

## 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, January 21, 2018  
Third Sunday after Epiphany

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### GATHERING

Prelude

Gathering Songs “Come, Now is the Time to Worship” Green Binder # 105  
(Two requests from the congregation)  
“Great is the Lord” GB # 16

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed by 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.

God is still speaking this promise to us: Your sins are forgiven,

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

Litany of Thanksgiving (adapted from Psalm 62)

Trust in God at all times, O people;

Pour out your heart before the Lord;

**For God is a refuge for us.**

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this;

**That power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.**

God alone is our rock and our salvation, we shall not be shaken.

**On God rests our deliverance and our honor, our refuge is in God!**

Trust in God at all times.

**We pour out our hearts before the Lord!**

Entrance Song "Grace Alone" Green Binder # 70

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray; **Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit and make us your humble disciples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

### WORD

Scripture Reading Jonah 3:1-5, 10 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**  
Children's Message "A Compass"  
Gospel Song "Lord, Add Your Blessing to This Word" GB # 98  
Gospel Reading "Mark 1:14-20 The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**  
Sermon "Discipleship"  
Song of the Day "Come Just As You Are" GB # 58  
Prayers of the People Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**  
Peace The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**  
Offering  
Offertory Song "Take My Life, and Let It Be" GB # 86

### MEAL

Communion  
Table Prayer **Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. Let these gifts to us be blest. Amen.**  
Words of Institution  
Lord's Prayer  
Communion Song "Prayer of St. Francis" GB # 2

### SENDING

Benediction Song "My Peace" GB # 39  
Sending Song "To God Be the Glory" GB # 37  
Sending Words Go in peace, Following the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**  
Postlude