

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 7, 2018

Baptism of our Lord (Setting 6)

Aaron Holmgren, Pastor

Jan Smith, Organist

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Hymn “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” ELW # 310

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 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.

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) **Glory to God...**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray; **Holy God, creator of light and giver of all things good, your voice makes and moves the world. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

WORD

Scripture Reading Genesis 1:1-5 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message “Chaos/Order”

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 1:4-11 The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon "Hearing God's Voice"

Hymn of the Day "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" ELW # 519

Apostles Creed (p. 105)

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...**

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" ELW # 800

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 "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized" ELW # 304

Dismissal Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude