

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2024

# Welcome to Bethel! We're glad you're here!

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY • JANUARY 21, 2024

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## All Are Welcome!

We mean it when we say “all are welcome” – no matter where you are on your faith journey or how you identify. Your presence is important to us – we are not complete without you. Our Worship & Music team is continually listening and adapting our worship practices to reflect our desire to welcome ALL of GOD’s children.

### Hospitality Details

We firmly believe that there is no age limit in GOD’s house. Young or old, you are an essential part of our worship community. Families with young children are encouraged to sit near the front of the sanctuary so children can see what is happening. If a young child gets antsy during long periods of inaction like the sermon, they are welcome to quietly play in front of the sound table near the door.

Those participating in worship who find standing for long periods of time difficult are encouraged to take care of themselves and adapt the “Lutheran Aerobics” of frequent standing and sitting to meet their needs. Traditions of standing at certain times during the liturgy are not meant to cause pain or discomfort. Please sit or stand in ways that make your time with us comfortable.

If you need a restroom, you have options:

In the main building, one is located through the side door near the piano. It can also be accessed by going outside through the main door and re-entering the building using the door located under the bell tower. The restroom will be to your left.

A larger, wheelchair accessible restroom with a baby changing table, is located in our back building. Go through the iron gate to the left of the sanctuary. As you enter the back building the restroom is immediately to your left. Feel free to ask the usher for directions as well.

## Prayer Requests

Yellow paper is available as you enter for you to write prayer requests on. Return the paper to an usher no later than during the Hymn of the Day. The reader will include it during the Prayers of the People.

It is our hope that this will help all those worshipping in the sanctuary and on online to hear the prayers.



## Sunday School for All Ages

(following worship)

Our two “Lisas” will have the kids in Lentz Hall for Bible Stories and crafts.

Pastor Carolyn will meet with the adults. They will be using the book, *The Forty Parables of Jesus*, by Gehard Lohfink.

## “Noisy Offering!”

Encouraging the participation of our youngest members in worship is important to us. When they help collect the offering each week, they may be confused when folks don’t drop something in the basket. So, please consider dropping a little spare change into the basket when it comes your way as a “noisy offering.” **The “noisy offering” total for the second half of 2023 was \$870 and will be donated to a local charity.**

## Contact Pastor Carolyn

Contact Pr. Carolyn first to double-check her office hours. She is available Tuesday – Thursday most weeks.

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*Introduction to the day: As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.*

## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the diverse people of God.*

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### **OPENING SONG/PRELUDE**

*Immortal, Invisible* (sung by Wing & A Prayer only)

### **WELCOME**

*The congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit and turn to face the baptismal font.*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
creator of darkness and light,  
word of truth,  
wind sweeping over the waters.

**Amen.**

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

God, our rock and refuge,

**we pour out our hearts before you.**

**We have known you but have not always loved you.**

**We have wounded one another  
and sinned against you.**

**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit  
dwelling in each of us.**

**Remember your covenant.**

**Renew your creation.**

**Restore us,**

**that we might proclaim your good news to all.**

**Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of ✠ Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

**Amen.**

*Please turn and face the altar for the Gathering Song.*

# GATHERING SONG *My Life is in You, Lord* ©Daniel Gardner

**CHORUS**

♩ = 160 C/D G D/G G D/G G D/G Em D/E Em D/E Em D/E

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord, my

**VERSE**

C D/C C D/C C G/D D C/D D C

*Last time to Coda*  $\oplus$

hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You. My You. I will praise You with

D/C C D/C G/B G G/B C D/C C D/C G/B

all of my life, I will praise You with all of my strength;

G G/B D A7sus/E D/F# G E B7sus/F# E/G# Am Am/G F

With all of my life, with all of my strength. All of my

Am7/E Dsus D C/D

*D.S. al Coda*

hope is in You. My

**ENDING**

D C/D G

$\oplus$  *Coda*

26 You, in You. \_\_\_\_\_

## GREETING (ELW p. 138)

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.**

# KYRIE

## Kyrie

©Kent Alleluia Liturgy

*Leader*  
In peace, let us pray  
to the Lord

*CONGREGATION*  
Lord have mer cy,  
Christ have mer - cy,  
Lord have mer - cy.

*Leader*  
For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation, let us pray  
to the Lord

*CONGREGATION*  
Lord have mer- cy,  
Christ have mer - cy,  
Lord have mer - cy.

*Leader*  
For peace in the world,  
for the health of God's church,  
and for all unity, let us pray  
to the Lord

*CONGREGATION*  
Lord have mer-cy,  
Christ have mer - cy,  
Lord have mer - cy.

*Leader*  
For this holy house,  
and we who offer praise, let us pray  
to the Lord

*CONGREGATION*  
Lord have mer cy,  
Christ have mer - cy,  
Lord have mer - cy.

*Leader*  
Help, save, comfort and defend us,  
gracious Lord



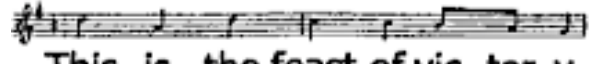
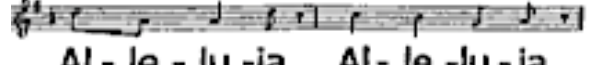
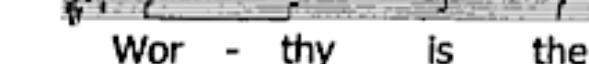
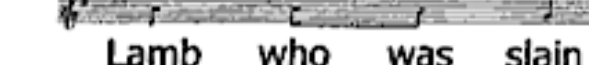
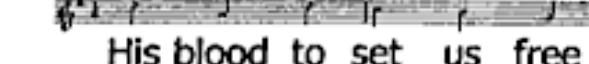

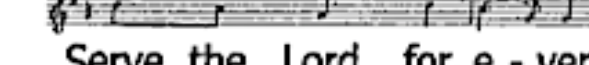
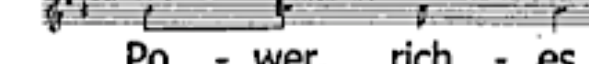
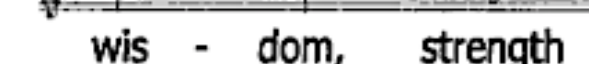

*CONGREGATION*  
Lord have mer- cy,  
Christ have mer - cy,  
A - - - - men


# HYMN OF PRAISE


## This Is the Feast

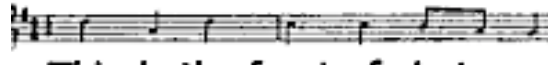
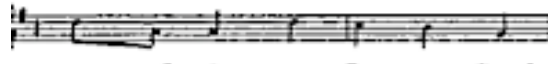
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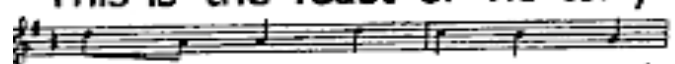
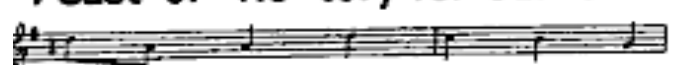
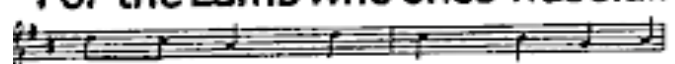
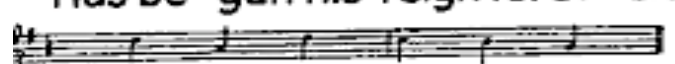
  
This is the feast of vic-tor-y  
  
Feast of vic-tory for our God.  
  
This is the feast of vic-tor-y  
  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia  
  
Wor - thy is the  
  
Lamb who was slain  
  
His blood to set us free  
  
Peo-ple of God to serve the Lord  
  
Serve the Lord for e - ver.  
  
Po - wer, rich - es,  
  
wis - dom, strength  
  
Hon-or, bless - ing, glo - ry

  
All be-long to God on high.

  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

  
This is the feast of vic-tor-y  
  
Feast of vic-tory for our God.

  
This is the feast of vic-tor-y  
  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia  
  
Sing with all God's  
  
ho - ly peo - ple  
  
Join the hy - mn of  
  
all cre - a - tion  
  
Bless - ing, hon - or,  
  
glo - ry, mi - ght  
  
Be to God and the  
  
Lamb for - ev - er  
  
A - men! A - men!

  
This is the feast of vic-tor-y  
  
Feast of vic-tory for our God.  
  
For the Lamb who once was slain  
  
Has be-gun his reign forev - er.  
  
A - - - - men!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 142)

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (Barbara Morris)

*The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"*

*A reading from Jonah.*

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 62:5-12 (Barbara Morris)

<sup>5</sup>For God alone I wait in silence;  
truly, my hope is in God.

<sup>6</sup>**God alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

<sup>7</sup>In God is my deliverance and my honor;  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

<sup>8</sup>**Put your trust in God always, O people,  
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

<sup>9</sup>Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.  
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

<sup>10</sup>**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

<sup>11</sup>God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

<sup>12</sup>**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,  
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

## **SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (Barbara Morris)

*Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

*A reading from 1 Corinthians.*

<sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **KIDS' MESSAGE**

(Jeri Wartena)

*The congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit to welcome the Gospel*

## **GOSPEL:** Mark 1:14-20

(Pr. Carolyn Brodt)

*Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.*

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.

<sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## **SERMON**

(Pr. Carolyn Brodt)

*The congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit for the Hymn of the Day.*

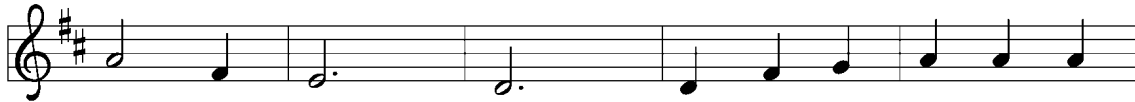


## HYMN OF THE DAY *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

(ELW 815)



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## CREED

Let us join with Christians throughout the world in this Season of Epiphany and confess our shared faith using the words of the 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.**

*Please be seated*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Barbara Morris)

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

God our rock and deliverance, do not let your church be shaken. We trust you never abandon your promises to the most vulnerable among us. Give your church wisdom and empathy in its varied ministries. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

God our hope and refuge, you placed the fish in the sea. Guide our care of oceans and all creatures that live in them. Hold us accountable for actions that endanger water sources and the people who depend on them. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

God who proclaims judgement and offers mercy, be a model to the leaders of our nation and the world. As they lead, may they follow in your way of justice and truth. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

God who cares for the suffering, care for survivors of assault and sexual abuse and sustain all who minister to them. Keep safe any who live under threat of war and violence, those living in poverty, and any among us who are ill or in pain. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection and new life, as the first disciples shared the good news, empower us and this faith community to be open to your call. When we are uncertain of your call, assure us. When we have strayed from your ways, redirect us. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

God who holds the saints against your tender bosom, we trust you welcome them into your care. Comfort those who grieve, even as we place our hope in your salvation. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Additional prayer requests provided by congregation members to be added here by reader.*

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## PEACE (ELW p. 143)

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

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

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## OFFERING

*We acknowledge that all we have is a gift from God  
and in gratefulness we return to God a portion of  
the time, finances, and gifts that God has given us.  
Thank you so much for your continued support.*

*As offerings are brought to altar, the congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit for the song*

## OFFERING SONG

*Let the Vineyards be Fruitful*

(ELW 184)



Let the vine - yards be  
fruit - ful O Lord;  
Fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing.  
Ga - ther a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, That  
we may be fed with the  
bread of life. Ga - ther the  
hopes and dreams of all;



U - nite them with the prayers we  
off - er. Grace our ta - ble  
with your pre - sence O Lord  
And give us a taste of the  
feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Holy One,  
for all good things come from you.  
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.  
Meet us at this table,  
that we receive what we seek  
and follow your Son, Jesus,  
in whose name we pray.

**Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O holy God:  
you are the Life and Light of all.  
By your powerful word you created all things.  
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.  
Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.  
He is your Light, shining in our darkness  
and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,  
his preaching and healing,  
his dying and rising,  
and his promise to come again,  
we await that day when all the universe  
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,  
that, refreshed with this heavenly food,  
we may be light for the world,  
revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us using the language of our hearts.

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.  
Come and see.

*All are welcome to join in our communion celebration.  
Please have a seat and follow the directions of Pastor Carolyn and the usher.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Giver of every gift,  
Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.  
Raise us to life by your power  
for the benefit of all and to your glory,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

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*Please rise in body and/or spirit for the Blessing.*

### BLESSING

God who names you,  
Christ who claims you,  
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,  
✠ bless you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

*Sleeper, Awake!*

©Tom Kent

Sleeper, awake! Arise from the dead  
And Christ will shine on you.  
Look to the Lord wherever you are  
And He will see you through  
  
Jesus, He calls to hearts young and old  
His love will shine on you.  
Lift up your eyes and look to His light  
Your hearts will be made strong and true.

*Chorus:* Season of light, season of Word  
Epiphany call to us all  
To Christ we now belong; we lift our hearts in song,  
Forever we will follow Him along

Sleeper arise, turn on the light  
Move on ahead with all your might  
In Christ we are made new, in Him we are reborn  
With Him we'll forever belong  
  
In His death we are baptized in His new life born again  
Called from darkness to the light  
Together we stand; together we will praise  
We will sing the great Amen

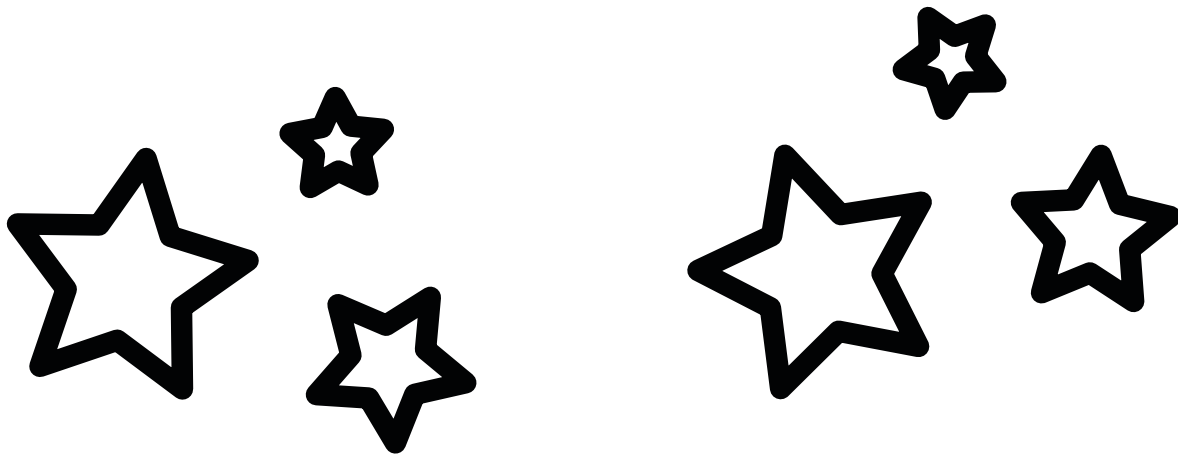
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*After **brief announcements** related to the ministry of Bethel are shared from the podium **microphone**, the congregation is invited to stand and face the font.*

## DISMISSAL

You are God's beloved. Go in peace.  
**Thanks be to God.**



Have you received your Epiphany “Star Word” from Pastor Carolyn?

Have you considered its meaning for your life?

Maybe it has a variety of meanings that will become clear throughout 2024.

Take some time now to reflect on it – write your thoughts down – then check back with your notes occasionally to see how the word has come to mean something more or different to you.



## Finance Update

To meet our 2024 Operating Expenses each month, Bethel needs **\$6968**

### Giving in January

1/7 = \$2534.04

1/14 = \$1075.04

1/21 = \$

1/28 = \$

Total for Month = \$3609.08

**TOTAL for December = \$8639**

Thanks for your ongoing support of  
Bethel's Ministries!



### Consider Online Giving

Sign up for Online Giving at our website, [bethelroseville.org](http://bethelroseville.org)

If you prefer to give by traditional check, please mail it into the church office at 1050 Douglas Blvd., Roseville CA 95678 or drop it into the basket during worship.

Use the QR code below to access e-giving from your phone



### Upcoming Scripture Readings

Next Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

- Deuteronomy 18:15-20
- Psalm 111
- 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
- Mark 1:21-28

## Today's Worship Teams

**Usher:** Cindi Roxworthy

**Reader:** Barb Morris

**Sound:** Rick Mendonsa

**Zoom:** Jeff Dodge/Scott Larson

**Altar Guild:** Loraine Anderson

**Kids Message:** Jeri Wartena

**Musician:** A Wing and a Prayer

### Next Week's Worship Team

**Usher:** OPEN

**Reader:** Patrick Gale

**Sound:** Rick Mendonsa

**Zoom:** Jeff Dodge/Scott Larson

**Altar Guild:** Loraine Anderson

**Kids Message:** Lisa Herlocker

**Musician:** Audrey Gale



January 4 – Allen Dunn

January 7 – Ronin Villanueva

January 9 – Nancy Garman

January 11 – Morgan Pfennig

January 21 – Alison Villanueva

January 27 – Ryan McBain

January 29 – Brianna Bradbury

Blessings to all of our December Birthdays, please let us know if we accidentally left you off this list!



**Are you on Social Media?**

**Have you “liked” and “followed” Bethel on Facebook and Instagram?**

This is the best way to get reminders of upcoming events and to see photos of recent activities. Just search for Bethel Roseville CA on either platform to connect with us.

We also have a website – [www.bethelroseville.org](http://www.bethelroseville.org) – this is the best place to find archived bulletins (posted under the “news” tab) and basic information about Bethel and how we are organized as a congregation.



## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

**Attend camp this summer!**

**A variety of options for all ages!**

**Financial flexibility and assistance available.**

*"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well."*

*Psalm 139:14 (NRSV)*

### **The Summer 2024 theme is: Created to Be!**

Each day campers explore more deeply the authentic selves God has created them to be. They will learn what it means to be siblings in Christ—humans who are brave enough to encourage and stand up for each other, sharing burdens as well as joys.

Daily themes include: Created to be Free, Created to be Authentic, Created to be Brave, Created to be Disciples, Created to be Disrupted.

Parents, chat about options and send Bethel kids all in the same week. OR Family Camp!?!

### **Questions?**

**Talk with Lisa Herlocker or check out**

[www.mtcross.org](http://www.mtcross.org)

## Called to Work for Justice

Through Baptism, we are called to be agents of peace and justice in this world. The work of the ELCA in our time includes that of being a Publicly Engaged Church.

In California, this is done through involvement with the **Lutheran Office of Public Policy (LOPP-CA)** which hosts live advocacy briefings on **Wednesdays** at noon. During the half-hour call, listeners get an update on state and federal legislative priorities and direct a quick advocacy activity. The link to join can be found [here](#).



Looking for a little end of the week fun?

Want to try something new in 2024?

Join Bethel friends **THIS Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** in Lentz Hall for games and fellowship.

Bring your own food and drinks – and board games you'd like to play with the group. This is a low-key activity for all ages and skills.

*Bring a friend and join the fun!*

## Upcoming Meeting

*Have some input for Bethel's Leadership? Take a moment to share your insights with some of the following folks ahead of their next meeting.*

**Worship & Music Ministry Team** (all things related to worship)

*Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm* (via Zoom)

Members: Lisa Herlocker, Audrey Gale, Barb Morris, Susan Woods, Loraine Anderson, and Pastor Carolyn



Please take a moment to look over the Bethel contact list in the back of the sanctuary. Note any changes or additions if needed. *Pay particular notice to phone numbers.* If all is correct, just initial by your name. NOTE: this isn't the final format for the directory, just the basic database. An updated directory should be available in early February.



# Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church

*Following the example set by Jesus Christ and being mindful of our Lutheran heritage of acceptance through God's grace, we welcome all to God's table. We invite all who are seeking God's love and grace to join us in worship and fellowship. We welcome all because God welcomes all, knowing that God's love is all-inclusive and stronger than any pressure to conform to the labels this world gives us.*

*We commit to providing a safe and welcoming place for people of any age, ethnic or national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome and love all no matter their socio-economic circumstances, outward appearance, immigration status, political affiliation, or anything that could seemingly divide us. The nature and extent of one's addictions, physical and mental health, or criminal history have no bearing on our commitment to welcome all.*

*We affirm today, tomorrow, and for all of our days, that we will intentionally strive to live as people of faith, people of compassion, people of love, and people of grace.  
We invite you to come as you are to Meet, Pray, & Love together.*

This is the time of the church known as the season of Epiphany. It begins with the Magi's adoration of the Christ Child and includes Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River and ends with his mountain top Transfiguration. Epiphany celebrates Christ being made known, or made "manifest," to all nations. It is a season bathed in the light of God's grace and love.

It is our hope that this Worship Gathering will bring God's light to your life. We welcome you to gather in the presence of the God made flesh who reaches across time and space and comes to dwell among us.

**Worship Gathering at 9:00am each Sunday  
Sunday School for All Ages at 10:15am (Sept - May)**



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*Bethel is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Nisenan people, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.*

