

## Worship Notes

# WE HOLD IN PRAYER

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

David Babcock, Pastor Bob & Karolee 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:

**Piano:** Skip James

**Song Leader:** Nic Schmit & The Songsters

**Scripture Reader:** Tasha Gunderson

**Worship Support:** Lori & Dave Benson, Adler Huttera

**Technical Assistants:** Patrick Willson, Jonas Andrews, Eli Helm, Callen Dedolph

**The Bethel Quartet:** Megan Wagner-Floam, Sydney Kakuk, Obed Floam, Karl Buttermann

**Shuttle Bus:** Lee Woodward

### FAITH MILSTONE:

Today we pray for the 1st graders and their parents who took part in the Lord's Prayer Faith Milestone. May the words Christ taught us continue to comfort, guide, and strengthen them in all the days to come.

### IN SYMPATHY:

We offer our sympathies and prayers of comfort and strength to Marla Wiste, family and friends at the death of her father, Richard John "Flippo" Valentino. God bless and comfort these friends with the promise of Christ: *"Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted."*

Bethel's Mission to Connect, Grow, and Serve, Continues...

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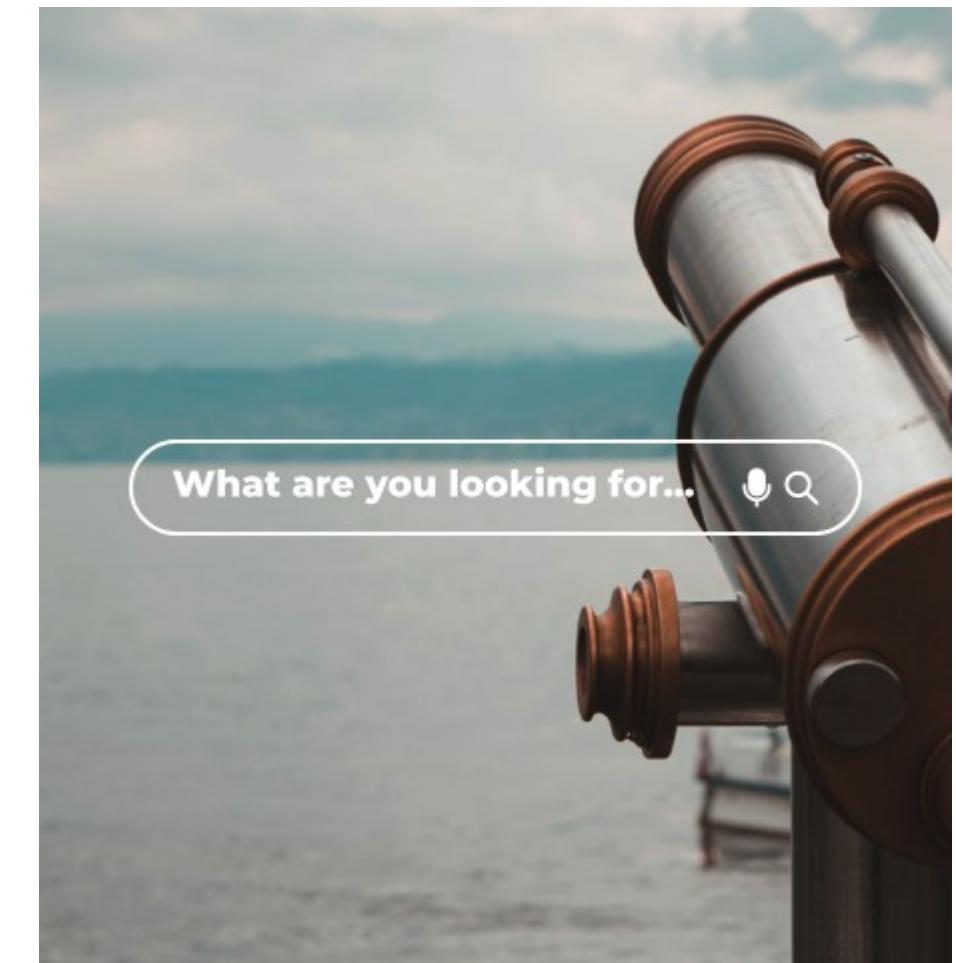
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

10:30 AM WORSHIP | DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

Pastor Gary MacManus, Preacher  
Marcie Andrews, Worship Leader

Bethel service's are livestreamed on Bethel's website, & Bethel's YouTube page, and are broadcast on River Channel 15, Wednesday at 7:00pm & 9:00pm, & Thursday at 7:00am, & will be on Radio WEVR (1550 AM/106.3 FM) next Sunday at 8:00am.



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"What we see depends mainly on what we look for."

—John Lubbock

# 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 Second Sunday after Epiphany, we are delighted to welcome Pastor Gary MacManus, who asks, "What Are You Looking For? We pray that this service helps you grow in your faith.

\*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: "Two Sketches for Piano" Cuthbert Harris

The Welcome/Announcements

\*The Opening Hymn: "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" #314

\*The Greeting:

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

People: We gather to worship the One who meets us where we are.

\*The Responsive Reading:

L: In a world always looking for what's next—

P: Jesus asks, "What are you looking for?"

L: When we feel anxious about what lies ahead—

P: Christ invites us to come and see.

L: When we long to be fulfilled and complete—

P: We look to the Lamb of God.

L: Baptized in grace, empowered by the Spirit—

P: We are sent to follow and to share.

L: Behold! God is at work among us.

All: We come to see, to follow, and to trust.

\*The Prayer of the Day:

L: Seeking God,

P: You know the questions that stir within us and the longings that shape our lives. When we are searching for meaning, fulfillment, and hope, turn our eyes toward Jesus, the Lamb of God. Quiet our anxious hearts, deepen our trust, and lead us to follow where Christ calls. 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 Gary MacManus

The Music Ministry: "O Lovely Voices of the Sky" C. Harris  
The Bethel Quartet

The Old Testament Lesson:

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

Isaiah 49:1-7

The New Testament Lesson:

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 40:1-11

\*The Gospel Acclamation: "O, God of Light"

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#507

\*The Gospel:

John 1:29-42

The Message: "The Voice that Speaks Love"

Pastor Gary MacManus

\*The Hymn: "Oh, Worship the King"

The Apostles' Creed:

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I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven,  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life is everlasting. Amen.

\*The Offering Prayer:

L: Generous God,

P: You have given us life, purpose, and hope in Christ. Receive  
these gifts as signs of our trust and gratitude. Use them to  
invite others to come and see, and to share the Good News  
of Your love with a searching world. Amen.

Giving our First and Best to God through our Offering

The Offering Music:

"At Twilight"

Skip James, piano

C. Harris

\*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 You are the God who seeks us even as we search  
for You. Through John, You pointed the way and said,  
"Behold." Through Jesus, You invited disciples to come and  
see. In Christ's life, death, and resurrection, You have shown  
us what we are truly looking for—grace, forgiveness, purpose,  
and life.

\*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, satisfy our deepest hunger, quiet  
our restless hearts, and send us out to follow Jesus, trusting  
Him with what lies ahead.

The Communion Hymn: "Just as I Am, Without One Plea" #592

\*The Communion Blessing

\*The Prayers of God's People:

L: Seeking God...

P: Hear our prayer.

\*The Closing Blessing

\*The Closing Hymn: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #759

\*The Sending:

L: We look to Jesus, the Lamb of God.

P: We go to follow and to trust.

The Postlude: Improvisation on "Olivet" James