POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” ELW, #543

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

GO IN PEACE

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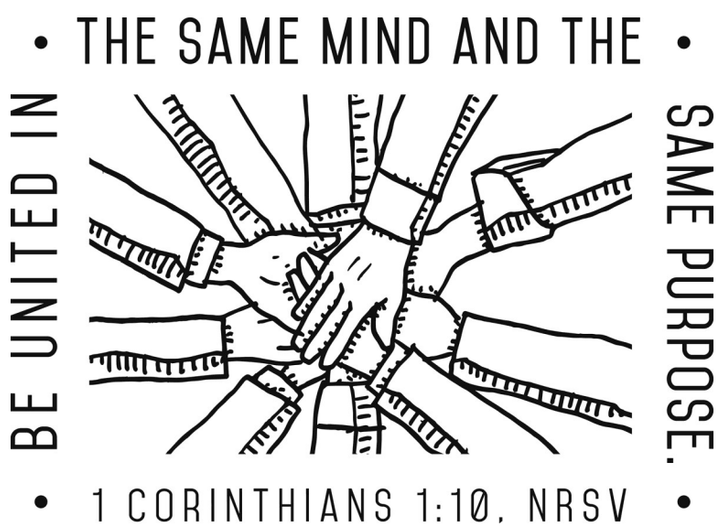
Worship Team for today:
Presider: Pastor Barb Lemke
Pianist: Cindy Josephson **Hymnists:** Ron and Doris Freund
Reader: Jon Lohmer **Greeter:** **Usher:** Rich Richmond & Marv/ Ev Kelley
Communion Asst.: Jon Lohmer & **Screen/Sound:** Travis Kleven
Youth Offering Asst.: _ **Youth Communion Asst.:** Rhyon & Amon **Acolyte:** Melodi
Video FaceBook & YouTube: Jamie Villante



Sunday Worship Service

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3rd Sunday After Epiphany

January 25, 2026

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
January 25, 2026
9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE: Cindy Josephson

GATHERING: "Arise, Your Light Has Come" ELW, #314

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: "Christ, Be Our Light" (vv. 1, 2, 5) ELW, #715

GREETING

KYRIE & PRAISE

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

SPECIAL MUSIC "Dona nobis pacem" Choir

1ST READING: Isaiah 9:1–4

2ND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10–18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 205

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12–23

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: "Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult" ELW, #696

SERMON "Savior, May We Hear Your Call" 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:
Lisa Ardoin Bob & Teilene Bliss Lisa Bohrer

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
"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" ELW, #759
"O Jesus, I Have Promised" ELW, #810

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Recent hospitalizations, illnesses, and concerns:

Scott Crosby *(infection recovery)* and wife Dawn
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 the families who have lost loved ones:

The family of Anthony Steinert *(Barb & Dave's great nephew)*

For our homebound members and friends:

Wil Wertz – Jim Craig – Josh Carter – Cathy McConchie

For those diagnosed with cancer:

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

For those dealing with ongoing concerns:

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

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

Congregational Meeting – *TODAY, after worship* Please 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.

Choir – Choir rehearsal will be today, meeting at 8:15 a.m. We will also sing in Church. *February:* rehearsal every Sunday at 8 a.m. and at 6:15 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18.

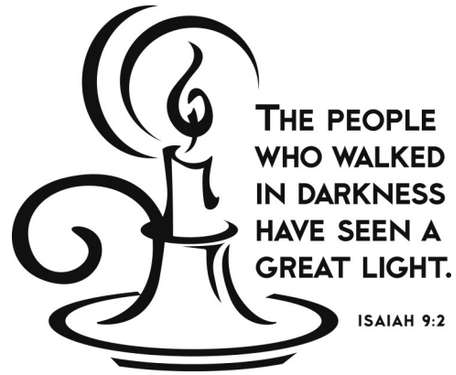
Bible Study – We have multiple options for Bible Study groups that meet:
-Sundays after church,
-Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
-Thursdays at 1 p.m. at the church .
We would love to have you join us..

February Newsletter Articles – Please submit your additions for the February *Beacon* to the office ASAP. Thank you.

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 25–February 1, 2026

Sun	8:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
	3:00 p.m.	Tongans
Mon	6:00 p.m.	TOPS
Tue	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study *(Zoom)*
Wed		
Thu	11:00 a.m.	Prayer Team
	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study *(in-person)*
Fri	6:00 p.m.	Tongans
Sat	10:00 a.m.	Gamblers Anon. *(upstairs)*
	4:00 p.m.	Sisters Fellowship Int'l.
Sun	8:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	Bible Study
	11:30 a.m.	New Member Class
	3 p.m.	Tongans



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