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Epiphany 4 – February 1, 2026 – 9:00 AM

Prelude: *"Morning Prayer"* by Terry Osman

Welcome & Announcements

\*Confession & Forgiveness

\*Gathering Hymn: *"Let Streams of Living Justice"* ELW #710

\*Gloria En Excelsis: *"Glory to God in the Highest"* ELW pg. 139

\*Prayer of the Day (see 'Today's Readings' insert or the screen)

First Reading Micah 6:1-8

Psalm (read responsively) Psalm 15

Second Reading I Corinthians 1:18-31

\*Gospel Acclamation: *"Alleluia! Lord to Whom Shall We Go"* ELW pg. 142

\*Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon Pr. Erma Wolf

Hymn of the Day: *"Be Thou My Vision"* ELW #793

\*Apostles' Creed

\*Prayers of Intercession Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Offerings Received: *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"* C.E. Walz,  
Tune: OLIVET by Lowell Mason

Offertory Hymn *"Let the Vineyard Be Fruitful"* ELW #182

\*Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving ELW pg. 144, "Holy, Holy, Holy" ELW pg. 144,  
Words of Institution, Lord's Prayer ELW pg. 145, Communion Song -  
"Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world" ELW pg. 146, Distribution

Communion Music: "My Savior's Love" by Faye Lopez

Post Communion Prayer & Blessing

Sending Hymn: "Rise Up, O Saints of God!"

ELW #669

Dismissal

Postlude: "Oh, How I Love Jesus" William Ringham,

Tune: OH, HOW I LOVE JESUS, Traditional American Melody

## WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome to worship at Bethany Lutheran Church! It is our hope that you experience the love of Christ and His presence during our worship service this morning. If you are visiting today, please sign the guest book in the narthex. Everyone please sign the Fellowship Pad in your pew.

Large-print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available. If you benefit from either of these, please speak with an usher.

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving. (Sundays and Seasons v.20240130.1140 Copyright © 2026 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.)

Please take this bulletin home with you as a reference for this week's calendar of events, as a reminder of Bethany family and friends to keep in your prayers, and for other useful information.

*Each worship service comes together through the help of many people. Please consider being a worship volunteer. Find schedules at the Welcome Center and help fill in the blanks. Thank you for volunteering!*

**Today's worship leaders are:**

Pr. Erma Wolf & Elina Leander Ozolins, pianist-organist

**Many thanks to our worship volunteers:**

Greeters: Rhonda Salts; Reader: Jaci Schreier

Communion Servers: Onalee Wright, Jody Vollmer, Candy Huber and Jaci Schreier

Usher: Kent Baker; Fellowship Hosts: Carol & Dave Anderson

Count: Sue Boblit; Everyone in the Audio/Visual Booth

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FELLOWSHIP** will be after worship in the parlor. This gathering time is a great time to chat over a cup of coffee and sweet treat. All are welcome for fellowship and lively conversation! May this time of sharing in Christ's love be a blessing to us all. Hope to see you there!

**UDMO FOOD PANTRY** Bring food and hygiene items to Bethany – we'll deliver to UDMO. Not sure what to get/give? Get a shopping list at the Welcome Center.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** Many thanks to everyone who provided flowers to beautify the altar in 2025. The flower chart for 2026 is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you are interested in providing altar flowers for a service in this new year, please fill out a yellow card and leave it at the church office or in the offering plate.

**GAME AFTERNOON FUN** Faith in Action committee invites everyone to come for an afternoon of fun and fellowship on Sunday, February 22, from 2-4 pm. Bring your favorite games, puzzles, crafts to share. All are invited – young and old. Bring a snack to share and drinks will be provided

## PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

### Health Concerns

Kirk Andersen, Cindy Heiter, Lucille Huber, Donna Jones, Carolyn Kruger, Jill Meyer, Sylvia Moore, Mike Palm, Liz Vulk, Betty Lee  
DeAnna Bensen (Bill Bensen's mother),  
LuAnn Becker (Bob Becker's sister),  
Donna Dirksen (Bill Bensen's grandma),  
Lois Sanchez (Deb Mechler's sister)



## CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 1 – Epiphany 4

- 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:15 am Fellowship
- 10:15 am KIDZ TIME

### Wednesday, February 4

- 9:30 am Bible Study & Prayer Group
- 4:00 pm Bell Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Confirmation
- 7:00 pm Youth Group

### Saturday, February 7

- 7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study (in person & via ZOOM)

### Sunday, February 8 – Epiphany 5

- 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:15 am Fellowship
- 10:15 am KIDZ TIME



### **ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE**

If you would like to give online to support the ministries of Bethany Lutheran Church, scan this code for giving page on our website.

***Worship is rebroadcast on SMU CH #2:***

***Tuesday-5pm, Wednesday-10am***

***or can be found on YouTube® (Search Bethany Lutheran Church, Spencer IA)***

