

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
*Nurture with Love, Serve with Hope*  
JANUARY 19, 2025 PASTOR ELAINA SALMON

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

THE GATHERING

*(Please stand.)*

**Gathering Song** “*All are Welcome*”

*Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:*

*Refrain*

*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: Refrain*

*Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger: Refrain*

## Greeting

- L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
C **And also with you.**

## Hymn of Praise      *“Glory to You”*

*Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
yours is the promise, the blessing, the birth.  
Ours the rejoicing for Word given frame;  
ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.  
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;  
yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.*

## Prayer of the Day

- L Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
C **Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## THE WORD

### **The First Reading** Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the Lord delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.  
For as a young man marries a young woman,

so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 36**

A Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

C **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep;  
you save humankind and animals, O Lord.**

A How priceless is your love, O God!  
All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

C **They feast upon the abundance of your house;  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

A For with you is the well of life,  
and in your light we see light.

C **Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

### **Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand.)*

## Gospel Acclamation

### Gospel Acclamation *Celtic Alleluia*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
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*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

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## Gospel John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated.)*

**Sermon Joe Falese**

*(Please stand.)*

## Hymn of the Day “Open our Eyes, Lord”

*Open our eyes, Lord  
we want to see Jesus;  
To reach out and touch him  
and say that we love him.  
Open our ears, Lord,  
and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord,  
we want to see Jesus.*

### Prayers of the People

A With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*(a moment of silence)*

A Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Refuge of creatures, you place all the living under the shadow of your wings. Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals, creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment we share. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Almighty God, bless the public servants of our nation, especially our new President Trump and Congress, that they may do their work in a spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice. Help them use their authority to serve faithfully and to promote our common life. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer**

A Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. Guide our nation in continuing to heed your prophetic call. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A God, who opens your hand to the hungry, bless our Bethany children and families as they pack meals tomorrow with Feed My Starving Children. Bring joy to their work, nurture in them compassion for those in hunger, and inspire them to serve always following the example of Jesus. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Spirit of peace, celebrating this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for neighboring congregations and ministry sites. Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints. Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C **Amen.**

### **Sharing of Christ's Peace**

L The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## THANKSGIVING

### **Invitation to the Offering**

L God is a generous giver of gifts that flow like a river from the fountain of life. Let us bring our offerings with thanks and praise; for the gifts we give are the gifts of God.

### **Offering**

*(Please stand.)*

### **Offertory Song**      *"We Give Thee But Thine Own"*

*We give thee but thine own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

*May we thy bounties thus  
as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us,  
to thee our firstfruits give.*

## Offertory Prayer

- A 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.
- C **Amen.**

## Thanksgiving for the Word

- L Let us pray.
- L Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,
- C **we give you thanks and praise.**
- L By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,
- C **we give you thanks and praise.**
- L Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,
- C **we give you thanks and praise.**
- L Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.
- C **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

- L Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,
- C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day 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, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## SENDING

### Blessing

- L May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill us with every spiritual blessing.  
C **May the God of faithfulness and encouragement grant us to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.**  
L May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

### Sending Song “Come Thou Font of Every Blessing”

*Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
fills my heart with joy and love,  
teach me ever to adore thee;  
may I still thy goodness prove.*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer:  
"Hither by thy help I've come";  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.*

*Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now like a fetter  
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.*

### Dismissal

- L Go in peace to nurture with love and serve with hope.  
C **Thanks be to God!**



## *PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY*

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