

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Rise Up, O Saints of God" (vv. 1, 2, 5) ELW, #669

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:** Mila Khmeleva **Hymnists:** Laina Kelley-Walker and Sheila Kelley

**Reader:** Laina Kelley-Walker **Greeter:** **Usher:** Marv & Ev Kelley

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

**Youth Offering Asst.:** Iliana **Youth Communion Asst.:** Rhyan & Amon **Acolyte:** Janessa

**Video FaceBook:** Ron Freund **YouTube:** Jamie Villante

# Sunday Worship Service



Image: Church Art Online

## *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany*

**February 8, 2026**

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Altar Flowers were given by Carol Kirkegaard in memory of her brother Dennis and in honor of her Lyle, with their birthdays this month.



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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

February 8, 2026

9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE: Mila Khmeleva

GATHERING: "I Love to Tell the Story" ELW, #661

### 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

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;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

ELW, #885

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC "God of Glory, Lord of Love" Choir

1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Isaiah 58:1–9a

2<sup>ND</sup> READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1–12

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 205

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13–20

### 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: "This Little Light of Mine" ELW, #677

SERMON "Put it Under a Bushel, NO!" 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:

Ken Klaus & Jodi Byrnes-Klaus, Grace, Katherine John & Tiffany Brooks

### 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

"Bread of Life from Heaven"

ELW, #474

"Lord, Be Glorified"

ELW, #744

# PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

## Recent hospitalizations, illnesses, and concerns:

McKay (*Debbie Diedrich's nephew, seizure meds management*)  
Patricia Henley (*fall recovery & breathing, Joy Faciane's friend*)      Matt Wentzel (*pneumonia recovery*)  
Jenny Piorer (*Patti Schnoefeld's sister, heart*)      Scott Crosby (*infection recovery*) and wife Dawn  
Andrea French (*migraines*)      Daughtry Family (*Pr. Barb's friends in IA, husband ALS, hospice*)

## For the families who have lost loved ones:

Maya & grandfather Randy Ortega and family of neighbor Matt  
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      Connie Lovell (*Deloris DeLapp's friend*)  
Susan Riley (*Lorraine Chambers' friend*)      Bob Bliss      Patrick Stephenson  
Ashlyn (*daughter of friend Wade and Lynn Hampton*)      Pastor Steve Ruechel  
Gary (*Andrea Newport's brother-in-law*)      Marv Kelley      Mike S. (*Gypsy'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      Cecelia Morrissey (*Debbie Diedrich's friend, breast*)  
(*Hamptons' friends*)      Paula Tveit (*multiple myeloma*)  
Peggy Russell (*Eddie & Pat Garcia's friend*)  
Linda Kirkegaard Wendy (*Kim Evancho's friend*)

## For those dealing with ongoing concerns:

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

## 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 will be every Sunday in February, at 8 a.m., as well as 6:15 p.m. on Feb. 18 for Ash Wednesday.

**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..*

**Congregational Meeting** – Sun., Feb. 22, after worship Please plan to attend this follow-up meeting of the congregation to review the assessment of needs for the parsonage.

**Missions for Lent** – We are collecting canned and boxed food and monetary donations for Aurora Interfaith as our Missions focus for Lent in February and March 2026. Please mark your checks as Missions in the note field.

**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 February 8–15, 2026

<b>Sun</b>	8:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	New Member Class
	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 ( <i>Zoom</i> )
<b>Wed</b>		
<b>Thu</b>	11:00 a.m.	Prayer Team
	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study ( <i>in-person</i> )
	7:00 p.m.	Gamblers' Anon. 'Steps'
<b>Fri</b>	6:00 p.m.	Tongans
<b>Sat</b>	9:00 a.m.	Quilting Group ( <i>in-person</i> )
	10:00 a.m.	Gamblers Anon. ( <i>upstairs</i> )
	4:00 p.m.	Sisters Fellowship Int'l.
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	11 a.m.	Bible Study
	3 p.m.	Tongans



*Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18  
worship at 7 p.m.*