



# BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Forgiven at Jesus' Feet*  
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
FEBRUARY 23RD, 2025  
8:30 AM & 10:45 AM

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

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE “*Chief of Sinners Though I Be*” arr. Zach Unke

WORDS OF WELCOME

+ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

“*To You All Hearts Are Open*” ACS #1012

To you all hearts are o - pen, to  
you all de - sires known. To you there are no  
se - crets, al - might - y God; we come to you.

Most merciful God, **we confess**  
**that we are captive to sin**  
**and cannot free ourselves.**  
**We have sinned against you**  
**in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done**  
**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you  
with our whole heart;  
we have not loved  
our neighbors as ourselves.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake  
God forgives us all our sins.  
As a called and ordained minister  
of the church of Christ,  
and by his authority,  
I therefore declare to you  
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **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.

**+ 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**

**O God, throughout the ages you judge your people with mercy,  
and you inspire us to speak your truth.**

**By your Spirit, anoint us for lives of faith and service,  
and bring all people into your forgiveness,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**✠ WORD ✠**

**PSALM** *PSALM 103:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name.

<sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits —

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,

<sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD works vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.

**+ 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! —

+ **HOLY GOSPEL** LUKE 7:36-50

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

<sup>36</sup>One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. <sup>37</sup>And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. <sup>38</sup>She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. <sup>39</sup>Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him — that she is a sinner." <sup>40</sup>Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak."

<sup>41</sup>"A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

<sup>42</sup>When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup>Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." <sup>44</sup>Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. <sup>45</sup>You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup>You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup>Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little."

<sup>48</sup>Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." <sup>49</sup>But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" <sup>50</sup>And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

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

**CHILDREN'S HOMILY & HOMILY**

+ **HYMN OF THE DAY** "Forgive, Forgive Us, Holy God" VT #149



1. For - give, for - give us, ho - ly\_\_ God! Your chil - dren
2. For - give us\_\_ that our souls are\_\_ numb to\_\_ scenes of\_\_
3. For - give the\_\_ minds no long - er\_\_shocked by\_\_ home - less\_\_
4. For - give us\_\_ that our house - hold gods are\_\_ self and\_\_
5. Give us this\_\_ day the bread of\_\_ peace, the\_\_ hands to\_\_



call on\_\_ you to hear! Our\_\_ blood is\_\_ on\_\_ each  
ter - ror,\_\_ screams of pain; that\_\_ while we\_\_ pray "Your  
poor, by\_\_ lives a - bused; for - give us\_\_ that\_\_ the\_\_  
safe - ty,\_\_ pri - vate need; for - give us\_\_ all\_\_ our\_\_  
share a\_\_ com - mon good, the\_\_ hearts to\_\_ ache for\_\_



oth - er's\_ hands, we\_ die from hun - ger, lies and fear.  
 king - dom come," our\_ world is\_\_ still a bat - tle plain.  
 earth is\_\_ stacked with weap - ons\_ wait - ing to be used.  
 fit - ful\_ prayers, the\_ to - ken\_ gift, the to - ken deed.  
 jus - tice's sake, the\_ will to\_\_ stand where Je - sus stood.

**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)** *“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”* Chris Tomlin

**ANTHEM (10:45)** *“Forgive, Forgive Us, Holy God”* arr. Marianne Kim

**+ 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:* The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And also with you. *Presider:* Lift up your

*Congregation:* hearts. *Presider:* 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 calls us to follow his way of humble service and love, and so with the church on earth, all creation and the 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

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached the good news of forgiveness, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

*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 ANTHEM** “*Chief of Sinners Though I Be*” ELW #609

**+ 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 Us Enter In" ACS #985



1 Let us en-ter in to the song of thanks - giv - ing and free - dom.  
2 Let us en-ter in to the place where our God has pre - ced - ed.  
3 Let us en-ter in to the heart of a world that is bro - ken.



Let us en-ter in to the long line of peo - ple in need.  
Let us en-ter in to the face of the fear and the pain.  
Let us en-ter in to the start of a hope we can share.



Let us en-ter in to the strong mind that God is still liv - ing.  
Let us en-ter in to the grace of the love when it's need - ed.  
Let us en-ter in to the part where we call one an - oth - er



Heal - ing, for - giv - ing— Let us en - ter in.  
Death is de - feat - ed! Let us en - ter in.  
sis - ter and broth - er. Let us en - ter in.

+ DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE "Savior, When in Dust to You" arr. Ashley Grote