



BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Feeding the Five Thousand

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 15TH, 2026

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

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

❖ GATHERING ❖

PRELUDE (8:30) “*Word of God, Come Down on Earth*” arr. Valerie A. Floeter
(10:30) “*All Creatures of Our God and King*” arr. Linda Lamb

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 you created us
in your image, and placed us
in a well-watered garden.
In the desert, you promised
pools of water for the parched,
and you gave us water from the rock.
When we did not know the way,
you sent the Good Shepherd
to lead us to still waters.

+ ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS POR EL BAUTISMO

Bendita sea la Santísima Trinidad,
☩ un solo Dios,
la fuente de agua viva,
la roca que nos dio vida,
nuestra luz y nuestra salvación. **Amén.**

Unidos a Cristo
en las aguas del bautismo,
estamos revestidos con la misericordia
y el perdón de Dios.
Demos gracias por el don del bautismo.

(un breve silencio para reflexionar)

Te damos gracias, oh Dios,
porque en el principio tú nos creaste
a tu imagen, y nos colocaste
en un jardín con corrientes de agua.
En el desierto, tú prometiste
agua abundante para el sediento,
y nos diste agua de la roca.
Cuando no sabíamos el camino,
tú nos enviaste al Buen Pastor
para que nos llevara a aguas de reposo.

At the cross, you washed us
from Jesus' wounded side,
and on this day, you shower us again
with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation
through water,
for the water in this font,
and for all water everywhere—
especially the Cannon River and the Mississippi,
Circle Lake, Lake Billesby, and Lake Pepin.
Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace,
and love. Satisfy all who thirst,
and give us the life only you can give.

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

En la cruz, tú nos lavaste
desde el costado herido de Jesús,
y en este día, tú nosriegas nuevamente
con el agua de vida.

Te alabamos por tu salvación
por medio del agua,
por el agua en esta fuente,
y por todas las aguas en todas partes.
especialmente el río Cannon y el Mississippi,
el lago Circle, el lago Billesby, y el lago Peppin.
Lávanos en tu perdón, gracia,
y amor. Satisface al sediento,
y danos la vida que sólo tú puedes dar.

A ti sea dado el honor y la alabanza por Jesucristo, nuestra agua viviente, en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, ahora y siempre. **Amén.**

+ 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: Help, save and de-fend us,____ O God. *Congregation:* A - men.

+ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. The title 'Refrain' is written above the staff. The music is in common time (indicated by '8') and has a key signature of four sharps (F major). The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics 'Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion sings for joy to the' are written below the staff, corresponding to the musical notes.

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.**

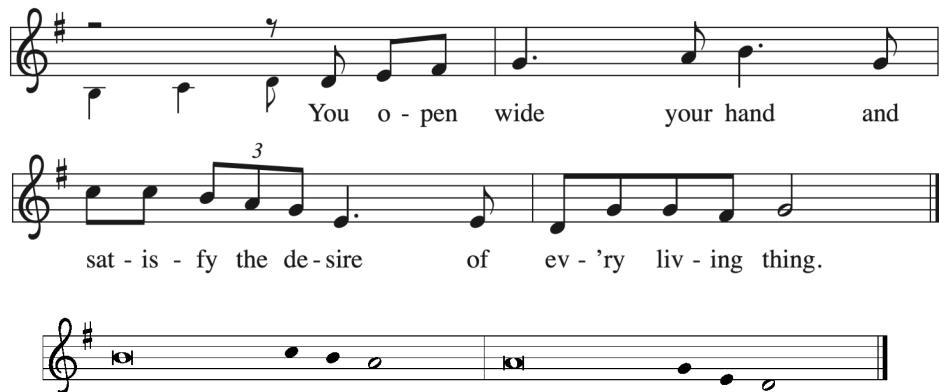
+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son as the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*(10:30) At this time, children age 3 to grade 5 are invited to go to Sunday School.
They will return to the sanctuary before communion.*

¤ WORD ¤

PSALM PSALM 145:10-21



You open wide your hand and
satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁰All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom
and speak | of your power,**

¹²that all people may know | of your power
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures through- | out all ages.
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your works. R**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,
and you give them their food | in due season.**

¹⁶You open | wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in | all your ways
and loving in | all your works. R**

¹⁸You are near to all who | call upon you,
to all who call up- | on you faithfully.

¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of | those who fear you;
you hear their | cry and save them.**

²⁰You watch over all | those who love you,
but all the wicked you | shall destroy.

²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise | of the LORD;**
let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- | er and ever. R

+ 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 JOHN 6:1-15

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

¹ After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.

² A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick.

³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹ “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” ¹⁰ Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

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

HOMILY

+ HYMN OF THE DAY "We Come with Joy" Gather #808

1. We come with joy in Je - sus Christ, Who
 2. A lit - tle bread is all we have, So
 3. Like rip - ples in a pool, our gifts, How -

knows our hu - man need, Who, moved with pit - y
 mea - ger our sup - ply; A lit - tle time, a
 ev - er small they are, Will reach and heal a

for the poor, Would ev - 'ry hun - ger feed.
 lit - tle love Can hard - ly sat - is - fy.
 need - y world, Will com - fort near and far.

He blessed the fish and bar - ley loaves Till
 But let us bring the best we have, De -
 For Christ will bless our bit of bread, The

food was mul - ti - plied. His boun - ty o - ver -
 spite our pov - er - ty, And of - fer all our
 loaves our hands pro - vide, Till emp - ty bas - kets

flowed their want And all were sat - is - fied.
 gifts to Christ, Im - per - fect though they be.
 o - ver - flow And all are sat - is - fied.

+ 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

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Members

ANTHEM (8:30) "All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. Linda Lamb

ANTHEM (10:30) "Bread of the World" arr. Ron Klusmeier

+ 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,

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.

+ 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.

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.

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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 libráanos 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 *"I Received the Living God"* ELW #477

+ 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 “Where is Bread?” SOG #22

1. "Where is bread?" the great crowd mur-mured; Thou - sands
 2. Where is bread? We know their yearn - ing; Ev - 'ry
 3. "Where is bread?" the call is ris - ing; Mill - ions

strong, yet all in need. "Where is bread? your
 day, we wish for more. God, in time, your we're
 cry who must be fed. God, your an - swer

peo - ple won-dered, Faced with such a crowd to
 slow - ly learn - ing: All we own can make us
 seems_ sur - pris - ing: "You, my Church, you give them

feed. Who, Lord Je - sus, could have guessed it? One small
 poor. Our pos - ses - sions can pos - sess us, Leave - ing
 bread." Bread to fill each hun - gry spir - it, Bread for

boy brought food to share. Tak - ing what he gave, - you
 hun - ger deep in - side. Christ our Bread, come now_ and
 hun - gry stom - achs, too! Give_ us bread and help_ us

blessed it; All_ were fed, - with much to spare.
 bless us; At_ your feast, - we're sat - is - fied.
 share it. Rich - ly blest, - may we serve you.

+ DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE “Where is Bread?” arr. Benjamin Culli

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Inger Hanson & Pastor Ben Schori

Acolytes: (10:30) Grace Thompson

Assisting Minister: (8:30) Janice Lehmkuhl (10:30) Rolf Kragseth

Ushers: (8:30) Bruce Dueffert, Harley Foster, Dale Turnacliff

(10:30) Michael Sparby, Nancy Sparby

Readers: (8:30) Maryann Kaul (10:30) Megan Pratola

Sacramental Ministers: (8:30) Judy Code, Connie DeGrote, Maryann Kaul, Rosemarie Lewis, Phil Ruud
(10:30) Dottie Hammer

Altar Care: (set) and (clean) Linda Zolnosky (cups) Mary Loven

Director of Resonance: Cindy Carlson

Church Choir Director: Peter Schleif

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SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

February 8	in person attendance
8:30 am	163
10:30 am	115
Total	278

NEXT SUNDAY...

The text of the day will be
John 6:16-21 with Psalm 145:10-21



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