

WELCOME TO BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 14, 2024

8:00 & 9:30 AM

We are so glad you are here in God's house for worship.

Before worship, talk to God! (see inside cover of hymnal for pre-service prayer prompts)

During worship, let God talk to you!

After worship, talk to one another.

If You're a Visitor, let us get to know you. Scan the QR Code here:



Parents of Young Children: ***We love having children in worship.*** God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to completely suppress it in God's house. We know the presence of children in worship is a gift to the church! It is in the Lord's house that we learn how to listen and speak to our God with our brothers and sisters in faith. Feel free to quietly explain the parts of the service and the actions of those leading worship. Children learn how to worship by copying you. If you have a need, we have "worship bags" in the Narthex filled with items to help children and families during worship. There is a ***Nursery*** across the courtyard in the office complex, where you as a parent may take your little one needing a break. You are then able to return to church and continue your worship of the Lord.

Please place cell phones and electronic devices on mute as you join us in worship this morning. Thank you.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning" LSB 400



1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on His cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
3 Shall we not yield Him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,
5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
Fra - grance of E - dom and of - f'rings di - vine,
Vain - ly with gifts would His fa - vor se - cure.
Dawn on our dark - ness and lend us thine aid;



Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
An - gels a - dore Him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion;
Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.
Myrrh from the for - est and gold from the mine?
Dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
Guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Almighty God of mercy and generosity, Your goodness far exceeds what we deserve or even desire. You bless Your servants with abundant gifts of the Spirit;

P: **Grant us the grace to use them always to Your honor and glory, through Jesus Christ + Your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

L: God of all grace, our maker and redeemer, we confess unto you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed.

P: **Forgive us Lord for shallow thankfulness, for dull content with warmth and sheltered care, for songs of praise for worldly wealthiness, while of Your richer gifts we're unaware.**

L: We flee to You, for You Lord are infinite in mercy.

P: **On account of Christ, grant us remission of all our sins; we pray, by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may receive eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.**

L: Our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. Grant this Lord unto us all. Amen.

RESPONSIVE ANTHEM: "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Verse 3

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit three in One
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Verse 2

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along
O praise Him alleluia
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Ending

O alleluia alleluia
O alleluia alleluia
O alleluia alleluia
O alleluia alleluia alleluia

OLD TESTAMENT: *Genesis 1:26-28*

Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, in our likeness. Let them rule the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the domestic animals all over the earth, and all the animals that crawl on the earth."

So God created humans in His image.
In the image of God He created them.
He created them male and female.

God blessed them and said, "Be fertile, increase in number, fill the earth, and be its master. Rule the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that crawl on the earth."
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MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

Bethany Choir

EPISTLE: *Ephesians 2:10-13*

God has made us what we are. He has created us in Christ Jesus to live lives filled with good works that He has prepared for us to do.

Remember that once you were not Jewish physically. Those who called themselves "the circumcised" because of what they had done to their bodies called you "the uncircumcised." Also, at that time you were without Christ. You were excluded from citizenship in Israel, and the pledges God made in His promise were foreign to you. You had no hope and were in the world without God.

But now through Christ Jesus you, who were once far away, have been brought near by the blood of Christ. – GW ®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

Bethany Choir

HOLY BAPTISMS:



9:30

+ *Aliyah Nicole Kawehilani Redira* +

+ *Mason Vera Ann Kehaulani Redira* +

Elder: Through Baptism, God has made *Aliyah and Mason* members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that together we may present the forgiveness of God in Christ to our world.

People: **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ and workers with us in the kingdom of God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL: *John 1:43-51*

The next day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee. He found Philip and told him, "Follow me!" (Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter.)

Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the man whom Moses wrote about in his teachings and whom the prophets wrote about. He is Jesus, son of Joseph, from the city of Nazareth."

Nathanael said to Philip, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?"

Philip told him, "Come and see!"

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and remarked, "Here is a true Israelite who is sincere."

Nathanael asked Jesus, "How do You know anything about me?"

Jesus answered him, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you."

Nathanael said to Jesus, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the king of Israel!"

Jesus replied, "You believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." Jesus said to Nathanael, "I can guarantee this truth: You will see the sky open and God's angels going up and coming down to the Son of Man."
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SERMON HYMN: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" LSB 709



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
love He sought me And on His shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

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| 5 | Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth! | 6 | And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever! |
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MESSAGE: *Cup Runneth Over: Christmas Every Day*
Text Gen. 1:26-28

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Light of the World"

VERSE 1

O Jesus Son of God
So full of grace and truth
The Father's saving Word
So wonderful are You
The angels longed to see
And prophets searched to find
The glory we have seen revealed

VERSE 2

You shone upon the earth
But who will understand
You came unto Your own
But who will recognize
Your birth was prophesied
For You were the Messiah
Who came and walked upon the earth
Your glory we have seen
The one and only King
And now You're living in our hearts
loves

CHORUS

Light of the world Light of the world
Light of the world You shine upon us
Light of the world Light of the world
Light of the world You shine upon us

VERSE 3

In You all things were made
And nothing without You
In heaven and on earth
All things are held in You
And yet You became flesh
Living as one of us
Under the shadow of the cross
Where through the blood You shed
You have made peace again
Peace for the world that God so

NICENE CREED:

I believe in one God
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING: *The Offering Box is located in the center aisle. If you so desire, Text Giving is now available by texting GIVE to 562-210-0463. For On-line Giving information, contact Maraley at mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org or call 562-421-4711, ext. 21. Thank you!*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Lord, we pray that we, Your people who Your gifts unnumbered claim, through the sharing of Your blessings may bring glory to Your name. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

P: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the gift of divine peace and pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

P: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the Holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

P: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For our nation, our community, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.

P: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.

P: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the sick and those who care for them (especially)... Let us pray to the Lord.

P: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For those who celebrate this day the abundance of Your goodness, Let us pray to the Lord.

P: **Lord, have mercy.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

For our 8am worshippers we continue with the Announcements and Benediction

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

For those communing, who so desire, the center cups in each tray are **alcohol free**. The wafers on the stand next to the pillar/pulpit side (when kneeling for communion) or on the stand in front of the baptismal font (when processing for communion) are **gluten free**.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "The Infant Priest Was Holy Born" LSB 624



1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born For us un -
3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own
4 But death would not the vic - tor be Of Him who
5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see, As at the
6 The bod - y of God's Lamb we eat, A priest - ly



ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple
al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels
hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the
rail on bend - ed knee Our hun - gry mouths from
food and priest - ly meat; On sin - parched lips the



forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.
hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.
Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore God's face.
Him re - ceive The bread of im - mor - tal - i - ty.
chal - ice pours His quench - ing blood that life re - stores.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

L: In Christ, you are who God desires you to be. In Christ, you are where God desires you to be. Surely goodness and mercy will pursue you all the days of your life, for you are the beloved of God in Jesus Christ. In Him our giving and generous Father fills our cup of blessing until it overflows. Go in that peace and promise.

P: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Take My Life and Let It Be" LSB 783



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

