

# **Morning Worship**

**Bethesda Lutheran Church - 8:30 AM**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church - 11:00 AM**  
**January 29, 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

*Before we begin our worship this morning, I acknowledge that Bethesda Lutheran Church/Immanuel Lutheran Church sits on the traditional grounds of the Anishinaabe People, and we honor their elders both past and present. Their presence is imbued in the lands and waters surrounding us. We nurture our relationships with our indigenous neighbors, and the shared responsibilities to their homeland where we all reside today.*

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Prelude**

### **GATHERING**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence*

### **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn: #761 “Evening and Morning”**

### **Greeting**

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.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen**

**Hymn of Praise #308** *“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!”*

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. **Holy God, you confound the world’s wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8**

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 15; refrain, Ps. 15:1**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

**The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Gospel is read.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

**Sermon:** Pastor Will Mowchan

**Hymn of the Day:** #763 *“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”*

## **Affirmation**

**I believe in God who creates and recreates all that exists.**

**I believe in Jesus, the only Son of God. Jesus lived as one of us, in a life of teaching, challenge and example for us. He gave himself so that his promise of new life comes true for us, in many ways.**

**I believe the Holy Spirit is the presence of God always within us, calling us to follow, grow, and take risks, so that we are part of God's work to make all things new.**

**I believe I can experience God's purpose and strength through the Word, the sacraments, in prayer and in the community of believers. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Intercessions, each followed by: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

**Other intercessions:** You hear the need for healing, comfort, help or resolution for those we name before you today: Myrna & Richard Northrop, Kermit & Judy DelMain, Wally & Colleen Nozal, Marty Burkel, Janet Hunt, Max Paap, Casey French, John Meierotto, Kerissa Morrin, Ed DePerry, Lorayne Reedy, Carol Lyon, Lois Osterberg, Bill Peterson, Courtney Byerhof, Teresa Weber, Sandy Bodner, Nancy Heaton, Chuck & Marcia Perry, Sharon Johnson, Mary Phillips, Joe Volpe, and Pastor Dale Chesley. Send us we pray, the Pastor that you are calling to serve our parish. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

## **Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

(Share a sign of God's peace with one another.)

## **Offering**

### **Offering Prayer**

**Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you

and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

### **Prayer after Communion**

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



**Communion Hymn #479** *“We Come to the Hungry Feast”*

**Announcements:**

**Benediction**

You have been given love to cherish others;  
hope to encourage others;  
faith to believe in others;  
wisdom to teach others.

Go now, as loving, encouraging, believing and teaching servants of God  
to an expectant world.

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn #836** *“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”*

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live for peace in the world!

**Thanks be to God!**