
Bethany Lutheran Church
FOURTH SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY

February 9, 2025



**ord, where is your steadfast love of old,
which by your faithfulness you swore to
David? (Psalm 89:9)**

SERVING YOU TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Anthony Pittenger

Organist: Roberta Highfill

Acolytes: M/B Percich, Singleton

Elder this week: Doug Seals

*~Communion is offered on the
2nd and 4th Sundays & Mondays
of the month~*

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 by Pastor)*

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*Flowers on the Altar this week are given to the glory of God by
Ray and Wendy Killgore, in celebration of their anniversary and Ray's
Birthday.*



HYMNS:

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*He That Believes
and Is Baptized*

242:1-4

*Baptized into Thy
Name Most Holy*

Distribution

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*Salvation Unto Us
Is Come*

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*God's Own Child,
I Gladly say It*

INTROIT: Worship Him, all you gods; Zion hears and is glad. The daughters of Judah rejoice because of Your judgments, O Lord. The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; Let the multitude of the isles be glad.

COLLECT: Father in heaven, as at our Lord's baptism in the Jordan river You once proclaimed Jesus Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit, grant that all who are baptized in His name may faithfully keep the covenant into which they have been called, boldly confess their Savior, and with Him be heirs of life eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 89 (ESV) -

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. ² For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness." ³ You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: ⁴ 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.' " ⁵ Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! ⁶ For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord, ⁷ a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around him? ⁸ O Lord God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O Lord, with your faithfulness all around you? ⁹ You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them... ¹⁵ Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, ¹⁶ who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted. ¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted. ¹⁸ For our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of Israel. ¹⁹ Of old you spoke in a vision to your godly one, and said: "I have granted help to one who is mighty; I have exalted one chosen from the people... ²⁶ He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.' ²⁷ And I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth. ²⁸ My steadfast love I will keep for him forever, and my covenant will stand firm for him. ²⁹ I will establish his offspring forever and his throne as the days of the heavens... ⁴⁷ Remember how short my time is! For what vanity you have created all the children of man! ⁴⁸ What man can live and never see death? Who can deliver his soul from the power of Sheol? ⁴⁹ Lord, where is your steadfast love of old, which by your faithfulness you swore to David?

GRADUAL: Alleluia! O 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

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” *Matthew 3:13–17 (ESV)*

Prayer of the Church

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

For the baptized people of God, that strengthened by His Holy Spirit we would walk as the new and holy people He has declared us to be in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the family, especially all Christian homes; for husbands and wives, that God would turn them toward one another in love; for fathers and mothers, that God would equip them for their holy duty as teachers of the faith; and for all children, that God would preserve them in the saving faith and certain promises of their Baptism unto life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the rulers of the nations, that they would submit to the preaching of God’s Word and acknowledge Jesus as the Christ and true King, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who find themselves in times of weakness, illness, despair and death, [*especially _____*], that God would grant healing and relief according to His will; and that He would give us every aid of His Holy Spirit to endure afflictions and find comfort in the healing wounds of the Savior, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, You manifested Yourself with the Holy Spirit in the fullness of grace at the Baptism of Your dear Son. With Your voice, You directed us to the One who has borne our sins, that we may receive grace and forgiveness. Keep us, we implore You, in the true faith. Since we have been baptized in accordance with Your command and the example of Your Son, strengthen our faith by Your Holy Spirit and lead us to everlasting life and salvation; 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.**

QUESTIONS FOR TAKE-HOME PSALM SHEETS

Please take a Psalm-Sheet home for yourself and those in your home. Read the whole psalm at least once during the week or read the highlighted verses out loud throughout the week. The paragraph on the top back will help you better understand the psalm and the prayer on the bottom can be used all week long. Here are some questions you can ask yourself or parents can ask children. (Questions increase in complexity so that younger children can start while older siblings might finish. Answers may vary, discussion and conversation is the goal.)

1. What do you see in the picture on the front?
 2. What do you think the picture has to do with God's promises to His people?
 3. What words from this psalm do you like the best?
 4. How do you think Jesus is connected to this Old Testament psalm?
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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 2/9

Fourth Sunday in Epiphany

9:00 am Worship w/communion

(livestreamed)

10:00 am Sunday School for all ages

MONDAY, 2/10

11:00 am Bethany 55's

7:00 pm Worship w/communion

TUESDAY 2/11

1:00 pm Juanita's Bible Study

5:30 pm Elder's meeting

7:00 Quarterly Voters meeting

WEDNESDAY 2/12

8:25 am Chapel

THURSDAY 2/13

9:00/10:45 am Power Hour

SATURDAY 2/15

9:00am Men's Fellowship

SUNDAY, 2/16

Fifth Sunday in Epiphany

9:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday school for all ages

BETHANY 55's: If you are 55 or better, join them on **February 10th** at 11:00am at *That One Place* in Port Orchard for their monthly no-host brunch fellowship.

QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING

Tuesday 2/11, 7:00 pm

All voting members of the congregation, please make plans to attend.

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Worship Schedule: Sunday 9:00am; Monday 7:00pm; Sunday School for all ages 10:00am
