

Worship Notes

WE HOLD IN PRAYER

THOSE WHO ARE SICK, INJURED AND IN NEED OF HEALING:

David Babcock, Pastor Bob & Karalee Bipes, Jen Callen, Leslie Camarata, Brenda DeLong, Don Evers, Don & Linda Flatt, Becki Fuhrman, Jim & Roberta Harper, Sharon Haugo, Trina Hilke, Greg Hojem, Patty Johnson, Jackie Krebsback, Edith Lampman, Mary Martin, Kay Monroe, David Robson, Jim & Jane Sagraves, Randy Stensgaard, Dorothy Vietor, Jodi Zellmer

THOSE SERVING OR DEPLOYED IN THE MILITARY:

Isabelle & Sam Rick

TODAY’S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Organ: Monica Weeks

Song Leader: Nic Schmit & The Songsters

Scripture Reader: Karen Pavlis

Worship Support: Karen & Roger Pavlis

Technical Assistants: Patrick Willson, Jonas Andrews, Eli Helm, Ethan Sonnenberg

Shuttle Bus: Steve Kassekert

IN SYMPATHY:

We offer our sympathies and prayers of comfort and strength to Pastor Bob Bipes, family and friends, at the death of his brother, Kenneth. And for the family and friends of Janice Forsythe, on her death. God bless and comfort these friends with the promise of Christ: *“Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.”*



SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026
10:30 AM WORSHIP | DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

Pastor Sandy Johnson, Preacher
Mary Gerzmehle, Worship Leader

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"Though our feelings come and go,
God’s love for us does not."

—C.S. Lewis

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WELCOME

to Bethel Lutheran Church!

We’re so glad you’re with us today. At Bethel, our mission is to Connect, Grow, and Serve God and others. On this Baptism of the Lord Sunday, we are delighted to welcome Pastor Sandy Johnson, who will remind us of God’s extravagant love for us. We pray that this service encourages you and points you once again to Christ.

*You are invited to stand, as you are able.

All who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome and encouraged to join us for communion, regardless of church membership or denomination.

The Prelude: Monica Weekes, organ

The Welcome/Announcements

***The Opening Hymn: “Arise, Your Light has Come” #314**

The Greeting:
Leader: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

People: We come, to listen for the voice that speaks love.

*The Responsive Reading:
L: God of grace, You meet us in the everyday rhythms of life.
P: Open our ears to hear Your voice.
L: You speak in moments that seem ordinary—
P: and reveal a love beyond measure.
L: You speak in moments that are extraordinary—
P: reminding us who we are and whose we are.
L: In Jesus, You spoke words of love and delight.
All: Help us hear those words spoken over us today.

*The Prayer of the Day:
L: Loving God,
P: At the baptism of Jesus, You spoke words of delight and love, claiming Him as Your beloved Son. Help us to listen for Your voice in our own lives—in the ordinary and in the extraordinary. Quiet the noise that distracts us, open our hearts to Your presence, and remind us that Your love rests upon all Your children. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*The Sharing of God’s Peace:
L: The peace of the Lord be with you always...
P: And also with you!

The Children’s Message: Pastor Sandy Johnson

The Music Ministry: Monica Weekes, organ

The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9
L: The Word of the Lord.
P: Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Lesson: Acts 10:34-43
L: The Word of the Lord.
P: Thanks be to God!

***The Gospel Acclamation: “Baptized in Water” #456**
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*The Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

The Message: “The Voice that Speaks Love” Pastor Sandy Johnson

***The Hymn: “Children of the Heavenly Father” #781**

*The Offering Prayer:
L: Generous God,
P: You speak love over Your people and invite us to live in that love. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and trust. Use them to share Your love with the world, helping others hear the good news that they are seen, known, and beloved by You. Amen.

Giving our First and Best to God through our Offering

The Offering Music: Monica Weekes, organ

*The Great Thanksgiving:
L: The Lord is with you.
P: The Lord is with you, too.
L: Lift up your hearts.
P: We lift them to the Lord.
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
L: It is indeed right and joyful that we give You thanks and praise. For at the waters of the Jordan, You revealed Your love in a moment both ordinary and extraordinary. As Jesus stood among the people, You opened the heavens, sent Your Spirit like a dove, and spoke words of love and delight. In His life, death, and resurrection, You continue to speak love into our world—a love that meets us where we are and transforms us by grace.

*The Words of Institution

*The Lord’s Prayer:
ALL: 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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*The Invitation to Communion:
L: As we gather at this table, help us hear Your voice again, claiming us as beloved, strengthening us in faith, and sending us to live out that love in the world.

The Communion Hymn: “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” #800

*The Communion Blessing

*The Prayers of God’s People:
L: Loving God...
P: Hear our prayer.

*The Closing Blessing

***The Closing Hymn: “The Church’s One Foundation” #654**

*The Sending:
L: We go as God’s beloved children.
P: Listen for God’s love in ordinary moments and trust God’s presence in extraordinary ones.

The Postlude: Monica Weekes, organ