

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Forgiven at Jesus' Feet Seventh Sunday After Epiphany February 23rd, 2025 8:30 Am & 10:45 Am

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★ GATHERING **★**

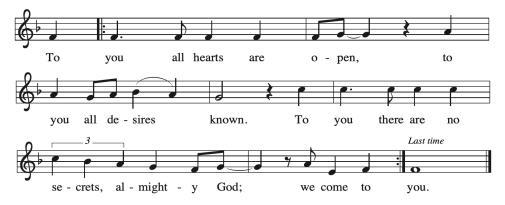
PRELUDE "Chief of Sinners Though I Be" arr. Zach Unke

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

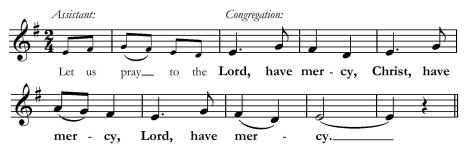


Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your 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 H Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

+ Kyrie

In peace, in peace



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,.....



+ 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

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

²Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits — ³who forgives all your iniquity,

who heals all your diseases,

⁴who redeems your life from the Pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

⁵who satisfies you with good as long as you live

so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶The LORD works vindication

and justice for all who are oppressed.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



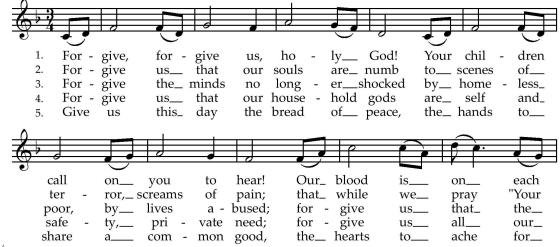
+ HOLY GOSPEL LUKE 7:36-50

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

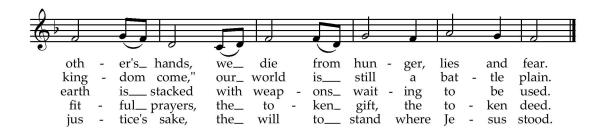
³⁶One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. ³⁷And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. 38She stood behind him at his feet, 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. ³⁹Now 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." 40Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." ⁴¹"A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴²When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" 43Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." 44Then 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. ⁴⁵You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. 47 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." ⁴⁸Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰And 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



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.

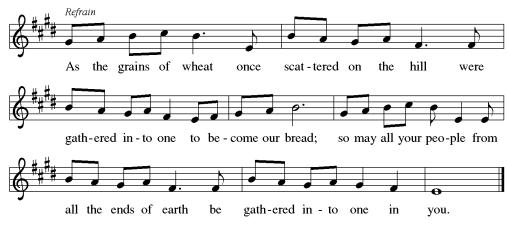
OFFERING

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

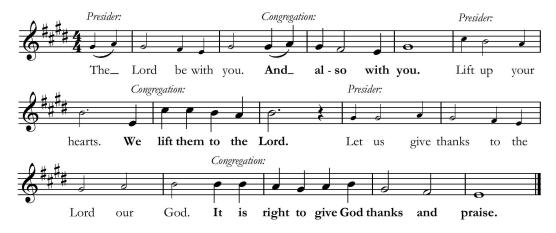
+ OFFERTORY



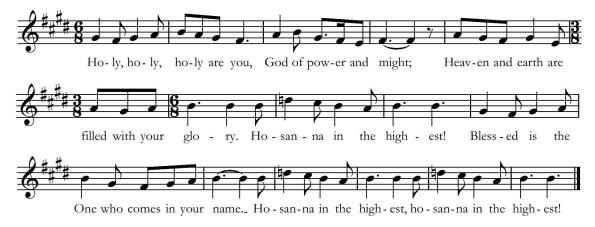
+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

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+ GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:



+ 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.**

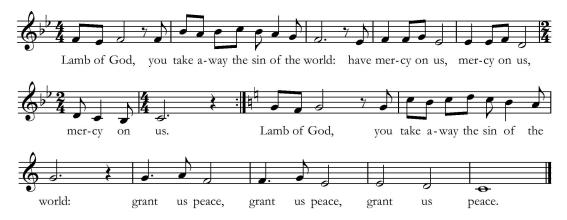
+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



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



+ DISMISSAL

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

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