



# BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## *The Woman at the Well*

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 1ST, 2026

**8:30 AM & 10:30 AM**

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

## ❖ GATHERING ❖

**PRELUDE** “*Pleading Savior*” arr. Philip M. Young

### 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.  
At the cross, you washed us  
from Jesus' wounded side,

#### + 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.  
En la cruz, tú nos lavaste  
desde el costado herido de Jesús,

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 Peppin.  
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.**

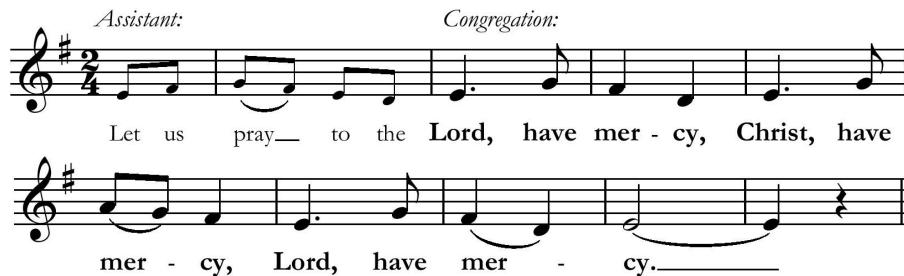
y en este día, tú nos riegas nuevamente  
con el agua de vida.

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. Satisfice 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

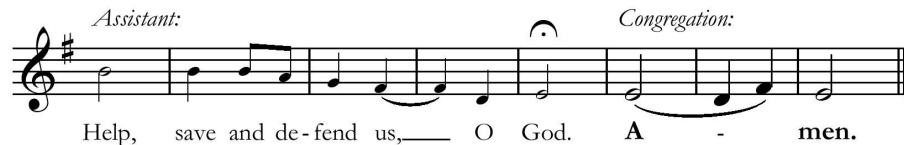


*Assistant:*  
Let us pray to the Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

*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 defend us, O God. Amen.

*Congregation:*

## + CANTICLE OF PRAISE



*Refrain*

Now the feast and celebration, all of creation 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

**O** God, we come to you thirsty. Our bodies thirst for wholeness. Our hearts thirst for justice. Our communities thirst for liberation. We shout out, “Give us water to drink!” while we look around and wonder “Is God even among us?” In the deepest wells of our longings, Loving One, satisfy our thirst and fill us with your living water. May our hope not disappoint us! Amen.

*(10:30) At this time, children K-5 are invited to go to Sunday School.*

*They will return to the sanctuary before communion.*

## ¤ WORD ¤

**PSALM** PSALM 43:1-3 “As the Deer” (a paraphrase of Psalm 43:1-3)

As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af - ter you.

You a - lone are my heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

You a-lone are my strength, my shield, to you a-lone may my spir-it yield.

You a - lone are my heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.

## + 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 4:1-42

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

<sup>1</sup> Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John” <sup>2</sup> (although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized), <sup>3</sup> he left Judea and started back to Galilee. <sup>4</sup> But he had to go through Samaria. <sup>5</sup> So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is

that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”<sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?”<sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?”<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,<sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.”<sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’<sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!”<sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet.<sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.”

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.<sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.<sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.<sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”<sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.”<sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?”<sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,<sup>29</sup> “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”<sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.”<sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”<sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?”<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.<sup>35</sup> Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest?’ But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.<sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.<sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’<sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.”<sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.<sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word.

<sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

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

**HOMILY**

+ HYMN OF THE DAY *“Living Water”*



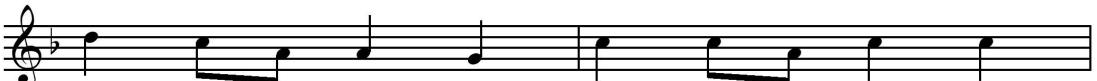
1. Gifts of riv - ers, lakes, and tor - rents, tid - al pools, and  
 2. Liv - ing wa - ter, free - ly giv - en; all, who thirst and  
 3. How could we re - frain from tell - ing, shout - ing from the



o - cean swells, rains to nur - ture new - born seed - lings,  
 ask, re - ceive from the Christ who seeks and finds us  
 moun - tain peaks, sing - ing hope with bold con - vic - tion



springs to feed the des - ert wells: none com - pare to  
 near our wells of hope and need. Christ, who knows each  
 through the by - ways, fields, and streets? We bear\_ wit - ness



liv - ing wa - ter, flow - ing from its  
 life's be - gin - nings, ev - 'ry mo - ment,  
 to Christ's mer - cy, blessed and cher - ished



lav - ish Source, ev - er quench - ing  
 deed, and thought, love be - yond our  
 as Christ's own. In the stream of



and re - stor - ing on its end - less, joy - ful course.  
 un - der - stand - ing, loves be - yond what creeds have taught.  
 liv - ing wat - er, all are wel - come, loved, and known!

## INSTALLATION OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL (BOTH SERVICES???)

### + 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** "Wie Melodien" Johannes Brahms; arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace & John H. Head

## + 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

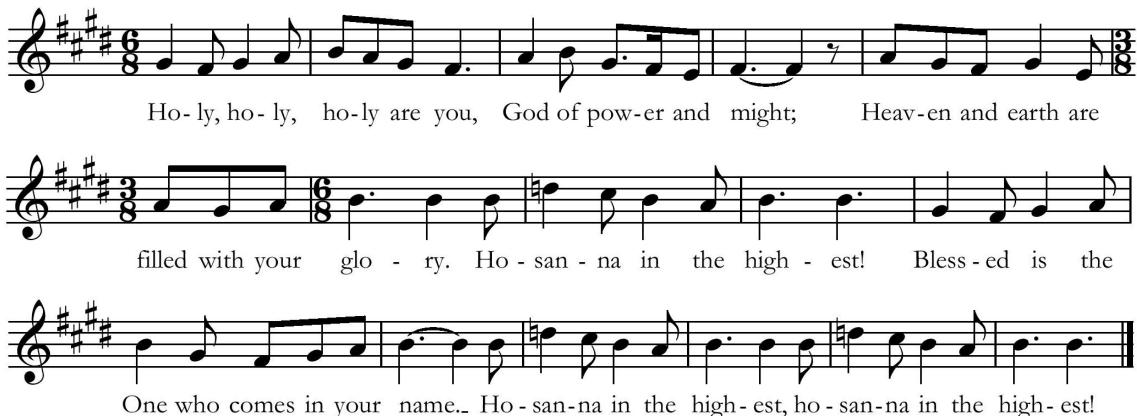
### ⊗ MEAL ⊗

## + GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:*  
The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your  
*Congregation:*  
hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:*  
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. 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.

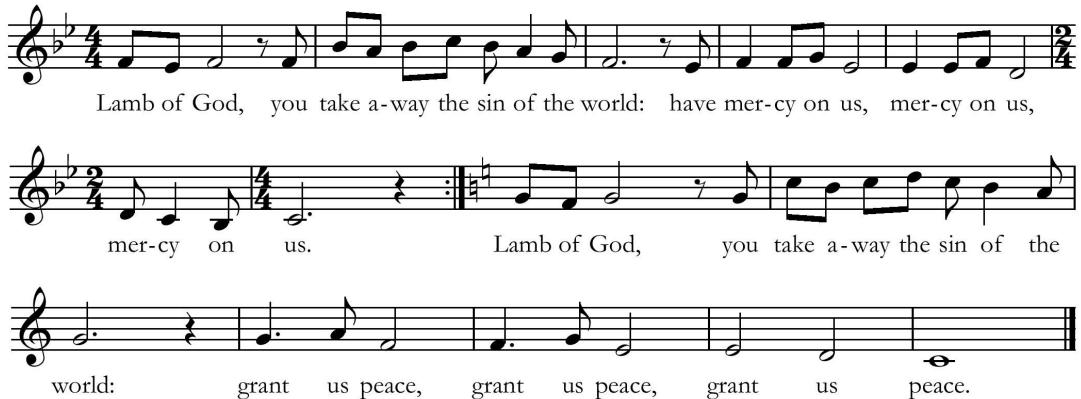
#### + EL PADRE NUESTRO

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 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:  
world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

### HOLY COMMUNION HYMN *“Baptized and Set Free”* ELW #453

#### + 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** “*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*” ELW #611

**+ DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE** “*Bourrée*” G.F. Handel; arr. Bernard Fitzgerald

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Pastor Inger Hanson & Pastor Ben Schori

Assisting Minister: (8:30) Rebecca Nystuen (10:30) Krista Middlebrooks

Ushers: (8:30) Bruce Dueffert, Bob Vanderhoof, Harley Foster, Dale Turna cliff  
(10:30) Knight Stanley

Readers: (8:30) Paula Mathison (10:30) Chris Sherwood-Gabrielson

Sacramental Ministers: (8:30) Clark Cary, Judy Code, Phyllis Larson, Barb Holm, Phil Ruud  
(10:30) Kirsten Scott

Altar Care: (set) and (clean) Rosann Brawley, Rachel Coltvet (cups)

Trumpet: Gerry Hoekstra Keyboards: Megan Engel

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

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

The Thanksgiving for Baptism is from *All Creation Sings*, © 2020 Augsburg Fortress.

The Prayer of the Day is written by Sister Michelle Walka  
as part of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Minneapolis, MN) Expansive Prayer Project. Used by permission.

“*Living Water*” Text Jeannette M. Lindholm, © 2021 admin. Augsburg Fortress

Tune: PLEADING SAVIOR, J. Leavitt’s *Christian Lyre*, 1830. arr. © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress

The Eucharist setting is “*Now the Feast and Celebration*” by Marty Haugen  
© 1990 GIA Publications, Inc.

The Eucharistic prayer is cobbled by Pastor Inger from the Time After Epiphany texts  
and Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher’s *Eucharistic Prayers* © 2016 William B. EerdMans Publishing Company

The post-communion prayer is from All Creation Sings, © 2020 Augsburg Fortress.

Portions of the liturgy are reprinted from Evangelical Lutheran Worship,  
© 2006 Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress license SB143519

Other liturgical aids are from Sundays and Seasons © 2026

Other music is used with permission under OneLicense.net license #A703881 or CCLI license #2666099

**SUNDAY ATTENDANCE**

January 25	in person attendance
8:30	150
10:30	116
Total	266

**NEXT SUNDAY...**

The text of the day will be  
**John 4:46-54 [5:1-18]** with **Psalm 40:1-5**.

## THIS WEEK: FEB 1—FEB 7

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

### MONDAY

12:00 pm  Bible Study @ the Vault (1520 Clinton Lane)

6:30 pm  Resonance Bell Choir (Adults)

### TUESDAY

9:45 am Staff Meeting

### WEDNESDAY

3:30 pm  Limitless

5:45 pm  Bistro

6:15 pm  Ring Forth Youth Bell Choir

7:00 pm  Church Choir rehearsals resume

Hangtime

8:05 pm  Brio Youth Bell Choir

### THURSDAY

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

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

10:45 am OWLs (Older Wiser Lutherans) (Youth Room)

2:00 pm Monthly Movie: “Ordinary People” (1980)

7:00 pm Vision Seekers Ettlin's Ranchero Supper Club, 4452 40th St W  
in Webster, MN 55088

### FRIDAY

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

