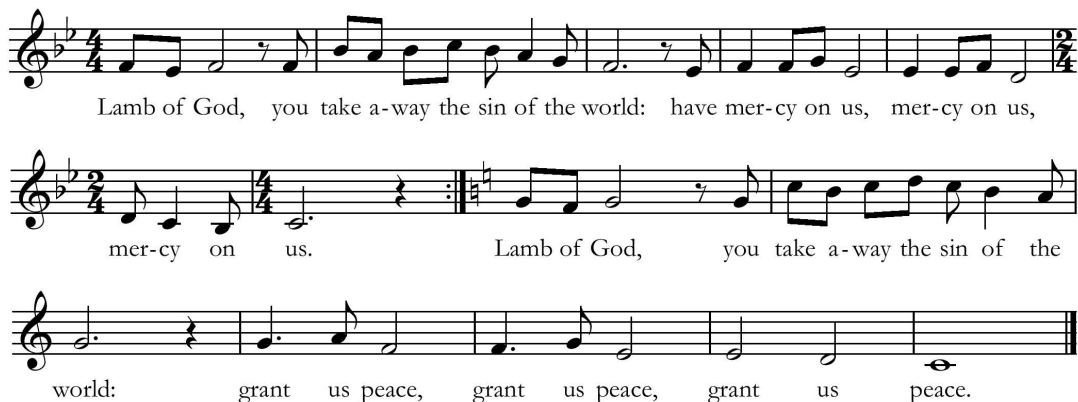
+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 HYMN “*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*” ELW #678

+ 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 “*Let Streams of Living Justice*” ELW #710

+ DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE “ ” arr.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Inger Hanson & Pastor Ben Schori
Acolytes: (8:30) Cora Santerre (10:45) Kenzie Bastyr
Assisting Minister: (8:30) Ellen Haefner (10:45) Noa Marohl
Ushers: (8:30)
(10:45)
Readers: (8:30) (10:45)
Sacramental Ministers: (8:30) (10:45)
Altar Care: (set) (clean)
Director of Pop-Up Choir: Pete Schleif
Guest Keyboards: Leanne Barck
A/V Technicians: Sam Dwyer, Asher Engle, Nathan Hoekstra, Brent Kivell

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SUNDAY ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

January 12	in person attendance
8:30	
10:45	
Total	

Offering—General Operating Budget	2024 Budget monthly goal: \$80,771
January 4th online giving	
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	

2024 Financial Status
(YTD as of end of Nov)

Revenue	\$ 846,508
Expenses	\$ 869,128
Net Deficit	\$ 22,620

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)
- **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.*)

Budget Meeting


9:45 am in the Sanctuary


Our treasurer will present the proposed budget for 2025.

THIS WEEK

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 9 AM - 3 PM

MONDAY

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

6:30 pm  Resonance Bell Choir (Adults)

TUESDAY

9:45 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm Lydia Circle

6:00 pm Face It

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

FRIDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY...

The text of the day will be **Luke 5:1-11** (with Psalm 90:14-17).

Between services will be our

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.

