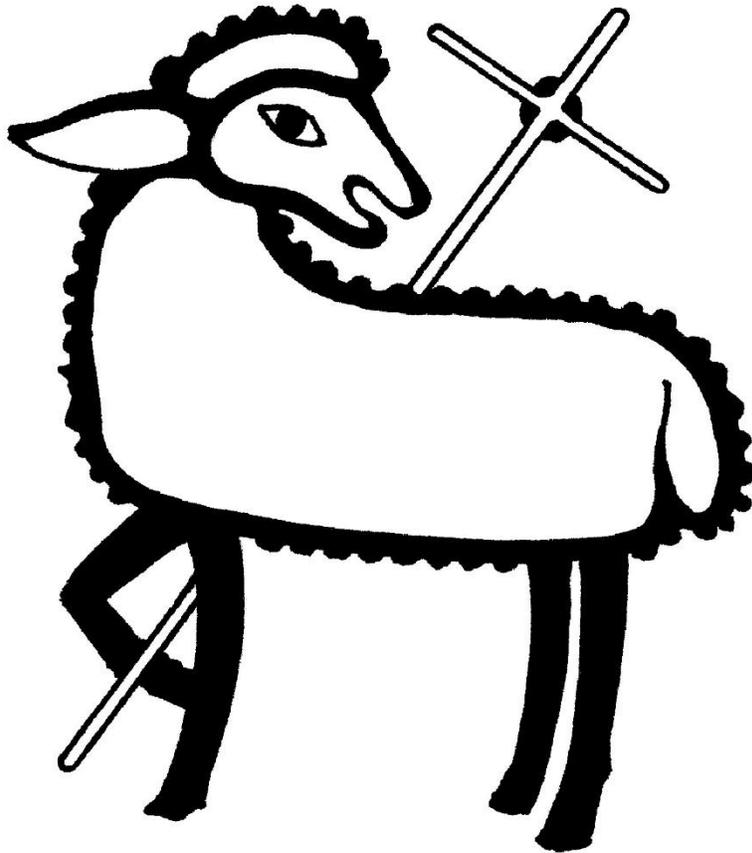




# Welcome to Bethesda Lutheran Church

A place of healing and reconciliation in Christ

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



WITH HOLY COMMUNION

✚ January 18, 2026 | 9:30 a.m.

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

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### PRELUDE

TYLER PYLE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*One* Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

**Many** **Amen**

*One* Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Mighty God, lover of justice,

**Many** **You call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God**  
**Amen.**

**One** The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ and forgives your sin in ✠ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others and bless you with the gift of peace!

**Many** **Amen.**

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GLORIA

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### GREETING

*One* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Many** **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Many Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 49: 1-7

1 Listen to me, O coastlands;  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The Lord called me before I was born;  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow;  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
3 And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
4 But I said, "I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord  
and my reward with my God."  
  
5 And now the Lord says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength—  
6 he says,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."  
  
7 Thus says the Lord,

the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
"Kings shall see and stand up;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

One Word of God, Word of Life  
Many **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 40:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> I waited patiently upon the Lord,  
who stooped to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup> **The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

<sup>3</sup> The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

<sup>4</sup> **Happy are they who trust in the Lord!**

**They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

<sup>5</sup> Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none  
can be compared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can  
count.

<sup>6</sup> **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;  
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not  
required.**

<sup>7</sup> And so I said, "Here I am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

<sup>8</sup> **'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep within me.'** "

<sup>9</sup> I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;  
I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.

<sup>10</sup> **I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your  
faithfulness and your deliverance;**

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.**

<sup>11</sup> You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me;  
may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

One Word of God, Word of Life  
**Many Thanks be to God.**

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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One The holy Gospel according to John.  
**Many Glory to you, O Lord.**

\*GOSPEL | John 1: 29-42

<sup>29</sup> [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup> And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they

remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

*One*        The Gospel of our Lord.  
***Many***      **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pr. Grant Vanderford

HYMN OF THE DAY

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

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\* APOSTLES' CREED

**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 to the dead.  
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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*One*        Hear us, O God.  
***Many***      **Your mercy is great.**

WOW

SHARING OF THE PEACE

**MANY I WONDER, I WONDER. THE WONDERS OF WORSHIP, WHAT DOES IT MEAN?  
I WONDER, I WONDER. THE WONDERS OF WORSHIP, WHAT DOES IT MEAN?  
COME AND SEE! COME NOW AND SEE!**

\*SHARING OF THE PEACE

One The peace of Christ be with you always.

**Many And also with you.**

✠ MEAL ✠

OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. You may place your offering in the plates as they are passed by the ushers. You may also scan the QR code to the right for online giving.*



MUSICAL OFFERING

BETHESDA CHOIR

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

ELW 885

OFFERTORY PRAYER

One God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Many Amen.**

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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DIALOGUE

One The Lord be with you.

**Many And also with you.**

One Lift up your hearts.

**Many We lift them to the Lord.**

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Many It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

\*PREFACE

\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

One: ... Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**Many Amen.**

\*LORD'S PRAYER

**Many Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

ONE Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

HOLY COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Jesus Come! For We Invite You ELW 312

Come and Fill Our Hearts ELW 528

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

One Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Many Amen.**

BLESSING

8 Worship

One May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned  
 your heart for praise bless you now and forever.  
**Many Amen.**

✝ SENDING ✝

\*SENDING HYMN We Are Marching in the Light ELW 866

\*DISMISSAL

One Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
 Many **Thanks be to God.**

\* POSTLUDE

Tyler Pyle

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	<b>SERVING TODAY JANUARY 18, 2026</b>	<b>SERVING NEXT SUNDAY - JANUARY 25, 2026</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Baptism of our Lord	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany
<b>PRESIDING MINISTER</b>	Grant Vanderford	Grant Vanderford
<b>PIANIST</b>	Tyler Pyle	Tyler Pyle
<b>CHOIR DIRECTOR</b>	Jillian Jaros	Jillian Jaros
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**THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**‡ JANUARY 18-24, 2026 ‡**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>Event</b>
	<b>SUNDAY</b>	
9:30 AM		Worship
10:30		Coffee Fellowship
10:45		Adult Forum
	<b>MONDAY</b>	
10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.		Office Hours
10:00 A.M.		Lectionary Study -Lounge
	<b>TUESDAY:</b>	
10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.		Office Hours
9:30 - 11:00 A.M.		<b>Women's Bible Study</b>
	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
9:00 A.M.		Quilting
10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.		Office Hours
6:00 P.M.		Bell Set up
6:30 P.M.		Bell Rehearsal
7:30 P.M.		Choir
	<b>THURSDAY</b>	
3:45 P.M		BAS Chapel
10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.		Office Hours
	<b>FRIDAY</b>	
ALL DAY		Office Closed
9:00 P.M.		NA Meeting
	<b>SATURDAY</b>	
9:00 A.M.		Kitchen Painting -volunteers needed Fellowship Hall used by Double Portion Ministry
1:00 P.M. - 6 P.M.		

**Volunteers  
needed**



Painting the Kitchen  
January 24, 2026  
Starting at 9 AM

Contact: Nancy Lund  
powerlady@gmail.com

# ADULT FORUM

JANUARY 18  
FOLLOWING  
WORSHIP

JOIN US FOR A CONVERSATION ON  
"WORKING THROUGH GRIEF & LEARNING  
TO EMBRACE LIFE'S BLESSINGS"  
PRESENTED BY DEB HADLEY & DENISE  
HADLEY WITH KT HUMBLE HEARTS  
GRIEF SUPPORT SERVICES



## Annual Meeting

Sunday

February 8, 2026

10:45 a.m.

Fellowship Room



January Prayer Prompt  
Epiphany (Ah-Ha) light

Pray about how the light of  
Christ can help us see the  
needs of those around us

Women's Bible Study  
Tuesday January 20, 2026  
9:30 A.M. in the Lounge

Newsletter submissions due  
January 16, 2026

## NEWSLETTER CHANGES

*Church Council has decided to go from a  
monthly newsletter to a seasonal timeline.  
Here's what to expect and when!*

<b>November/December/January</b>	Advent/Christmas/Epiphany
<b>February/March/April</b>	Easter
<b>May/June</b>	Early Summer
<b>July/August</b>	Late Summer
<b>September/October</b>	Back to Worship/God's Work, Our Hands/Stewardship

# You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd



1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.  
2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,  
3 You, who walk each day be - side us,  
4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.  
stripped of might up - on the cross,  
sit in pow - er at God's side.  
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



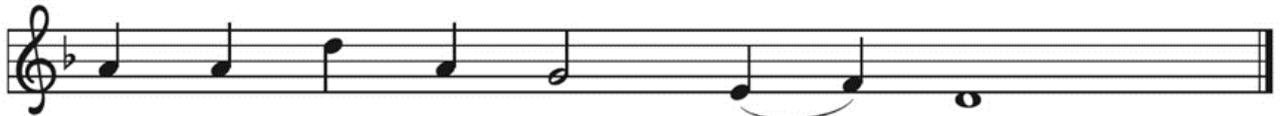
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er  
shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,  
You, who preach a way that's nar - row,  
Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.  
beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,  
have a love that reach - es wide.  
wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.  
you, who are both gift and cost.  
you, who are our pil - grim and guide.  
you, who are our death and life.