

WORSHIP BULLETIN – FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 8:30 & 11:00 AM

*Please take this bulletin home with you ... as a reference for this week's calendar of events, a reminder of Bethany family and friends to keep in your prayers and other useful information.*

**Prelude:** *"Voluntary IX: Allegro"*, John Stanley

**Gathering Hymn:** *"Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"* ELW 858

First Reading Isaiah 40:21-31

**Psalm 147:1-11, 20c** Chanted Tone 7

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Gospel Mark 1:29-39

Sermon Pastor Jen Henry

**Hymn of the Day:** *"You Are Mine"* ELW 581

**Offering:** *"O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True"*, Heermann with **Alternatum** by Zipoli

**Communion Hymn:** *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* ELW 471

**Sending Hymn:** *"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"* ELW 536

**Postlude:** *"Offertory in F Major"*, Adolphe Miné

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### WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome to worship at Bethany Lutheran Church! It is our hope that you experience the love of Christ this morning and His presence during our worship service. If you are visiting today, please sign the guest book in the narthex. Everyone please sign the Fellowship Pad in your pew. These can help you get to know the others in your pew. The pads also have a space for our record of communion. Please be sure to mark this if you partake in Holy Communion. Please be sure to include this information. Thank you for filling out the Fellowship Pad!

Large print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available. If you would like either of these, please ask an usher.

The liturgical color for the season of Epiphany is green. Green symbolizes the renewal of vegetation, living things and the promise of new life. It is used for the two seasons that focus most directly on continuing life in this world: Epiphany and Pentecost. Epiphany focuses on the life of Jesus as a human being, and Pentecost focuses on the life of the Church.

Altar flowers today are given by Rev. John Syvertson in memory of his father Don Syvertson, and Magnus, Jakob and Sven Jøndahl.

Many thanks to our worship volunteers helping with services today:

**8:30:** Greeters: Betty & Dick Schmidt; Reader: Judy Hiemstra; Communion servers: Donna Jones, Sharon Cameron, Mary Marske; Acolyte: Karter Petzenhauser, Josh Quail; Ushers: Gary Halverson, Bruce Klenken, Francis Hiemstra; Recorder: John & Holly Fogarty; Projector: Mary Ann Quail; **11:00:** Greeter: Rhonda Salts; Reader: Rhonda Salts; Communion server: Rhonda Salts; Projector: Mary Ann Quail

***Are you able to help as a worship volunteer?*** Readers, greeters, and Communion servers are needed. Please consider helping! The February sign-up forms are at the Welcome Center and on-line at: <http://signup.com/go/LFgpAbst>. Look them over and sign up to help as you are able. Thank you for helping as a worship volunteer at Bethany!

#### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Health Concerns: Mike Palm, Mary Grover, Ben Heien, Jamie Huber, Linda Kunzmann, Bill McCune, Sandy Manwarren, Isabel Perez, Sally Peterson; Barbara Wood (*Betty Lee's sister*); Darla Larsen (*Doug Bjorklund's sister*); Gladys Wilcox (*Sherrie Green's mother*); Gary Lundquist (*Mary Fiedler's father*); Elsie Anderson (*Val Van Ampting, Laurie Conlon & Mary Ann Quail's mother*); *People who advocate for those who have no voice, such as the hungry;* *Those representing us at LUTHERAN DAY ON THE HILL and speaking for child welfare issues;* *First Lutheran/Milford and the installation of Pastor Brian Jack, associate pastor*

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR**

**ACTIVITIES BETWEEN SERVICES** All are welcome to enjoy fellowship with refreshments in the church parlor between services. Sunday school is in session. Children age 3 years--grade 8 are welcome and encouraged to attend. Preschooler ages 3-4 years old gather in their room upstairs (Room 9). Kinder-kids through grade 5 gather in the Dining Room downstairs. Grades 6-8 meet in their room on the lower level.

**NEW MEMBER RECEPTION** Are you or someone you know interested in membership at Bethany? Maybe you are a spouse of a member and would like to officially become part of the roster. Maybe you've been a frequent visitor and are interested in becoming a member of Bethany. If so, or if you just want information, please plan to attend a new member inquiry session **TODAY** between services. We will receive new members at our worship services on Sunday, **February 11**.

**LUTHERAN DAY ON THE HILL** Lutheran Services in Iowa's Lutheran Day on the Hill is a day of advocacy for Iowa's most vulnerable populations. This year's event is on Thursday, **February 8**. Join LSI in Des Moines at Capitol Hill Lutheran Church and learn about the social issues affecting Iowa and talk to your legislators about keeping the social safety net secure for all Iowans. For details or to register visit [www.LSIowa.org/LDH](http://www.LSIowa.org/LDH).

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES** for fifth grade students will begin on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 PM. The class will go six weeks. Contact Katie if you have any questions!

**ANNUAL MEETING.** At the Jan Bethany Annual Meeting, all persons nominated were elected to their respective position(s), and the Bethany Constitution & Bylaws and the 2018 Bethany Budget were approved by the 86 members attending. Thanks to all!

**ST LUKE ROUND UP:** Many thanks to Jody Vollmer, Marilyn Meyer, Rita Storm and Bess Madsen for serving on behalf of Bethany by helping round up residents for worship at St. Luke last Sunday.

**SYNOD GROUP TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY** Are you ready for a spiritual adventure? Maybe a safari is on your bucket list? Join the other folks from the Western Iowa Synod on a trip to our companion synod, the Southern Diocese of Tanzania. Walk with fellow Christians, learning about each other, Tanzania and its people and culture. The application deadline for this trip is **February 15**. Log on to the [www.wisynod.org](http://www.wisynod.org) for more information.

**SOUND BOOTH CREW** Please consider joining the tech team. Projector operators, camera/video recorders and sound people are needed for our worship services. These are step-by-step processes that you can learn and we are willing to train. If you would like to be a part of the “tech team” please sign up at the Welcome Center. You will be contacted with information about some upcoming training sessions. Thanks!

**MILESTONE MINISTRIES** Join us on February 25th during the 8:30 AM worship service for a Special Faith milestone as our Second Grade students receive their first Small Catechism! The celebration continues with a special class in during the Sunday school hour as they get to know more about the small catechism. Second Grade Families: if you are unable to be here that Sunday, please contact Katie at the church office. Thank you!

**FUN & FELLOWSHIP** On Thursday, February 8 at 9 AM workers will gather in the dining hall to assemble school kits, personal care kits, baby care kits and fabric kits and to sew and tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Join us for this important work and fellowship – which is always FUN! We’ll share a potluck lunch at noon. All are welcome!

**THE GATHERING COMMUNITY MEAL** will be serving dinner from 5 – 6 PM on Thursday, February 8 in the dining room at Bethany. The dinner is free to everyone. Please pass the word if you know someone who would like to join us. The menu this month includes meatloaf, corn casserole, lettuce salad, and cake! Yum! If you are unable to join us, we also appreciate your prayers and financial support.

The **LOVING SPENCER** project for February is to “spread the love” – share acts of kindness and love throughout the community. Spreading love and kindness doesn’t have to be something big. Even small gestures make a great difference in peoples’ lives and you may never know how that might light-up their day. Let the February kindness explosion begin!

## **CALENDAR**

### Sunday, February 4

- 8:30 am Worship
- 9:30 am New Member Inquiry Class
- 9:45 am Fellowship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 11:00 am Installation of Pr Brian Jack, New Associate Pastor at First Lutheran/Milford

### Monday, February 5

- 2:30 pm St. Luke Auxiliary

### Tuesday, February 6

- 2:00 pm Staff Meeting

5:00 pm Weeknight Music 2 (Gr 5-6)  
6:00 pm Parish Ed Mtg  
6:00 pm Stewardship Mtg  
6:00 pm Weeknight Music 1 (Gr K-4)  
7:00 pm Weeknight Music 3 (Gr 7-8)

Wednesday, February 7

10:00 am Bible Study & Prayer Group  
5:00 pm Caring Friends Mtg  
6:00 pm Bells  
7:00 pm Confirmation  
7:00 pm Praise Team  
7:45 pm Bethany Youth Group  
8:00 pm Uke Group

Thursday, February 8

LUTHERAN DAY ON THE HILL

9:00 am Fun & Fellowship  
10:30 am Conf Leader Mtg  
12:00 pm Workday Potluck  
4:00 pm Endowment Comm  
5:00 pm The Gathering

Saturday, February 10

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study  
9:30 am WIS Leadership Academy,  
St John/Carroll

Sunday, February 11

Camp Sunday  
8:30 am Worship  
8:30 am New Members Received  
9:45 am Council Meeting  
9:45 am Fellowship Time,  
Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship  
2:00 pm Conference Mtg/Primghar  
UDMO Food Drive 2/11 – 2/18

*Fear not,  
for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name.  
You are mine.*  
Isaiah 43:1

**CAMP SUNDAY** Join us next Sunday, **February 11** for special services led by Lakeside Lutheran camp staff. This promises to be a lively worship service that you won't want to miss! The Lakeside team will be on hand for Sunday School classes, too. Be on the lookout that day for information on upcoming summer camp opportunities at Lakeside Lutheran. If you are thinking about sending your child to camp this year, and want to save money, now is the time to get registered, as early bird discounts apply.

**KUDOS!** The January Food Drive collected 27 pounds of groceries for UDMO. Thank you to Clifton & Carolyn Albrecht for delivering for us. **The February Food Drive is Feb 11-18.** UDMO

is in particular need of some boxed foods – macaroni and cheese, ‘Hamburger Helper’, and boxed potatoes (like potato flakes, mashed potatoes, au gratin, etc.).

*And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.*  
2 Corinthians 9:8 (NRSV)

**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP at Bethany Lutheran, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**



**Ash Wednesday** is the Wednesday of the seventh week before Easter and the first day of Lent. The day is named for the practice of imposing ashes on foreheads.

Using ashes as a sign of repentance is an ancient practice, often mentioned in the Bible (e.g., Jonah 3:5-9; Job 42:6; Jeremiah 6:26; Matthew 11:21). The early Christians adopted the use of ashes from Jewish practice as an external mark of penitence.

Ashes symbolize several aspects of our human existence:

- Ashes remind us of God's condemnation of sin, as God said to Adam, "Dust you are and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19).
- Ashes suggest cleansing and renewal. They were used anciently in the absence of soap. Even on Ash Wednesday, this most penitential day, we receive ashes in the form of the cross, the same symbol placed on our bodies with water in our baptism. Even in this ashen mark of death, we anticipate the new life of Easter.
- Ashes remind us of the shortness of human life, for it is said as we are buried into the ground or as ashes are placed in a columbarium (see "What are columbaria and memorial gardens?"). "We commit this body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust" (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 284).
- Ashes are a symbol of our need to repent, confess our sins, and return to God.

**COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES** will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with lunch serving beginning at 11:30 AM (\$4.00); worship from 12:20-12:50 from Feb 14 through March 28. Because it is as significant WHERE we pray as for WHAT we pray, the theme "JESUS PRAYS: Drawing Hope from the Prayer Life of Jesus" draws on moments in the life of Jesus to inspire our own faith lives.

Feb 14	Jesus prays in Gethsemane (and in our own moments of uncertainty, identity, and anguish; Frederiksen/Hanges)
Feb 21	Jesus prays on the mountainside (and in our times of hunger for food, community and blessing; T Van Tassell/Odor)
Feb 28	Jesus prays in the wilderness (and in our own times of being lost, ostracized, or forgotten; Henry/Wallace)
Mar 7	Jesus prays at the tomb (and in our own despair and grief and miraculous joy; Batschelet/Laaveg)
Mar 14	Jesus prays at the table (and in our own times of fellowship with food, family and friends; Schreiber/W Van Tassell)
Mar 21	Stations of the Cross – Sacred Heart School
Mar 28	Jesus prays from the cross (and in our own times of pain, disgrace, bullying, and imminent death; Muillenburg/Dunwoody) <i>Bethany Lutheran staffs the kitchen.</i>

**BETHANY'S LENTEN SERVICES** will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:00 beginning Feb 21st utilizing the Holden Evening Prayer worship service. One or more

witnesses will present their stories that are linked to God's stories. An evening meal will be served beginning at 6:00 in the dining room. The Women of Bethany will be serving maidrites on Feb 21. If you or your group is interested in serving, there is a signup sheet at the Welcome Center.