

Sunday Worship

Sunday, February 4th • 10:00 AM
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



 Escanaba
Bethany Lutheran

We are glad you are here!
Some things to know about worship:

Sunday School is offered for kids from PreK-5th grade each Sunday. Students return from class to worship during the offering time. Ask an usher to be directed to the Sunday School classroom.

*The asterisk invites the assembly to rise during worship. Rising is an act of body and spirit. If you cannot stand or wish to remain seated, this asterisk invites you to rise in spirit.

PRELUDE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

***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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.**

***GATHERING SONG**

LBW 448 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

***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



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



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.



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.



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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. **Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

A reading from Isaiah.

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises | to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor | God with praise!

²**The LORD re- | builds Jerusalem,
and gathers the ex- | iles of Israel.**

³The LORD heals the | brokenhearted
and binds | up their wounds.

⁴**The LORD counts the number | of the stars
and calls them all | by their names.**

⁵Great is our LORD and might- | y in power;
there is no limit | to God's wisdom.

⁶**The LORD lifts | up the lowly,
but casts the wicked | to the ground.**

⁷Sing to the LORD | with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp | to our God,

⁸**who covers the heav- | ens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow up- | on the mountains.**

⁹God provides food | for the cattle
and for the young ravens | when they cry.

¹⁰**God is not impressed by the might | of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed | of a runner,**

¹¹but finds pleasure in those who | fear the LORD,
in those who await God's steadfast love. ^{20c} Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



***GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39**

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

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

SERMON

Pastor Lily Brondyke

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

LBW 543 *Praise to the Lord*

***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 INTERCESSION**

After each petition the leader says: God of grace,

The assembly responds: **Receive our prayer.**

*PEACE

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

OFFERING

Your offering goes to the ministries of Bethany Lutheran Church. You can give online on our website: bethanyescanaba.com. Thank you!

*OFFERING RESPONSE



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. 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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your

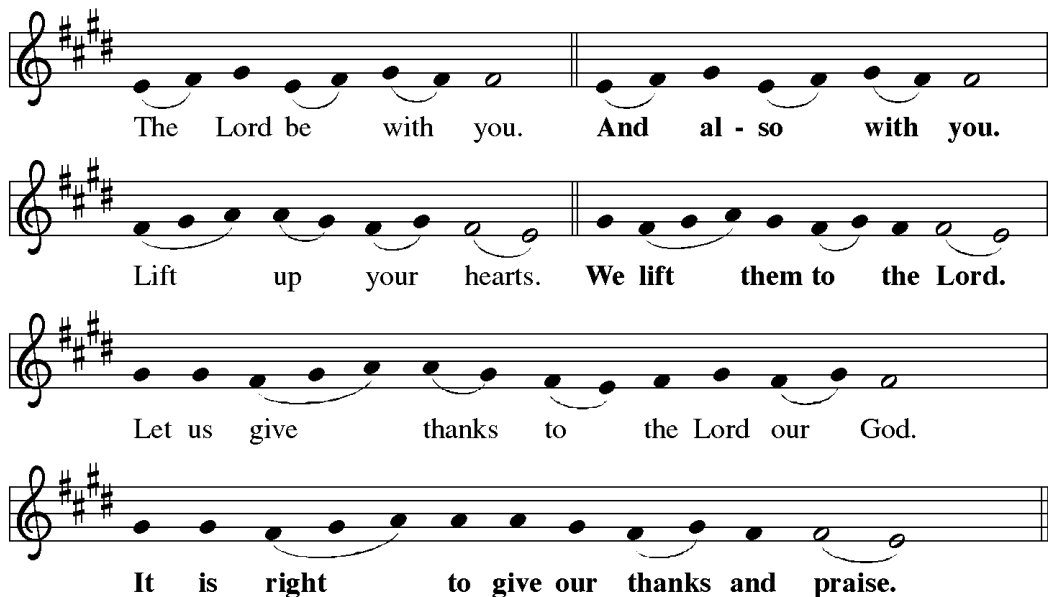


pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*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.**

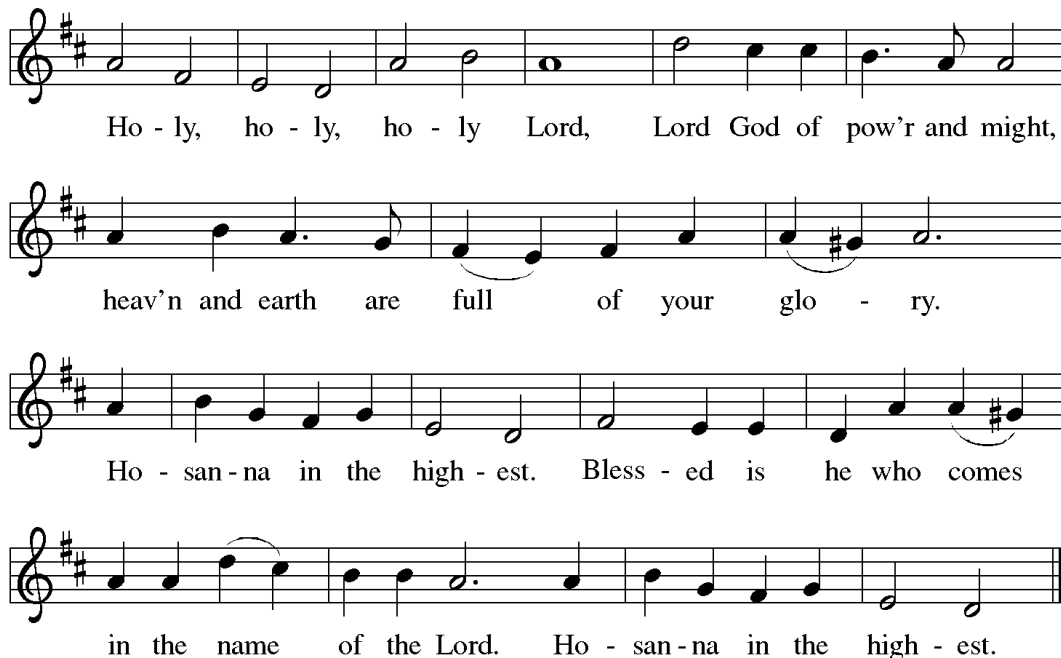
*GREETING



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.

*PREFACE

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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.

***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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG

WOV 711 *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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

LBW 16 *I Will Sing the Story of Your Love*

*DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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Go in peace!

Thanks be to God!



Weekly Announcements

February 4th, 2024

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

February 11 after worship

Please join the Sunday School children and their families on Sunday, February 11th as we “Tackle Hunger” in the Fellowship Hall. A soup lunch will be provided after the morning service, and we ask you to consider making a free will donation to benefit our local food pantry.



This fun service project is part of the nationwide Souper Bowl of Caring, which has raised over \$193 MILLION in dollars and food throughout the US since it began in 1990. Bethany's youth are excited to once again be a part of this special service opportunity.



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14

Join us on Ash Wednesday as we enter the forty days of Lent! Our Ash Wednesday worship service will be held at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary and will also be livestreamed.

If you're unable to make it to worship, Pastor Lily will be in the circle drive with ashes from 11 AM - 1 PM and 3 - 5 PM! Pull up and roll down your window to receive the sign of the cross and to hear God's eternal promise.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Mark your calendars! **Wednesday, February 21st at 5:30 PM** will be our first soup and sandwich supper for the Lenten season. Bethany's groups/committees will each take a week to serve and clean up, but we will need soup, sandwiches, and dessert preparers. Sign-up sheets are **now available** in the narthex!



Worship Leaders

Preacher - Pastor Lily Brondyke
Assisting Minister
Worship Musicians - John and Kim Beck

Livestream Tech - Kyra Beck
Usher - Rodney Spence
Altar Guild - Lee Anne Strand and
Jackie Porath

Radio Broadcast & Altar Flowers

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Donald and Audrey Anderson, by their daughter Karen and granddaughters, Sarah and Hannah.

Continuing Prayers

Teri DePlonty, Dorothy Erickson, Bea Judson, Faith Lancour, Suzy Decker, Lloyd Jensen, Alice Jensen, Virginia Clairmont, Janice Bouche, Richard Arntzen, Roy Hivala, Rev. Dean Peterson, Priscilla Anderson

Those in the Armed Forces

James Mokszycke, Matt Holland, Jake Zelenak, Thor Heskin,
Jacob Wight, Dawson Bruce, Courage Krueger

Extended Friends and Family

Zach Nardi (*friend of Traci Harris*)
Ted Dahlstrom (*brother of Judy Adamini*)
Joanne Finnorn (*daughter of Alice & Lloyd Jensen*)
Lynn Liebel (*sister of Judy Schwartz*)
Bob Polowski (*father of Suzanne and Steve Miller*)
Lori Kleiman (*friend of Sara Beck*)
Karen Olsen (*friend of Julie Gardiner*)
Jeff Ives (*son-in-law of Rick Anderson*)
Don Curran (*friend of Bethany*)
Debbie Aukerman and May Wisby (*friends of Joanna Beck*)
Beth Vogl (*daughter of Gary & Carol Butryn*)
Greg Clausen (*friend of Rodney Spence*)
Lori Moran (*friend of Lee Anne Strand*)
Cheryl Kemmer (*friend of Ginger Clairmont and Arni Arntzen*)
Harry and Sandy Krebs (*parents of Kim & John Beck*)

Jim Seiber (*friend of Jeanne Sauter*)
Simone Krieger (*friend of Jeanne Sauter*)
Judy Pepin (*mother of Lisa & Neil Bouche*)
Jim Lancour (*brother of Lee Anne & Ross Strand*)
Bert Zenker (*son of Dorothy & Ralph Zenker*)
Kathy Meyers (*sister-in-law of Mike & Kim Kallio*)
John Miller (*brother of Pr. Terry, Steve Miller*)
Kelly Hansen (*friend of Paige & Chris Sauve*)
Dorothy DeRouin (*friend of Dave Moran*)
Susan Long (*friend of Don & Norma Hopkins*)
Danny Richards (*friend of Julie Gardiner*)
Tina Harkens (*friend of Julie Gardiner*)
Cyndie Wierzbicki (*daughter of Dorothy & Ken Erickson*)
Joe & Darlene Clairmont (*brother and sister-in-law of Ginger Clairmont*)
Debbie Johnsen (*daughter of Jean Bourassa*)