



BETHEL EVANGELICAL Lutheran Church

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Our Response to God's Gracious Work:

Jan 29th, 2012 Divine Service Attendance: 50
Jan 22, Life Sunday: \$74.30
Jan 29th, 2012 Offering: \$1380.00
Missions to Date: \$114.00

Serving Today February 5th, 2012 @ 9:00 a.m.

Elder for February: Randy Wilson
Acolyte: Alex Hernandez
Organist: Bev Petrick
Greeters:

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

“Out of the Desolate Places Come Our Eternal Destiny”

February 5, 2012

**BAPTISM OF CARLOS HUNT, ALEX AND
MARTIN HERNANDEZ +**

ENTRANCE HYMN "Father Welcomes" *LSB* 605

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

The pastor addresses the parents.

Pastor: How are these children named?

Parents: Carlos Hunt, and Alex and Martin Hernandez

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of the candidates while saying:

Pastor: Carlos, Alex and Martin, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your + forehead and upon your + heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Carlos, Alex and Martin according to Your boundless mercy and bless them with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in them which has been inherited from Adam and which they themselves have committed since, would be drowned and die.

Grant that Carlos, Alex and Martin be kept safe and secure in the holy Ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with fervent spirits and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, they would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

The pastor addresses the sponsors.

Pastor: ? and ? is it your intention to serve Carlos, Alex and Martin as sponsors in the Christian faith?

Sponsors: *Yes, with the help of God.*

Pastor: God enable you to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with his grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when

Jesus saw it He was greatly displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.” And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them. (*Mark 10:13–16*)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

While the pastor places his hands on the head of the candidate, the congregation joins in praying:

People:

**Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as
we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen**

Pastor: The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even + forevermore.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil?

Candidates: Yes, I renounce him.

Pastor: Do you renounce all his works?

Candidates: Yes, I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce all his ways?

Candidates: Yes, I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

All: Yes, I believe.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right

hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

All: Yes, I believe.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

All: Yes, I believe.

Pastor: Who brings this child to be baptized?

Parent: We do.

The pastor pours water three times on the head of the candidates, saying:

Pastor: ... I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized and makes the sign of the cross on his forehead while saying:

Pastor: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life + everlasting.

People: Amen.

The newly baptized may be welcomed with the following:

Pastor: In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

People: Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and

have granted Carlos, Alex and Martin the new birth in Holy Baptism and made them members of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as they have now become Your children, You would keep them in their baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure they may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally with all Your saints obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Peace + be with you.

People: Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, keep Your family, the Church, continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 40:21-31 (*The Lord's understanding is unsearchable.*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27 (*Sharing with all the blessings of the Gospel.*)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE Mark 1:39

Pastor: Alleluia.

People: Alleluia.

Pastor: [Jesus] went throughout all Galilee,

People: preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39 (*Jesus shuns mere popularity.*)

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" *LSB* 398

SERMON "Creation Restored" Mark 1:29-39

PRAYERS *Modeled after the First Book of Common Prayer [1549]*

Pastor: Almighty and ever-living God, who by Your holy apostle has taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all men, we humbly implore You most mercifully to hear our prayer which we offer to Your divine majesty. We beseech You to inspire continually Your whole Church with the Spirit of truth, unity, and concord. Grant that all who confess Your holy name may agree in the truth of Your Holy Word and live in unity and godly love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We beseech You, heavenly Father, to save and defend our country. Grant our president, our governor, the Congress and legislature, the judges and magistrates, and all others in civil authority; and all who have authority over us wisdom and strength to know and to do Your will. We implore You also to direct and dispose the hearts of all rulers that they may truly and impartially minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of God's true religion and virtue. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all pastors and servants of Your Church that they may both by their life and doctrine proclaim Your true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer Your holy Sacraments. To all Your people, give Your heavenly grace that with a meek heart and due reverence they may hear and receive Your Holy Word, truly serving You in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We most humbly implore You of Your goodness, O Lord, mercifully to consider this congregation that is here assembled in Your name around Your Word and Sacrament. And we beseech You to comfort and help all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any adversity, [especially the homebound in this parish, _____,] and all others who request our prayers. We pray that, by Your healing grace, You would defend them from every evil to body and soul. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We commend to Your mercy, O Lord, all Your servants who have departed with the sign of faith and now rest in the sleep of peace. Grant to them, we beseech You, Your mercy and everlasting peace; and that, on the day of the resurrection of all flesh, we and all Your servants of the mystical body of Your Son, may altogether be set on His right hand and hear His most joyful voice saying, "Come, You blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
People: Amen.

OFFERINGS

In the Old Testament, God commanded His people to give a tithe (10% of income). Offerings were gifts given over and above the tithe (Malachi 3:6-12). God loves a cheerful giver and asks you to give in response to His generosity toward you (2 Corinthians 9:6-15).

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came into our world to heal us from our separation from God and give eternal life to all who believe. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

People: (Sing.) Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace + of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

SANCTUS

People: (Sing.) Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

"Come unto Me, Ye Weary" *LSB* 684
"Jesus Sinners Will Receive" *LSB* 609
"O God, Forsake Me Not" *LSB* 731
"I Come, O Savior, to Your Table" *LSB* 618

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: As the Lord healed the mother-in-law of Peter, so He heals the wounds of our hearts.

People: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor: As Jesus sent away the evil spirits, so He gives us His Spirit of faith and love.

People: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor: As He preached the Gospel to all of Galilee, so He brings His salvation to us.

People: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" *LSB* 643

Serving Next Week, February 12th, 2012@ 9:00am

Elder for February: Randy Wilson

Acolyte: Alexi Rucker

Organist: Betty Bosma

Greeters: Brian and Carmen Johnson

PRAYERS and INTERCESSIONS

- **Our shut-ins:** Leona Onken, Eulalia Manitz, Elvera Koster and Iva Habeck
- **For those serving our country in the full or part-time military:** Scott Arneson, Andy Connell, Michelle and Michael Kling, Nathan Barker, Roger Koopman, Brent Loudenslager and Scott Obermoller
- **Please remember** Shelly Hansen, Mike Bah, Ruth Spessard, Sylvia Ricker and Benjamin Cunningham **in your prayers.** **They have health concerns, and appreciate the prayers of the Bethel family.**

- Grieving families of **Carol Langseth, Edgar Schulz, Leroy Hoffman, Lance Steffen, Sandy Cunningham and Helen Paulsen**
- **All Week:** *Lord, let the message I hear this morning stay in my mind throughout the week. Let the joy of the music we sing be in my heart all week long. May those people and things we pray for on Sunday morning be on my lips every day. Amen*

AS WE GATHER- February 5th Today we are challenged to see the bigger picture. In today's Gospel the apostle Peter was well-impressed with Jesus' power to heal the sick and His popularity was growing rapidly. But when Jesus seemed uninterested in capitalizing on that popularity but to continue on preaching elsewhere, Peter didn't understand. Jesus did not come only to heal or to make "a kingdom of this world" (*John 18:36*). He came to take our burdens and sins to the cross; to pay the price that delivers the whole world from sin and death. Likewise, the Prayer of the Church in the Divine Service is the place we see the bigger picture, praying not only for our own needs or only for those people we know, but for the whole Church, the whole world, for the enterprise of the entire kingdom of God. The goal of all our preaching and witness is nothing less that "to proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." For by the cross and resurrection of Jesus the grace of God appears to all.

Rejoice! Today God receives into his holy church *Carlos Hunt, Alex and Martin Hernandez* by way of holy baptism. Rejoice! Cake and coffee in their honor will be downstairs.

We the People: Citizens of Two Kingdoms, by Dr. Dale Meyer will be the Sunday morning Bible Study for the next few weeks. It is put together by *Lutheran Hour Ministries*. Please join us!

Ladies Aid will meet next Tues. Feb 14th at Halter Manor. Bible Study begins at 3:00 with Ella and Marie serving lunch.

Bethel Voters Soup and Dessert Dinner will be Sun Feb 19th from 11:00 until 1:00pm, with freewill offering. We are asking for help in making the soups and desserts, help in the kitchen and dining room, and above all, showing support by *attending*. **Hope to see you all there!**

Lenten Services will be starting with Ash Wednesday Feb. 22, at 7:00pm. A light supper at 5:30, will be served by the members of Bethel. A schedule for serving Lenten meals is in your church mail box.

As finances have not allowed us the luxury of having a janitor, the voters are hoping all of the congregation will join together in helping with the task of keeping our church clean. Bethel belongs to all of us. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. **Thank you**

“Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life - February 5th “We need to provide much more support for overburdened mothers—personal, financial, social, and medical support—both before and after their child is born. We need to ensure that children who may be unwanted and unloved by their parents will be welcomed and loved by others in society and especially by the Church.” *John Stott, English Christian leader and Anglican cleric*

Stewardship- February 5th According to Genesis 1:26, God did not give us ownership of creation, but “to rule over” creation. God is the source of all things and has retained His ownership. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 4:7 that all things come from God. *“What do you have that you did not receive?”* With this knowledge and understanding, we would be correct to substitute the word “returning” for “giving” because, through our giving, we are simply returning to God what He has already given to us. When we consider how much to give (return) to our church and other Christian causes, we will then be asking ourselves, “How much of God’s money am I going to keep?”

Prayers for 3 People...prayers for continued diligence as we lift up in our prayers at least three people in our lives that we know who need to be connected to **Jesus**.

Coins for Missions Offering ~ Otsego, MN is a rapidly growing city, north of I-94, south of the Mississippi River, west of Rogers and to the east of Monticello. Otsego is a “hot spot” for a new church start. It’s population is 13,000 and are baby boomers, children and young adults. Many are “un-churched.” Bethel, among many churches in Southern Minnesota are asked to help with the start-up funding for this mission. Everyone at Bethel is invited to give their spare change, on Sunday’s until June 1st. A receptacle is in the back of the church for your spare change. Thank you.

Welcome Visitors Activity bags are available for children, and are located under the table in the entryway. Downstairs, the bathrooms are to the left, a changing table is by the bathrooms, and an unstaffed nursery area with a television is available to watch the service.

Note to Visitors We are glad you are here today at Bethel. We hope you connect with Jesus through worshipping and studying scripture this morning. We are not here to impress you or sell you anything. We are here as a community of Christians caring for and serving one another. Our one desire is that you experience the love of Christ everyday through a relationship with Him.