

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Rev. Molly Wills, Pastor | Jan Smith, Accompanist

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany | Sunday, February 9, 2025

ACS Holy Communion Setting 11

**SPIRIT ART**

**A meditative study of scripture through art.**

**Luke 5:1-11**

**GATHERING**

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

Meditation time The Summons arr. by Jeremy Bankson

Here I Am, Lord arr. by Douglas Wagner/John Carter

Welcome & Announcements

stewardship temple talk: Office Administrator and Trustee

Confession, Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin. Merciful God, **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults** **and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ’s ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.” In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** *Let the Whole Creation Cry* **(**red hymnal #876)

Greeting (purple ACS p. 12)

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

**Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe.  Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**CHOIR** He Put a New Song in My Heart  by Michael Barrett

**WORD**

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

FIRST Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. 2 Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3 And one called to another and said, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” 4 The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 5 And I said, “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” 6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 7 The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 138 (read responsively)

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with **|** my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.  
2 **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;** **for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

3 When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.  
4 **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,** **when they have heard the words of your mouth.**  
5 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.  
6 **The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,** **perceiving the haughty from afar.**   
7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.  
8 **You will make good your purpose for me;** **O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

SECOND Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

1 Now I want you to understand, brothers and sisters, the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, 2 through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. 3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures 4 and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I but the grace of God that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you believed. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (purple ACS p. 14)

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

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

1 Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, 2 he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. 4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” 5 Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” 6 When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’s knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” 9 For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” 11 When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

**BLESSING OF 4TH GRADERS-Ten Commandments Milestone**

sermon

Hymn of the Day *Here I Am, Lord* **(**red hymnal #574)

INSTALLATION OF LEADERS IN THE CONGREGATION

People of God…to all who are baptized? **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

apostles’ Creed (purple ACS p. 17-18 or red ELW p. 105)

Prayers of Intercession God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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

**MEAL**

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

offering song Shine Jesus Shine (Bethel Brass)

OfferING Prayer

**God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving (purple ACS p. 20)

The Lord be with you. **And also 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 (purple ACS p. 20)

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord’s prayer (purple ACS p. 24)

hYMN during communion Come, Let Us Eat (red hymnal #491)

Prayer after Communion

**SENDING**

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

Blessing

The Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion and send you in love. **Amen.**

Sending hymn *In Christ Called to Baptize* (red hymnal # 575)

Dismissal Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Holy God, We Praise Thy Name arr. by Diane Bish

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**WELCOME TO BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH! WE’RE GLAD YOU’RE HERE!**

***If you are new to Bethel, here is some helpful worship information****: We use the ELW (red hymnal) and the supplement ACS (purple hymnal), which contain liturgy and hymns. Liturgy pages are at the front of each hymnal, with the page numbers at the bottom and in the bulletin as (red ELW p.) or (purple ACS p.) Hymn pages are in the back two-thirds of the hymnals, with the page numbers at the top and in the bulletin as (red hymnal #) or (purple hymnal #). The songs from the Green Book are in the bulletin as (green book #).*

***Hearing assist devices are available;*** *speak to an usher for assistance.*

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Vibrantly open to the Spirit, Bethel Lutheran Church seeks to serve God

and its neighbors by joyfully living into the good news of Jesus Christ.

**FEBRUARY IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH**

**Church** is not an organization you join; it is a **family** where you **belong**,

a **home** where you are **loved**, and a **hospital** where you find **healing**.

**THIS WEEK AT BETHEL**

Today

* Sunday school, BLTs, Stewardship for 6th graders: after worship
* *The Chosen*: 10:15 am

Wednesday, February 12

* Bible study: 11:30 am-12:30 pm
* Worship & Music meeting: 12:30 pm
* Quilting: 1:00 pm-4:30 pm
* Choir practice: 6:30 pm

Thursday, February 13

* MEFS Mobile Outreach bus: 1:30-3:00 pm, Bethel parking lot

Friday, February 14: Happy Valentine’s Day!

Saturday, February 15

* Grandparent/Grandchild Valentine Breakfast: 9:00 am-noon, Bethel Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 16

* Praise Worship: 9:00 am, Stewardship Temple Talk: Church Council, Council Pres.
* Sunday school and Confirmation class: after worship

**QUESTIONS OR REQUESTS?** Contact the church office at 320-395-2125 or bethellutheranlp@gmail.com. Call Pastor Molly Wills at 320-339-8169 or email pastor@lpbethel.org for emergency pastoral care needs.

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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** 25th of the month

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

* **UPCOMING MILESTONE CLASSES:** *Stewardship for 6th graders*: February TODAY, with a blessing during worship on February 16. The classes will be held after worship.
* **GRANDPARENT or SPECIAL ADULT AND CHILD VALENTINE BREAKFAST:**

When: February 15 | Time: 9:00 am-Noon | Where: Bethel’s Fellowship Hall | Cost: FREE

All children ages 5 and older and a grandparent or special adult are welcome! *Children must come accompanied by a grandparent or special adult.* You and your grandchildren do not need to be members of Bethel to participate. *Registration is required before the deadline-Monday, February 10.* To register, email jhallberg59@icloud or [jks\_teach@yahoo.com](mailto:jks_teach@yahoo.com). Contact Jean Hallberg at 507-430-2671 with questions.

* **BOXES OF SUNSHINE:** The BLTs will be putting together “Boxes of Sunshine” for the college students of Bethel on February 23rd. We will be collecting “yellow” items for approximately 6 students. If you would like to contribute, here are some of the items we are looking for: Juicy Fruit gum, lemonade packets, Velveeta Mac and Cheese cups, Slim Jims, small packages of Peanut M&M’s, yellow highlighters, chicken flavored Ramen Noodles, small packages of Fudge Stripe cookies, small bags of Lay’s Potato Chips, yellow Post-it Notes, boxes of Sour Patch Kids, and any other snacks or treats that have yellow packaging!
* **FAITH THAT OVERFLOWS 2025:** Registration for GLLM summer programs is open! By registering early, you will not only reserve your place, but you’ll save money too! The Early Bird Discount ends on Thursday, February 13, 2025! Every registration received before then will receive $65 off each registered program (some restrictions apply.) GLLM scholarships are available for any program including youth camps, and retreat programs. Bethel also has scholarships available, contact Emily Koehler or Pete Hallberg if you are interested. Visit gllm.org for more information and register today! If you have questions, contact the office by phone at 320-796-2181 or email [camp@gllm.org](mailto:camp@gllm.org).
* **2025 CHURCH COUNCIL:** Council President: David Gohl, Council Secretary: Julie Hanson, Treasurer: Jill Duncan, Financial Secretary: Stacy Meyer, Finance Board: Mitch Overbye & Sara Jepsen, Education Board: Pete Hallberg & Katie Radtke, Trustee Board: Bryon Weisenburger & Jeff Hanson. *Thank you to all who have volunteered to serve!*
* **CONTACT INFORMATION:** Please inform the church office of any changes to your contact information to ensure accuracy in the upcoming 2025 Congregational Directory.
* **LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY:** Join us for Ash Wednesday, March 5th worship service at 6:30 pm and mid-week Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays March 12-April 9. Meals will be served each week from 5:00 pm-6:15 pm. *There is a Lenten meal sign-up sheet in the narthex for anyone who wants to take a turn to organize, prepare, and serve a meal for 35-45 people. Thrivent Action grants will cover the meal expenses. You can also sign up to bring bars or clean up. Diane Horsman if you have any questions.*