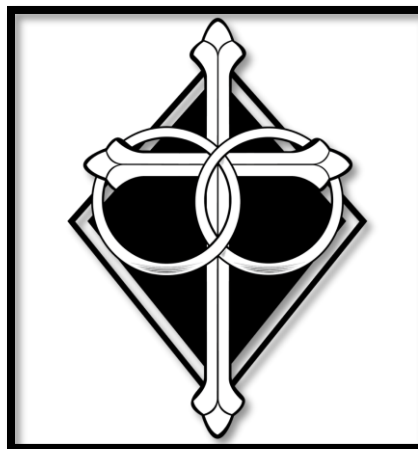

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

EPIPHANY 2 ~ JANUARY 11, 2026



SERVING YOU TODAY

Preacher Pastor Pittenger
Organist Roberta Highfill
Acolytes Maya & Colton Denney,
Tristan & Brennan Monaghan
Elder on duty this week Conrad Plyler

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday: Join with us as we use
The Divine Service, *Rite Two*,
starting on page 60, with modifications.
(Please follow along in the hymnal
or above the altar as announced)

Monday: The Office of Compline, pg. 128

*Flowers on the Altar this week are given to the glory of God
by Dorothy Reinhardt.*

HYMNS

190 <i>O Blest the House, Whate'er Befall</i>	212:1 <i>Lord Jesus, Thou the Church's Head</i>	Distribution 486+1 <i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	Distribution 328 <i>Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness</i>	188 <i>Hear Us Now, Our God and Father</i>
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INTROIT: All the earth shall worship You and sing praises to You. They shall sing praises to Your name. Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth! Sing out the honor of His name, make His praise glorious.

COLLECT: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You, that by Your grace You have instituted holy matrimony, in which You keep us from unchastity, and other offenses: We beseech You to send Your blessing upon every husband and wife, that they may not provoke each other to anger and strife, but live peaceably together in love and godliness, receive Your gracious help in all temptations, and raise their children in accordance with Your will. Grant that we all might walk before You in purity and holiness, put our trust in You, and lead such lives on earth, that in the world to come we may have everlasting life, through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. ⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God. *Romans 12:6–16(ESV).*

GRADUAL: Alleluia! Oh, praise the Lord, all you nations! Laud Him, all you peoples! For His merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with His disciples. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.” ⁴ And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever He tells you.” ⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And He said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹ This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory. And His disciples believed in Him.’ *John 2:1–11(ESV)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sacred vocations of husband and wife, let us give thanks to the Lord; and for boldness to stand out in this world faithful to God’s institution of marriage, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those desiring marriage among us, that they may prepare themselves faithfully, seek their joy in Christ alone and so receive His every blessing for life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the faithful gathered here, that God would fill us with His Holy Spirit, through whom we cling in faith to Jesus Christ, our Bridegroom, and receive forgiveness, life and salvation in His Holy Church, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all whom God has placed in authority over us, that they would be inclined to His will and walk according to His commandments; and for those who serve in our armed forces, that God would enable them to serve with integrity and honor, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are sick or suffering, [*especially* _____,] that our heavenly Father would behold them with compassion, and that they would know the consolation of His love in Christ Jesus and be strengthened to endure, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, give us comfort and peace in Christ Jesus who loves us as a bridegroom loves his bride, and let us join the whole Body of Christ in the marriage feast in His kingdom, where the wine of joy and gladness never runs dry; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

NOTE FROM PASTOR

This week in the Church Year/Life of the Church, as Christian Marriage is emphasized and highlighted, all spouses are encouraged to take a few moments to reflect on themselves and on their own marriage. (Take this home with you.)

A few helps/observations:

Taking his cue from Christ's unconditional love for us, the husband-to-be always speaks first in Christian wedding services; pledging to love, honor, cherish, and remain faithful; in sickness and health, poverty or plenty, for the rest of his life. Then, like the Christian Church hearing Her Savior, the bride-to-be responds with her own vows, taking her words from his, promising the same as he has promised.

This week, take some time with your spouse, even with your children, to talk about the following:

- What do you remember vividly about your wedding service?
- Is there anything you would do differently today?
- How have the vows "played out in real life?"
- What advice would you give to a couple who are planning to marry?

May God preserve and protect Christian marriage!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNK DRAWER JESUS

Will meet on January 11, at 3:00pm. Pages 57-78 will be discussed.

BETHANY'S 55s

Calling all 55+ friends! Let's gather for great fellowship, delicious food, and plenty of smiles! We'll meet for a no-host brunch at *That One Place* at **11:00 a.m.** On Monday, January 12th. Hope to see you there!

BETHANY'S BUSY HANDS

There are so new items in the Narthex for Littles with busy hands. Simply have your child select their activity by the book shelf on their way into the sanctuary and return on their way out.

CALENDAR

***DUE TO ROOFING CONSTRUCTION THE ROUTINE SCHEDULE HAS BEEN ADJUSTED.
PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION***

SUNDAY, 1/11 Epiphany 2

9:00am Worship

10:15am Bible Class/Sunday School

11:00am Confirmation "B"

3:00pm Junk Drawer Jesus

MONDAY, 1/12

7:00pm Worship

TUESDAY, 1/13

1:00pm Juanita's Bible Study

6:00pm Elder's meeting

7:00 pm Council Meeting

SATURDAY, 1/17

Men's Fellowship **CANCELED**

**Next meeting will be February 1*

SUNDAY, 1/18 Epiphany 3

9:00am Worship

Acolyte Commissioning

CANCELED: Bible Class/Sunday School

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Worship Schedule: Sunday 9:00am, Monday 7:00pm.
