

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed his your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be your children and inheritors with him of everlasting life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

43But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Psalm: Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

³The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

¹¹May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Second Reading: Romans 6:1-11

⁶What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self

was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-22

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added to them all by shutting up John in prison. ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Today: January 12th	Sunday: January 19th
Baptism of Our Lord	Second Sunday after Epiphany
9:15-Adult SS	9:15-Adult SS
9:15-Youth SS	9:15-Youth SS
9:30-Coffee Fellowship	9:30-Coffee Fellowship
10:30-Worship	10:30-Worship w/Communion
11:30-Youth Board Mtg @ UMC	SS Sing, Noisy Offering
6:00 Bethany Prayer Group	11:30-Potluck
Monday: January 13th	4:00-4H Club Mtg
7:00-Handbell Rehearsal	6:00-Bethany Prayer Group
Tuesday: January 14th	
8:30-Prayer Group	
9:30-Tuesday Morning Coffee @ BLC	
January: 15th	
7:00- Confirmation	

Prayer Concerns: Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, those suffering any illness, Tami Hawk, Don DeHaan, Ed Schmidt, Dorothy Smith, Pastor Barbara Wills, Janelle Mason, Linda Galbraith, Tim Burton, Desiree Welty, Roberta Baker, Pastor John Mayer, Elizabeth Dunbar, Monica Isom, Don Ehlers, Bill Alexander, Eli Honer, Dorothy Sandvig, Pastor James Puotyual, Carol Schmidt, Gloria Bell, Cenon Zarzoso, Helen Dodge, Patricia Bentsen. Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries.

Lectors: Tom Anderson
Ushers: January 12th-Rich & Marilyn Ehlers
 January 19th-Myra Reese & Michelle Gordon
Acolytes: Bethany Youth

Weekly Budget Needs: \$2817.00
 Faith Promise \$1600.00 Worship 47
 Sunday School \$ 6.00 Adult SS 4 Youth SS 17



***Please note that the blue CH (Celebration Hymnal) is located under the pew in front of you.
Altar Flowers:

An asterisk () indicates when to stand (as able)*

ORDER OF THE SERVICE

PRELUDE/ RINGING OF THE BELL /
 WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP OF PRAYER & MEDITATION

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 *HYMN *Oh, Worship the King* **LBW 548**
 *GREETING P.57
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 *HYMN OF PRAISE P.59
 *PRAYER OF THE DAY *(bulletin-in unison)*

MEDITATION ON GOD’S WORD

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 Psalm: **Psalm 29** *(bulletin – responsively)*
 SECOND READING: **Romans 6:1-11**
 *ALLELUIA VERSE P.62
 *THE HOLY GOSPEL: **Luke 3:15-22**
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 CHILDREN’S SERMON
 SERMON **Pastor David Klappenbach**
 HYMN *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* **insert**
 APOSTLES’ CREED P.65

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERING / Processional **“Offertory Psalm”** P.75
 *PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
 Leader: ...Lord in your mercy
Response: Hear our prayer.
 *THE LORD’S PRAYER P.76

OUR SENDING

*BENEDICTION
 *HYMN *Shine, Jesus, Shine* **CH 431**
 *DISMISSAL



January 12, 2025
Baptim of Our Lord
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To our visitors! Welcome to our Sunday Service. We are happy to have you sharing in our worship service and ask for the opportunity to meet you. We invite you to complete the visitor card in front of you and give to an usher. Please come again!

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