

CLOSING SONG:

“We Are Called”

ELW, #720

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:** Grace Flows Down

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

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

**Youth Offering Asst.:** \_    **Youth Communion Asst.:** Kiera D.    **Acolyte:** \_

**Video FaceBook & YouTube:** Jamie Villante

GRACE  
*to you and*  
 PEACE  
*from God our*  
 FATHER  
*and the Lord Jesus*  
 CHRIST.

*1 Corinthians 1:3, NRSV*

# Sunday Worship Service



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## *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany*

**January 18, 2026**

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**January 18, 2026**  
**9:30 A.M.**

PRELUDE: Cindy Josephson

GATHERING: “Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)” (vv. 1, 2, 5) ELW, #798

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: “God, Whose Almighty Word” ELW, #673

GREETING

KYRIE

P For the light of Christ shining among us,

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For Jesus revealed as God’s beloved,

**C Christ, have mercy.**

P For the Spirit leading us into the world,

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**ALL Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; ELW, #885**  
**Praise God, all creatures here below;**  
**Praise God above, ye heav’nly host;**  
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Isaiah 49:1–7

2<sup>ND</sup> READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1–9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 205

GOSPEL: John 1:29–42

CHILDREN’S SERMON Kathy Harrison

*Children leave for Sunday School afterwards, and will return for Communion.  
Feel free to “pick them up” in the Fellowship Hall if you want them sooner.*

HYMN: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” ELW, #815

SERMON “Seeing Jesus for Who He Is” Pastor Barb Lemke

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 *see insert*

**Thanksgiving for Families:**

Patty & Chris Alsleben Cathy Baker Rusty Bliss

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “We Give Thee but Thine Own” (v. 1) ELW, #686

**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:

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” ELW, #611

“I Come with Joy” ELW, #482

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” ELW, #733

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

# PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

## Recent hospitalizations, illnesses, and concerns:

Scott Crosby (*infection recovery*) Paula Tveit (*multiple myeloma*)  
 Andrea French (*migraines*) Debbie Diedrich's mother (*knee replacement recovery*)  
 Harold Wilming (*Vicki Florer's brother-in-law, brain injury*)  
 Daughtry Family (*Pr. Barb's friends in IA, husband has ALS*)  
 Keith Springer and wife Kim (*Pr. Mike Lemke's friends, ALS, hospice*)

## For our homebound members and friends:

Wil Wertz – Jim Craig – Josh Carter – Cathy McConchie

## For those diagnosed with cancer:

Patti Schoenfeld Rev. Mike Lemke Linda Kirkegaard Wendy (*Kim Evancho's friend*)  
 Susan Riley (*Lorraine Chambers' friend*) Connie Lovell (*Deloris DeLapp's friend*)  
 Ashlyn (*daughter of friend Wade and Lynn Hampton*) Bob Bliss Patrick Stephenson  
 Alicia Michaels (*Mary Katherine Smith's friend*) Pastor Steve Ruechel  
 Gary (*Andrea Newport's brother-in-law*) Marv Kelley Mike S. (*Gypsie's friend*)  
 Scott Petrock (*Carol Einertson's son-in-law*) Summer Stephens (*Doris Freund's niece*)  
 Tammy Hawley (*Sheila Kelly's boss*) Heather & Heidi Mortenson (*Lynn Hampton's friends*)  
 Linda Hardy Karen Ryberg (*Sylvia Cowan's niece*)  
 Andrew Carpenter (*Alexa Weaver's friend*) Ruth (*Joni Dammen's friend & roommate*)  
 Rodney Steggs & his mother Rita Johnson (*Hamptons' friends*) Cecelia Morrissey (*Debbie Diedrich's friend, breast*)  
 Peggy Russell (*Eddie & Pat Garcia's friend*)

## For those dealing with ongoing concerns:

John & Casey Howshar Matthew Zenn (*Bob's grandson, heart health*)  
 Delores Rasmussen & Dan Rasmussen Craig Mortenson (*Lynn Hampton's friend, health*)  
 Eyes: Marvin Bohrer & Bonnie Frank Mary Sellinger (*health*) and Michael (*her son, stroke recovery*)  
 Ray Johnson Danny Cowan Paige Petrock (*Carol Einertson's granddaughter, CIDP*)  
 Kaylee (*friend of Hamptons*) Carol Einertson (*heart & kidney health*)  
 Bill Schmidt (*kidney health*) Lisa Pruitt (*Andrea French's friend, congestive heart failure*)  
 Gerald Kelley, Carol Smith's significant other (*Alzheimer's*) Stephanie & Bret's premature baby Michael (*Joy's friend*)  
 Sylvia Cowan (*leg and heart health*) Ron McBroom (*Dana's husband, heart surgery*)  
 Frank Ruhs (*Ev Kelley's brother, heart health*) Gypsy (*esophagus health*) and the Hendricks (*friends*)  
 Caroline Hailey-Kesler (*Linda Hailey's granddaughter rare kidney disease*) Ralph Westadt (*ankle surgery recovery*)  
 Scott Crosby (*recovery from infection*) Randy Feakes (*fall injuries recovery*)  
 Cheryl Gednalske (*leg infection*)  
 Donna Arntson (*Lynn Hampton's sister-in-law, stroke*)

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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

**“The Chosen” Bible Study** – We have multiple options for “The Chosen” Bible Study groups that meet:  
 -Sundays after church,  
 -Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom  
 -Thursdays at 1 p.m. at the church .  
*We would love to have you join us..*

**Choir** – Choir rehearsal will be on January 25, meeting at 8:15 a.m. We will also sing in Church.

**Congregational Meeting** – Sunday, January 25, after worship Please plan to attend church in person and stay after worship as we will meet to discuss important issues as well as vote on the 2026 budget and elect the SLT for the year ahead.

**Annual Reports** – If you not have done so already, please submit your committee/ministry's report to the church office ASAP.

**Cards for Ministry** – We are collecting CLEAN greeting cards of any kind (except holiday) WITH envelopes for New Beginnings Women's Prison Ministry. Please place them in the labeled bucket on the table in the entryway.

## This Week at Bethel January 18–25, 2026

<b>Sun</b>	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	SLT Meeting
	11 a.m.	Bible Study
	3:00 p.m.	Tongans
<b>Mon</b>	6:00 p.m.	TOPS
<b>Tue</b>	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study (Zoom)
<b>Wed</b>	11:30 a.m.	Senior Luncheon at Mama Alvino's
<b>Thu</b>	11:00 a.m.	Prayer Team
	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study ( <i>in-person</i> )
<b>Fri</b>	6:00 p.m.	Tongans
<b>Sat</b>		
<b>Sun</b>	8:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
	3 p.m.	Tongans

