



BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 8TH, 2023

8:30 AM & 10:45 AM

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

Officially, Epiphany - the day we mark the end of the Christmas season with the magi visiting the Christ Child with their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh - is on January 6th. Epiphany means "revelation."

In the gospel of Matthew, these strangers from the East reveal Jesus as having importance for all people, Jews and Gentiles alike. In the Time After Epiphany, the lectionary continues to highlight revelations.

Today, we also celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord. Jesus's baptism reveals Christ in a different way.

Matthew's gospel describes a voice from heaven saying, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with whom I am well pleased."

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"- arr. Lloyd Larson

WORDS OF WELCOME

+ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

O God, you revealed your Son to all people by the shining light of a star,
and again at his baptism in the Jordan.

By water and your word you claim us as your children,
and continue to reveal your abundant life.

Make your home in us.

May your love be our inspiration,

your wisdom our guide,

your truth our light,

**and your peace the blessing we share with others in the year ahead,
through Christ our Lord.**

Beloved, do you not know that your body
is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you,
which you have from God? (I Corinthians 6:19)
May the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
marking your living with wisdom and gratitude, (Colossians 3:16)
and letting you shine with God's forgiveness, grace, and love. **Amen.**

+ **GATHERING HYMN** "Light Dawns on a Weary World" ELW #726

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE "Glory to God in the Highest"

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two main sections, each with a refrain and two verses. The first section is for the Father, and the second is for the Son. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. 1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. 2 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer." The score includes a "Refrain" label above the first and fifth staves. There are triplets indicated by a "3" over a group of three notes in the second and fourth staves.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly

Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING *ISALAH 42:1-9*

A reading from the 42nd chapter of Isaiah.

- ¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
 I have put my spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- ²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street;
- ³a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
 until he has established justice in the earth;
 and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
 who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
 I have given you as a covenant to the people,
 a light to the nations,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
 to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.
⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
 before they spring forth,
 I tell you of them.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM *PSALM 29*



¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
 ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;**
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.
³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
 the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
⁴**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;**
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor. R
⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
 the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.

⁷The voice | of the LORD
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

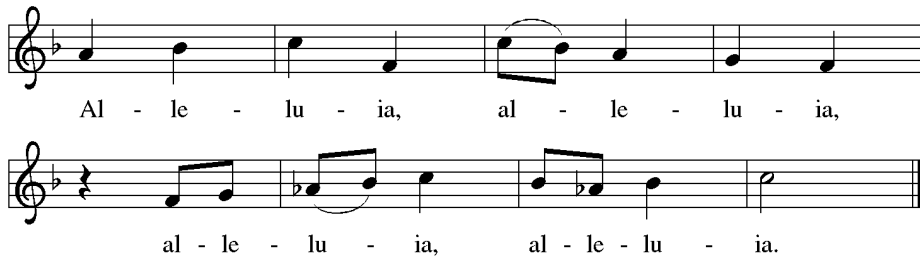
⁸The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh. **R**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, “Glory!”

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace. **R**

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

+ HOLY GOSPEL *MATTHEW 3:13-17*

The Gospel according to Matthew, the 3rd chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S HOMILY

HOMILY

+ HYMN OF THE DAY “*Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*” ELW #304

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

+ SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord 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 through Simply Giving. Online giving cards (in the back of hymnal), checks or cash may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed.



HYMN "O Living Breath of God" ELW #407 stanzas 1 & 3

+ OFFERTORY

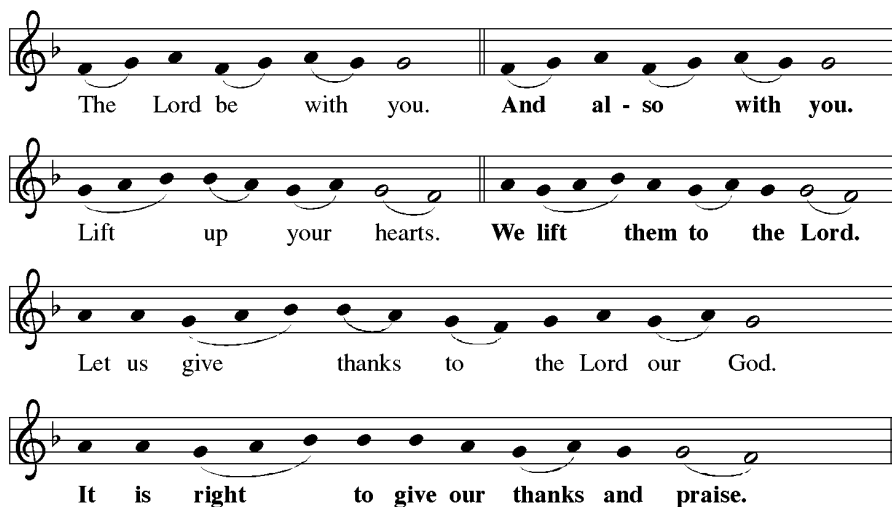


Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

✠ MEAL ✠

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

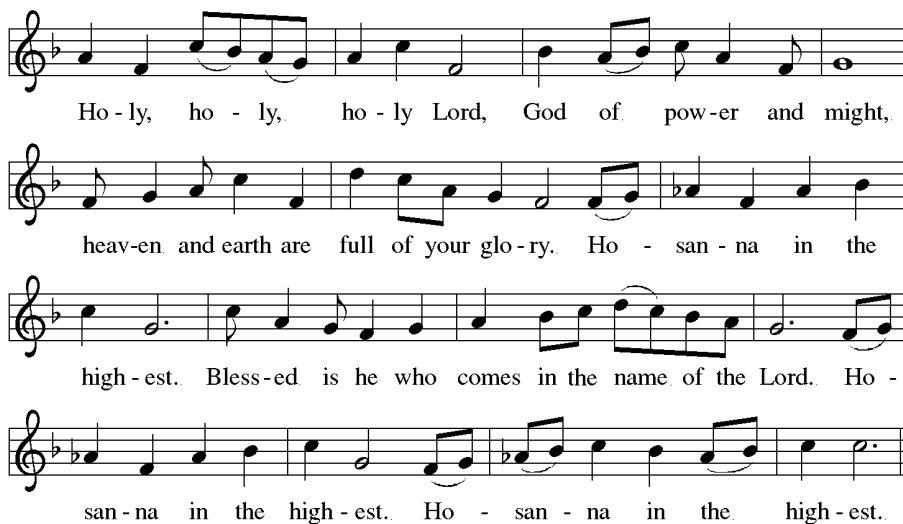
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and through invitation and teaching he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

When Jesus stepped into the Jordan, joining the masses of the ordinary who had heard John's call, "God with us" became even more clear.

The Words of Institution

As you sent your Spirit on your Beloved, send your Spirit on us. Plunge, hover, land, and soothe your courage and comfort, your relentless grace, into our lives. **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.**

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.


✠ SENDING ✠

+ BENEDICTION

May God bless you and keep you.
May God make God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God look upon you with favor,
and ✠ grant you peace. **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" ACS #942


Refrain




Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing



in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the



spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.



1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
2 . . . All a - round me looked so fine,
3 . . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,



Refrain
out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
asked my Lord if all was mine.
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE "Crashing Waters at Creation" - arr. Aaron David Miller

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Inger Hanson & Pastor Phil Ruud
Acolytes: (8:30) Brody Storm (10:45) Levi Hendershot
Assisting Minister: (8:30) Anton Armstrong (10:45) Joanna McLees
Ushers: (8:30) Ken & Phyllis Larson, Bruce Dueffert, and Mike Glampe
(10:45) Jeff & Cindy Kreis, and Marv Farmer
Readers: (8:30) Rosann Brawley (10:45) Cindy Kreis
Sacramental Ministers: (8:30) Kathy Glampe, Cindy Kreis, Sandy Reiman, Connie DeGrote,
and Lu Lindstrom (10:45) Michael Sparby
Altar Care: (set) Carol Lysne (clean) Sharon Stoeck

Keyboards: Megan Engel
A/V Technicians: Liam Fisher, Sebastian Jenkinson, Brent Kivell

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SAVE THE DATES!

January 22, 2023 Budget Meeting

9:45 am in the Sanctuary

Our treasurer will present the proposed budget for 2023.

January 29, 2023 Annual Meeting

9:45 am in the Sanctuary

As a congregation, we will receive 2022 reports and look together at the year ahead.

Vote on the 2023 budget, new council members, and more!

Please note that while the meeting will be livestreamed,
you must be physically present to participate or vote.

THIS WEEK

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS 8 AM - 4 PM

WEDNESDAY

6:30 pm  Resonance Adult Bell Choir

TUESDAY

9:00 am  Quilting Group (CLC)

9:45 am Staff Meeting

11:30 am Lydia Circle

5:00 pm Stewardship Committee

6:00 pm  Face It

WEDNESDAY

9:30 am Ladies Bible Study

12:30 pm Mission & Justice

3:15 pm Limitless

5:30 pm Congregation Life Committee

5:45 pm  Bistro

6:15 pm Ring Forth Youth Bell Choir

6:30 pm J-Term Confirmation

7:00 pm Hang Time

8:05 pm  Brio Youth Bell Choir

THURSDAY

8:30 am Men of Bethel (Room 62)

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

3:00 pm Befriender Coordinator Meeting

FRIDAY

9:30 am Women of the Word Bible Study (via Zoom)

2:00 pm Funeral Service for Henry Mueller

