



# BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Jesus Cleanses the Temple*

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 18TH, 2026  
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

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

## ❖ GATHERING ❖

**PRELUDE** “*Lord Jesus, Come and Overturn*” arr. Karl Osterland

### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### + CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(a brief silence for reflection)*

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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of **†** Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

+ KYRIE

In peace, in peace

*Assistant:*

*Congregation:*

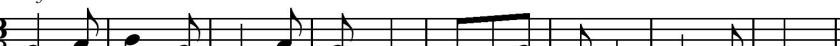
For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all,.....

For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word,.....

*Assistant:* Help, save and de-fend us,\_\_\_\_ O God. *Congregation:* A - men.

## + CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



Now the feast and celeb ration, 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  
*to refrain*



freed and u - ni-ted us to be one great peo-ple of God.\_\_\_\_\_



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

*to refrain*



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



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

*to refrain*



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

## + APOSTOLIC GREETING

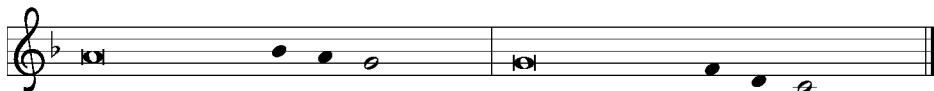
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## + PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, through your Son you have called us live faithfully and act courageously.  
Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes  
only 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 127:1-2*



<sup>1</sup>Unless the LORD builds the house,  
    their labor is in | vain who build it.  
Unless the LORD watches over the city,  
    in vain the senti- | nel keeps vigil.  
<sup>2</sup>**It is in vain to rise so early and go to | bed so late;**  
    **vain, too, to eat the bread of toil;**  
    **for you, LORD, give sleep to | your beloved.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**HOLY GOSPEL** *JOHN 2:13-25*

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

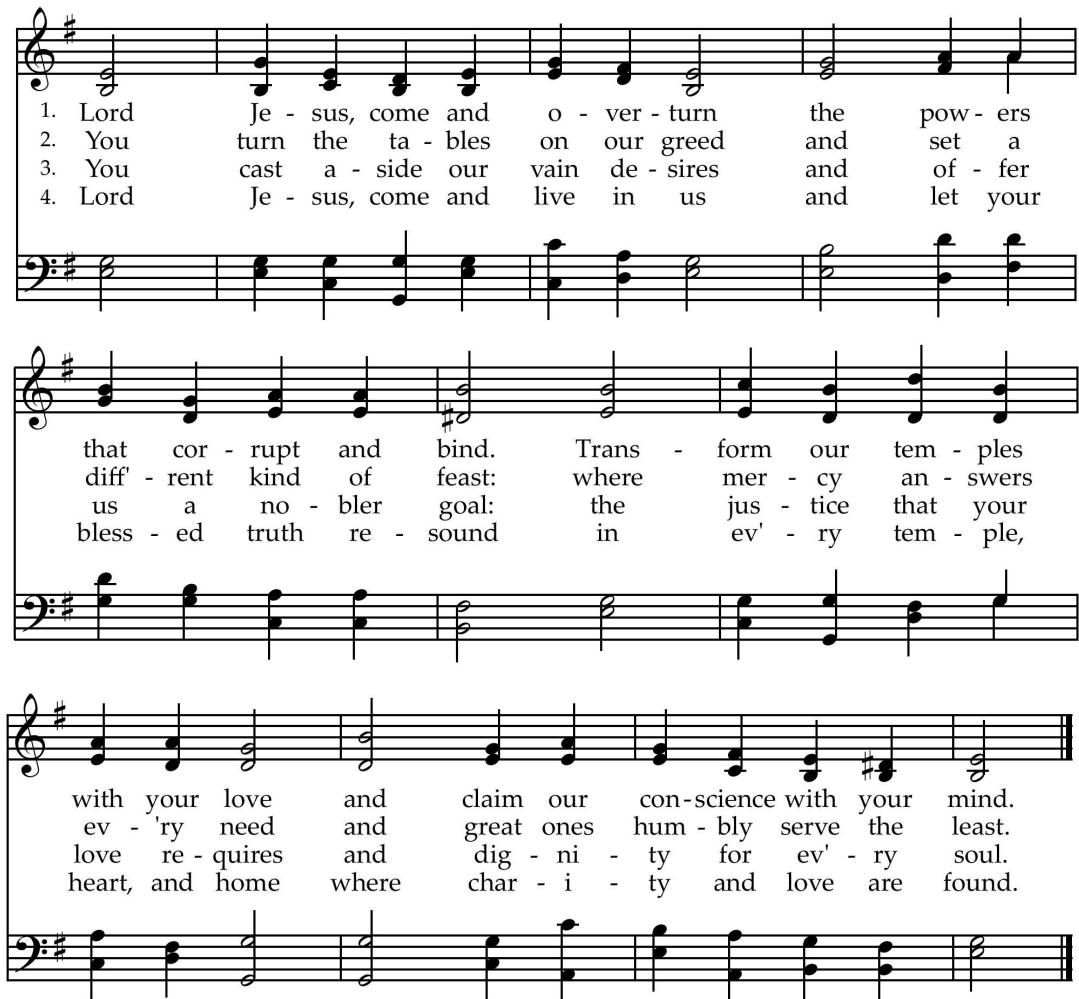
<sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup> Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” <sup>18</sup> The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” <sup>20</sup> The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup> But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

<sup>23</sup> When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. <sup>24</sup> But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people <sup>25</sup> and needed no one to testify about anyone, for he himself knew what was in everyone.

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

## HOMILY

### + HYMN OF THE DAY *“Lord Jesus, Come and Overturn”* VT #146



1. Lord Je - sus, come and o - ver - turn the pow - ers  
2. You turn the ta - bles on our greed and set a  
3. You cast a - side our vain de - sires and of - fer  
4. Lord Je - sus, come and live in us and let your

that cor - rupt and bind. Trans - form our tem - ples  
diff' - rent kind of feast: where mer - cy an - swers  
us a no - bler goal: the jus - tice that your  
bless - ed truth re - sound in ev' - ry tem - ple,

with your love and claim our con-science with your mind.  
ev - 'ry need and great ones hum - bly serve the least.  
love re - quires and dig - ni - ty for ev' - ry soul.  
heart, and home where char - i - ty and love are found.

## + 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

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

## + SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

## OFFERING



Guests

Generosity is part of who we are as God's people. Guests can use their QR code to give via Breeze, Bethel's trusted online giving platform. Select "Member Faith Giving" to give to the general budget. Members can use their QR code to sign into Breeze to give a one-time gift or to schedule an automated donation. Online giving cards (at the name tag stations), checks, or cash may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed.



Members

**ANTHEM (8:30)** "Create in Me" Scott Hyslop

**ANTHEM (10:30)** "Create in Me a Clean Heart" arr. Mark Hayes

+ 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.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,  
 may we share the pres - ence of your love.

*Refrain*

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

☒ MEAL ☒

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your

*Congregation:*

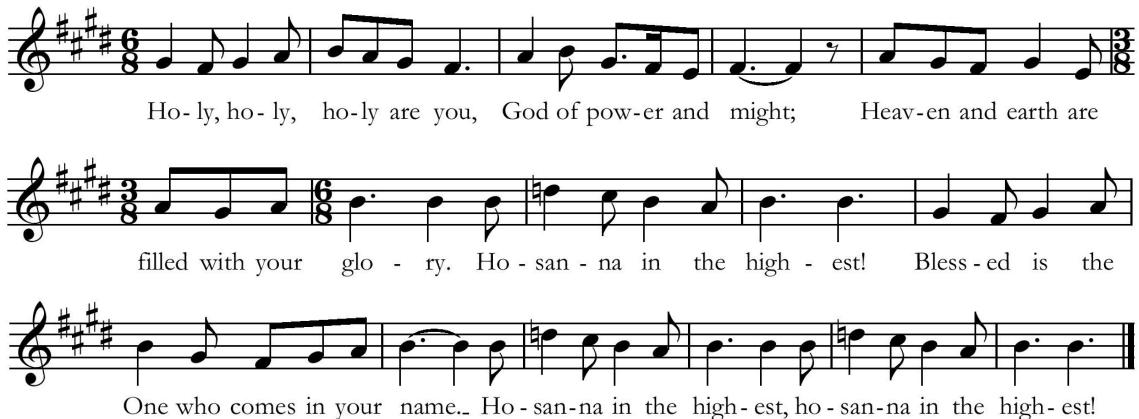
hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the

*Presider:*

Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Congregation:*

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. Christ reveals you to be active everywhere and always, in all the spheres of life: from the wedding feast to the temple, in a private conversation at night and at the public well in broad daylight. Sometimes you transform scarcity to abundance; other times you are flipping tables. Sometimes you teach; other times you heal. And in Christ, you are always inviting us to abide with you.

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

Pour out upon us the Spirit and truth of your love, O Lord, and fill our hearts with zeal for your kingdom. Make us, your church, a fountain of your living water and a healing balm in places of suffering and sorrow. 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.

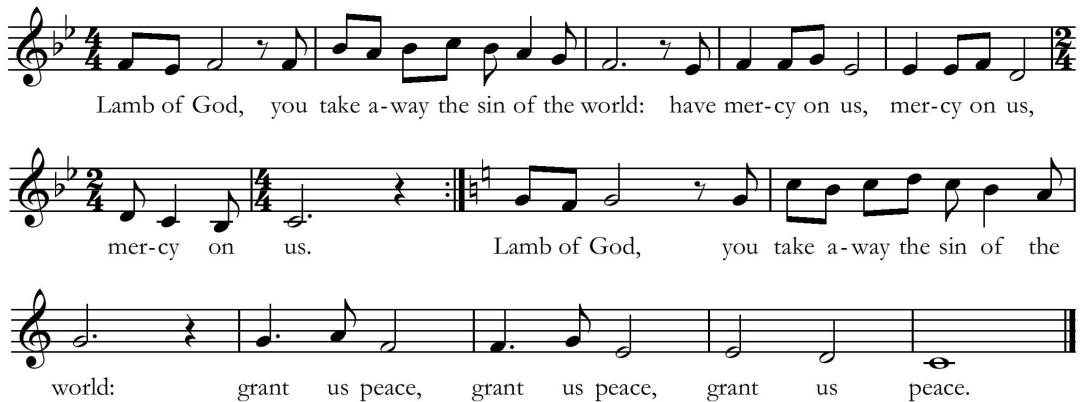
#### + EL PADRE NUESTRO

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;

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.

y no nos dejes caer en la tentación;  
mas libranos 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 “*Wash, O God, our Sons and Daughters*” ELW #445

#### + 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

May the triune God  
☩ bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love. **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN “Sing the World God Imagines”

Verse

1. Can you im - ag - ine a world filled with peace, where where by  
 2. Can we en - vi - sion a plan - et that thrives, where where by  
 3. Can we em- bod - y God's love on this earth, where by

bro - ken are mend - ed and cap - tives re - leased, where where by  
 all of crea - a - tion is ful - ly a - live, where where by  
 serv - ing our neigh - bor, up - hold - ing their worth, where by

jus - tice re - plac - es op - pres - sion and greed and  
 crea - ture and cli - mate are tend - ed with care and  
 find - ing God's im - age in each one re - vealed? With

Refrain

all have what they need? Let us  
 ac - tion grows from prayer.  
 love, this world is healed.

sing the world God im - ag - ines, lift this  
 dream as bea - con and call. May  
 we, by Love im - pas - sioned,

1.2.

(all,) a world of love for all.

3.

## + DISMISSAL

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

**POSTLUDE** “*There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*” arr.. A. D. Miller

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Inger Hanson, Pastor Ben Schori

Assisting Minister: (8:30) Janice Lehmkuhl (10:30) Ellen Haefner

Ushers: (8:30) Bob Vanderhoof, Dale Turna cliff, Harley Foster, Greg Bussler  
(10:30) Marv Farmer

Readers: (8:30) Janice Lehmkuhl (10:30) Darlene Broughton

Sacramental Ministers: (8:30) Yvonne Roesel, Barb Holm, Dottie Hammer, Carol Cole, Judy Code  
(10:30) Darlene Broughton

Altar Care: (set) and (clear) Linda Zolnosky (cups) Cynthia Carau

Director of Pop-Up Choir: Pete Schleif

Keyboards: Megan Engel

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

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## THIS WEEK

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY—THURSDAY 9 AM - 3 PM

### MONDAY

Church Office Closed in observance of MLK Day / No Bible Study

### TUESDAY

9:45 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm Lydia Circle

### WEDNESDAY

3:30 pm Limitless

4:30 pm Homes for God's Children

5:30 pm RIC meeting

5:45 pm  Bistro / Ring Forth Bell Choir

6:30 pm J-Term Confirmation / Sitcom & Spirit

7:00 pm Hang Time

8:05 pm  Brio

### THURSDAY

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

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

10:30 am Projects with Purpose

### FRIDAY

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

### SUNDAY

8:30 am Pop-Up Choir sings in worship

### SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

January 11	in person attendance
8:30 am	138
10:30 am	106
Total	244

### NEXT SUNDAY...

The text of the day will be  
**John 3:1-21 with Psalm 139:13-18.**

