

## BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Vibrantly open to the spirit, Bethel Lutheran Church serves God and its neighbors by joyfully living and sharing the Good News.*

Sunday, February 4, 2018

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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany (Setting 6)

Jan Smith, Organist

### GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" ELW # 858

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

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for Reflection*

Loving God, **We confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have never known; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around and give us a fresh start, so that we can live into our calling as your children. Amen.**

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.

Even when we have messed up, God puts us together,

God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children.

According to the proclamations of promises of our God: Your sins are forgiven,

For the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

Kyrie and Canticle of Praise (p. 165)

Rejoicing in God's grace, we sing our Canticle of Praise (p. 169) **This is the feast...**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray; **Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

### WORD

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:21-31

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message "Rest"

Gospel Acclamation (p. 171) **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?...**

The holy gospel according to Mark the first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading Mark 1:29-39 The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon "Searching"

Hymn of the Day "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" ELW # 517

Prayers of Intercession Lord, in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Peace The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Offering

We now enter into a time of offering where we joyously share in God's abundance.

Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" ELW # 884

Offertory Prayer

**Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **MEAL**

We now share in Christ's holy meal of forgiveness, love, and grace.

Table Prayer **Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. Let these gifts to us be blest. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving (p. 172-173)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you...**

**Holy, holy, holy...**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer (insert)

Invitation to Communion

Distribution Hymns (p. 174) **Lamb of God...**

"Christ, Be Our Light" ELW # 715

### **SENDING**

Benediction

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, Creator, ✠ Redeemer, and Sustainer, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Sending Hymn "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" ELW # 860

Dismissal Go in peace, Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude