

Homebound members: Wil Wertz – Jim Craig – Josh Carter

Thanksgiving for Families:

Lisa, James, & Marvin Bohrer Debbie Diedrich, Grace and Olivia Linda Hailey

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “We Are an Offering” ELW, #692

HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today 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.**

SONGS DURING COMMUNION:

“Be Still (for the Presence of the Lord)” *see insert*

“All Who Are Thirsty” *see insert*

“Breathe” *see insert*

“I Love to Tell the Story” ELW, #661

“As the Deer” *see insert*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” ELW, #547

CORPORATE PRAYER:

“Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church.”

GO IN PEACE

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Worship Team for today:

Presider: Pastor Barb Lemke

Pianist: Cindy Josephson **Hymnists:** Ron and Doris Freund

Reader: Richard Richmond **Greeter:** **Usher:** Marv & Ev Kelley

Communion Asst.: & **Screen/Sound:** Travis Kleven

Video FaceBook & YouTube: Debbie Diedrich

Sunday Worship Service



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7th Sunday After Epiphany

February 23, 2025

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
February 23, 2025
9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE: Cindy Josephson

GATHERING: “Change My Heart, O God” ELW, #801
“Come into the Holy of Holies” *see insert*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORPORATE PRAYER:
“Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church.”

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS ELW, pp. 94–96

OPENING HYMN: “Gather Us In” ELW, #532

GREETING

KYRIE ELW, p. 184, vv. 1–2

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC “Shine On Us” Choir

1ST READING: Genesis 45:3–11, 15

2ND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:35–38, 42–50

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 188

GOSPEL: Luke 6:27–38

HYMN: “Amazing Grace” ELW, #779

SERMON “A Step Up” Pastor Barb Lemke

BAPTISM: *Amon Kyron Littlejohn-Conner* ELW, pp. 227–231
Rhyan Imon Littlejohn-Conner

Parents: Rhyan Littlejohn-Conner and Brooke Rae Johnston
Sponsors: Janessa Johnston, Kawanza Rhodes, and Virginia Perez
Marsha Dianne Taraba Peacock

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

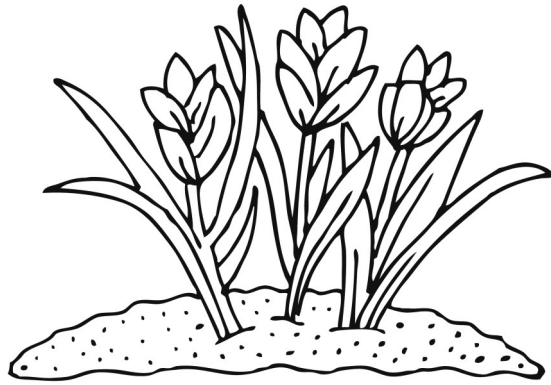
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.*
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of 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 CHURCH

John & Casey Howshar
Delores Rasmussen & Dan Rasmussen
Eyes: Marvin Bohrer & Bonnie Frank
Robert McBride – Patti Schoenfeld – Mike Lemke – Susan Riley (Lorraine Chambers’ friend) – Ashlyn (daughter of friend Wade and Lynn Hampton) – Alicia Jerrup (friend of Mary Katherine Smith) – Gary (Andrea Newport’s brother-in-law) – Scott Petrock (Carol Einertson’s son-in-law) – Tammy Hawley (Sheila Kelly’s boss) – Linda Hardy – Andrew Carpenter (friend of Alexa Weaver) – Joe Baker (husband of Cathy) – Rodney Steggs and his mother Rita Johnson (friends of Hamptons) – Peggy Russell (friend of Eddie & Pat Garcia) – Linda Kirkegaard – Wendy (Kim Evancho’s friend) – Sara Teller (Kim Evancho’s friend) – Connie Lovell (Deloris DeLapp’s friend) – Lola Wertz

Ray Johnson Danny Cowan
Carol Kirkegaard, family in California Linda Washington (stroke)
Kaylee, friend of Hamptons Catherine McConchie (stroke recovery)
Susan Armor (pneumonia recovery, healing of broken legs, kidney health)
Bill Schmidt (kidney health)
Gerald Kelley, Carol Smith’s significant other (Alzheimer’s)
Brayden, friend of Debbie Diedrich (brainstem blastoma)
McKay, Debbie Diedrich’s nephew (seizures)
Sylvia Cowan (leg and heart health)
Frank Ruhs, Ev Kelley’s brother, (heart health)
Joshua Stack, boyfriend of Kevin’s niece Haley (mental health)
Jeremy, Scott Crosby’s friend (heart surgery)
Caroline Hailey-Kesler, Linda Hailey’s granddaughter (rare kidney disease)
Gypsy Hewett (back surgery recovery)
Judy Jensen, Tanya Lenahan’s mother (broken hip and wrist)
Scott Crosby (recovery from infection) Cheryl Gednalske (leg infection)
Kim Evancho (surgery)
Robert Bleigh, acquaintance of Pr. Barb’s sister (recovery from open heart surgery)
Bob Bliss (medical tests and biopsy) Patsy Lohmer (knee replacement recovery)
Keith Bass, Willi Sanow’s brother-in-law (hospice)



WHAT IS
SOWN
 IS PERISHABLE;
 WHAT IS
RAISED
 IS IMPERISHABLE.

1 Corinthians 15:42

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Welcome!

We welcome all who gather for worship on this day and pray God's blessing on our time together!

Guests are invited to record their visit by signing the Guest Book located at the entrance to the worship space. All worshippers are invited to sign the red attendance folder in the pew and pass it on to their neighbor to sign.

Upcoming Events

Choir – Choir rehearsals are at 8 a.m. starting February 23 for the Lenten/Easter season. *Please join us in the fun in making beautiful music together!*

“The Chosen” Bible Study – Our “The Chosen” Bible Study groups meet on:
 -Sundays after church,
 -Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom,
 -Wednesdays at 6 p.m. via Zoom, and
 -Thursdays at 1 p.m. at the church.
 We would love to have you join us..

Missions for February – We are collecting canned and boxed food for , and monetary donations for Interfaith of Aurora as February, March and April's Missions focus. Please mark your checks as Missions in the note field.

CROP Walk Monthly Restaurant Fundraiser – Pick up a flyer in the narthex for Tuesday, Feb. 25 at Jus' Grill.

March Newsletter Articles – Contributions for the newsletter are due to the church office by Monday, February 24.

Worship Helpers Needed – Please see sign-up sheets outside the entry to the sanctuary. We are especially in need of greeters, ushers, and communion assistants.

This Week at Bethel February 23–March 1, 2025

Sun	8 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Study
	3:00 p.m.	Tongans
Mon	6:00 p.m.	TOPS
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Tue	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study (Zoom)
Wed	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Zoom)
Thu	11:00 a.m.	Prayer Team
	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study (in-person)
Fri	6:00 p.m.	Tongans
Sat		
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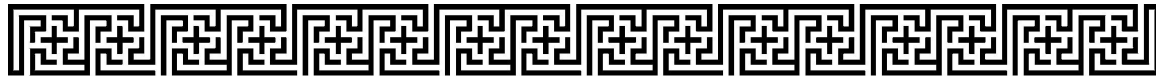
Help Support Medical Missions in Peru!

– Today, after worship Jamie Villante and a medical team from Porter Hospital are headed to Peru in April to provide healthcare to small communities along the Amazon River. Burritos and other yummy items will be available for purchase to help raise funds for this endeavor. There will also be items for a silent auction to bid on, with the auction winding up on March 2.

Come Into the Holy of Holies

Come into the Holy of Holies,
Enter by the blood of the Lamb;
Come into His presence with singing,
Worship at the throne of God.
Come into the Holy of Holies,
Enter by the blood of the Lamb.
Come into His presence with singing,
Worship at the throne of God.
Lifting holy hands to the King of kings,
Worship Jesus.

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Be Still (for the Presence of the Lord)

VERSE 1
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here.
Come bow before Him now,
With reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found,
We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here.

VERSE 2
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire,
With splendor He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,

Our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

VERSE 3
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him,
In faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

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All Who Are Thirsty

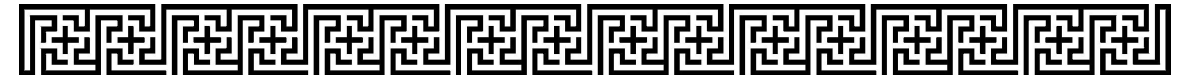
VERSE
All who are thirsty,
All who are weak come to the fountain.
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be wash'd away
In the waves of his mercy,
As deep cries out to deep
We sing

CHORUS 1:
Come Lord Jesus Come. (4x)

CHORUS 2:
Holy Spirit come. (4x)

INTERLUDE:
As deep cries out to deep,
as deep cries out to deep.
We sing

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Breathe

This is the air I breathe;
this is the air I breathe,
Your Holy presence living in me.
This is my daily bread,
this is my daily bread,
Your very Word spoken to me.
And I, I'm desperate for you.
And I, I'm lost without you.
repeat

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As the Deer

As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

REFRAIN:
**You alone are my strength, my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield;
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship you.**

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