



Bethlehem Lutheran Church July 26, 2026

The Light of Christ Shines in Every Season

First Reading Isaiah 61:1–4 CEV

The Spirit of the Lord sends us to bring good news

The Spirit of the Lord God has taken control of me!

The Lord has chosen and sent me to tell the oppressed the good news, to heal the brokenhearted, and to announce freedom for prisoners and captives. ² This is the year when the Lord God will show kindness to us and punish our enemies.

The Lord has sent me to comfort those who mourn, ³ especially in Jerusalem. He sent me to give them flowers in place of their sorrow, olive oil in place of tears, and joyous praise in place of broken hearts. They will be called “Trees of Justice,” planted by the Lord to honor his name. ⁴ Then they will rebuild cities that have been in ruins for many generations.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

The Holy Gospel John 1:1-14 The Word of Life

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter. **Glory to you O Lord.**

1 In the beginning was the one who is called the Word. The Word was with God and was truly God. 2 From the very beginning the Word was with God. 3 And with this Word, God created all things. Nothing was made without the Word. Everything that was created 4 received its life from him, and his life gave light to everyone. 5 The light keeps shining in the dark, and darkness has never put it out. 6 God sent a man named John, 7 who came to tell about the light and to lead all people to have faith. 8 John wasn't this light. He came only to tell about the light. 9 The true light that shines on everyone was coming into the world. 10 The Word was in the world, but no one knew him, though God had made the world with his Word. 11 He came into his own world, but his own nation did not welcome him. 12 Yet some people accepted him and put their faith in him. So he gave them the right to be the children of God. 13 They were not God's children by nature or because of any human desires. God himself was the one who made them his children. 14 The Word became a human being and lived here with us. We saw his true glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father. From him the complete gifts of undeserved grace and truth have come down to us. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Gospel in Spanish

Una lectura según Juan Capítulo 1. **Gloria a ti, O Señor**

1 En el principio ya existía el Verbo, y el Verbo estaba con Dios, y el Verbo era Dios.

2 Él estaba con Dios en el principio 3 Por medio de él todas las cosas fueron creadas; sin él, nada de lo creado llegó a existir. 4 En él estaba la vida y la vida era la luz de la

humanidad. 5 Esta luz resplandece en la oscuridad y la oscuridad no ha podido apagarla. 6 Vino un hombre llamado Juan. Dios lo envió 7 como testigo para dar

testimonio de la luz, a fin de que por medio de él todos creyeran. 8 Juan no era la luz, sino que vino para dar testimonio de la luz. 9 Esa luz verdadera, la que alumbra a todo

ser humano, venía a este mundo. 10 El que era la luz ya estaba en el mundo y el mundo fue creado por medio de él, pero el mundo no lo reconoció. 11 Vino a lo que era suyo,

pero los suyos no lo recibieron. 12 Mas a cuantos lo recibieron, a los que creen en su nombre, les dio el derecho de ser hechos hijos de Dios. 13 Estos no nacen de la sangre,

ni por deseos naturales, ni por voluntad humana, sino que nacen de Dios. 14 Y el Verbo se hizo hombre y habitó entre nosotros. Y contemplamos su gloria, la gloria que

corresponde al Hijo único del Padre, lleno de gracia y de verdad.

El evangelio del Señor. **¡Alabamos a ti O Cristo!**

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Pastor Dawn

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