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### GATHERING

Gathering Music	"Organ Meditations"	organ
Welcome & Announcements		
Confession and Forgiveness		
Gathering Song	"Christ, Be Our Light" (verses 1,2,5)	ELW 715
Greeting		
Prayer of the Day		

### WORD

First Reading	Isaiah 49:1-7	
Psalms	Psalms 40:1-11	
Children's Hymn	"I Want To Walk As A Child of the Light"	ELW 815, vs. 1
Children's Word	Words of Comfort	
Gospel	John 1:29-42	
Sermon	Lamb of God	
Hymn of the Day	"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" (verses 1,2,4)	ELW 310
Sacrament of Holy Baptism:	Blair Grace Baker	
Prayers of Intercession		
Gathering of Gifts		
Offering Prayer		

### MEAL

Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Words of Institution		
The Lord's Prayer		ELW p. 154
Distribution		
Post Communion Blessing		

### SENDING

Blessing		
Sending Song	"You Servants of God" (verses 1,2,4)	ELW 825
Dismissal		
Sending Music	"To the Glory of God"	organ



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Call To Worship	"The Beatitudes"	Gary Thorn
Confession and Forgiveness		
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	(verses 1,2,5)	
Greeting		
Kyrie & Canticle of Praise		ELW p. 203-204
Prayer of the Day		

### WORD

Musical Offering	"Send Forth a Dove"	Chancel Choir
First Reading	Isaiah 49:1-7	
Psalms	Psalms 40:1-11	
Children's Hymn	"I Want To Walk"	ELW 815, vs. 1
Children's Word	Words of Comfort	
Gospel Acclamation	"Alleluia"	ELW p. 205
Gospel	John 1:29-42	
Sermon	Lamb of God	
Hymn of the Day	"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"	ELW 310
	(verses 1,2,4)	
Nicene Creed		
Prayers of Intercession		
Gathering of Gifts & Offering Prayer		

### MEAL

Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Words of Institution		
The Lord's Prayer		ELW p. 112
Distribution	"Lamb of God"	ELW p. 208
Distribution Hymns	"Soul, Adorn Yourself"	ELW 488
	"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"	ELW 834
Post Communion Prayer		

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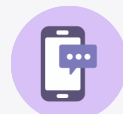
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## Welcome to Our Contemporary Service!

Gate of Life is a service that will impact you musically, visually, and with the power of God's Word and Jesus' salvation as its backbone. **The name "Gate of Life" comes from the scripture John 10:9-10**, where Jesus says: *"I am the gate ... I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."* Expect worship to be highly engaging through the use of images, music that moves the body and soul, a message that encourages all to participate, and a community focused atmosphere with Christ at the center.

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January 18th, 2026

Second Sunday After Epiphany

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Gospel	John 1:29-42
Sermon Title	Lamb of God

### Worship Participants:

**Preacher:** Rev. Michael Mandsager

**The Gate of Life Worship Leader:** Michele Nyman

**Note:** On Sunday, Jan. 25th, our Gate of Life worship will be at 9 am. After, we invite you for fruit, coffee, and donuts (free-will donation) in Bethel Hall. Then at 10:10 am, please join our annual meeting in the sanctuary.

### Do you enjoy The Gate of Life?

#### WE INVITE YOU TO VOLUNTEER!

If you would like to **be a part of the Gate of Life service** in a musical way, helping with visuals, or behind the scenes work, please contact Michele Nyman at [nyman@bethellutheran.com](mailto:nyman@bethellutheran.com).

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## BAPTISM

- January 17th | 6 pm -

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## CHILDREN'S NOISY OFFERING


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