

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, Amy Johannsen, 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:

Evan Hojem, Isabelle & Sam Rick

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Piano: Skip James

Organ: Monica Weekes

Song Leader: Paul Meyer & The Songsters

Scripture Reader: Tasha Gunderson

Worship Support: Janet & Dave Benson, Noah Mitchell

Technical Assistants: Patrick Willson, Jonas Andrews, Eli Helm, Isaac Pettey

Shuttle Bus: Dave Orf & Kayla Glenna



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026
10:30 AM WORSHIP | DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

Pastor Keith Ruehlow, Preacher
Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg, Worship Leader

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"If you sow the Beatitudes, you will reap the Fruit of the Spirit."
—Mark Besh

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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 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, we are grateful to welcome Pastor Keith Ruehlow, who reminds us that Jesus' first promise in the Sermon on the Mount is blessing. Jesus begins by embracing the unembraced—and in doing so, gives us a mission statement for how we are called to live and love today.

*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: "Romance" Peter Tchaikovsky
Sarah Bertsch, violin; Skip James, piano

The Welcome/Announcements

*The Confession and Forgiveness:

Leader: Let us return to our gracious and merciful God, confessing our need for forgiveness and healing.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Leader: Tender-hearted God,

People: We confess that we have not lived as the body of Christ in the world. We have not let our lights shine. We have resisted Your call to follow. We have failed to share Your love. Forgive us for the sake of Christ; heal us, and gather us into Your embrace; and help us work as children of the light. Amen.

L: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ came among us to bind up the brokenhearted, comfort those who mourn, and to reconcile all people. For the sake of that same Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. May the Holy Spirit comfort and strengthen us to follow Christ in newness of life.

P: Amen.

***The Opening Hymn: "God of Grace and God of Glory" #705**

*The Responsive Reading:

L: Jesus begins not with commands, but with blessing.

P: God's grace comes first.

L: Jesus blesses the poor in spirit and the brokenhearted.

P: God's kingdom belongs to them.

L: Jesus embraces those the world ignores.

P: God's mercy rests upon them.

L: First things first—

All: we live as people shaped by God's blessing.

*The Prayer of the Day:

L: Gracious God,

P: You begin not with demands but with blessing. In Jesus, You embrace those the world often ignores and name them as beloved. Open our hearts to receive Your grace and shape our lives by that same mercy. Teach us to live as people of the Beatitudes, reflecting Your love and compassion in all that we do. 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 Keith Ruehlow

The Music Ministry: "On Wings of Song" Felix Mendelssohn
Sarah Bertsch, violin; Skip James, piano

The Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 15

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

***The Gospel Acclamation: "O, God of Light" #507**
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*The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

The Message: "First Things First" Pastor Keith Ruehlow

***The Hymn: "Blest Are They" #728**

*The Offering Prayer:

L: Generous God,

P: You bless us beyond measure and call us to share that blessing with the world. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and trust. Use them to embrace the ignored, comfort the hurting, and proclaim Your kingdom in word and deed. Amen.

Giving our First and Best to God through our Offering

The Offering Music: "Elevation in G"
Dom Paul Benoit
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 You are a God who blesses before You command, who loves before You instruct, and who embraces those the world forgets. In Christ's life, death, and resurrection, You have shown us the depth of Your grace, mercy, and forgiveness.

*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: This is Christ's table, where grace comes first.
Come, for all is ready.

The Communion Hymn: "Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling" #608

*The Communion Blessing

*The Prayers of God's People:

L: Present God...

P: Hear our prayer.

*The Closing Blessing

***The Closing Hymn: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"**

*The Sending:

L: We go as people shaped by God's blessings.

P: We now go embracing those the world ignores.

The Postlude: "cwm Rhondda" Paul Manz
Monica Weekes, organ