

Bethel Lutheran Mission Statement

Bethel Lutheran Church is a community of believers called by God to invite all people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ, build them up in the faith, and send them out to be witnesses in word and deed to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

COME AS YOU ARE...

What does it mean when the pastor welcomes us to worship? It means Bethel Lutheran Church family extends a special welcome to those who are single, married, or divorced. It means we want to welcome the filthy rich as well as the dirt poor and all in-between. We want to welcome those children who are crying or soon will be. It means you are welcome if you can sing like an angel or plan to lip synch your way through every hymn. You are welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Lutheran than Old Martin or haven't been to worship in who knows how long. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but have not grown up yet as well as to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, and junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion" because we've been there too. If you blew all your offering money at the casino, you are welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because Grandma is in town and guilted you into going to worship. We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We follow a strange and wonderful Lord who welcomes everyone so we at Bethel strive to do the same.

In other words...WE WELCOME YOU!

♥BE.THE.Love

Pastors: Rev. Julé Ballinger; Rev. Erika Buller; Rev. Jim Gustafson

Worship Band

Leader: Rick Hendrickson

Vocalists: Emily Hendrickson; Alex Hendrickson; Kelly Voss
Brian Quamme—**guitar** Rick Hendrickson – **guitar**; Carmen Tischer —**drums**

Ushers: Blake & Tracy Peterson

Reader: Kathy Hammer

Coffee: Paul & Char Oehlke

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, 9:00— 150 11:00—470

"Come As You Are!"

Contemporary Worship
Fifth Sunday of Easter— May 14, 2017

Gathering Songs

Welcome and Announcements

Song: *"Come Just As You Are"*

*Come just as you are, hear the Spirit call
Come just as you are; Come and see, come receive,
come and live forever. (repeat)*

Call to Worship

P: Come and worship, come as you are!

C: Imperfect, are we welcome?

P: Yes, come, worship, and praise just as you are!

C: We come this morning, different people, different lives, different histories...

P: Come ready to worship together. You are all children of the same parent.

Q: Who loves us just as we are!

P: Come and see Christ the Lord in the face of those around us.

C: All are welcome! Let us come together with joy, and worship in this place!

Song: *"Our God Saves"*

*In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son,
in the name of the Spirit, Lord we come;
We're gathered together to lift up Your name,
to call on our Savior, to fall on Your grace;
Hear the joyful sound of our offering as Your saints bow down,
as Your people sing; We will rise with You, lifted on Your wings,
and the world will see that*

Chorus: *Our God saves, our God saves; There is hope in Your name;
Mourning turns to songs of praise; Our God saves, our God saves.*

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

*Prayer of the Day

God of great mission, **You have set before us a great task, O God: keeping sight of the things which matter. Steer us away from our preoccupation with issues that do not bear on our eternal salvation, focusing instead on all who still long to hear your word of grace. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

Children's Message

Pastor Julé Ballinger

Song

"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

*Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found was blind but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.*

*(Chorus) My chains are gone. I've been set free, my God,
my Savior has ransomed me.*

And like a flood His mercy reigns unending love, amazing grace.

*The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

(Chorus)

Gospel

Acts 15:1-18

Message

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Remember to Pray for ...

Grieving: Family and friends of Don Clute

Healing:

Adam Loepp	Lynn Rovig	Dale Johnson
Leona Hektner	Cora Lovdokken	Dale DeVries
Ruth Twedt	Julie Rempfer	Martha Manikowske
Deloris Compson	Charlie Hardie	Karen Lutz
Linda Grochow	Gene Kemmet	Julie Moderow
George Paur		
Dennis Broderick		

Dave Engstrom (brother of Pam Erlandson) **Preston Young**
Gary Miller (brother of Lois Perkins) **Carter Casey** (friend of many)
Rodney Wurgler (father of Cheri Berge) **Sara Henderson** (sister of Randy Hoerer)
Lisa Meeker (sister of Jana Rugenstein) **Pat Holdeman** (sister of Cyndy Gustafson)
Kathryn Bernotas (mother of Tom Bernotas)
Imogene Massey (sister of Kathy Johnson) **Jan Townsend**
Linda Swierczek (cousin of Judy Oren) **Bryan Wattier** (cousin of Leslie Rohde)
Cameron Nelson (grandson of Charlie & Jan Bellmore)
Maverick and Maddyn Mauch (infant niece and nephew of Stacy Owens)
Amelia Rossow (granddaughter of Pam Braun)

Add or update prayer list by notifying the church office (642-4472). Thanks.

Altar flowers in memory of Betty Besse given by Pam Hendrickson



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Song Of the Day **“This Is Amazing Grace”** (CCLI #6333821)

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness whose love is mighty and so much stronger the King of Glory the King above all kings.

Verse 2: Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder the King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus: This is amazing grace this is unfailing love that You would take my place that You would bear my cross You laid down Your life that I would be set free oh Jesus I sing for all that You’ve done for me

Verse 3: Who brings our chaos back into order Who makes the orphan a son and daughter The King of Glory the King of Glory

Verse 4: Who rules the nations with truth and justice shines like the sun in all of its brilliance The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus:

Offering: (We will receive the offering during the Song of the Day)
(the “Noisy Offering” will benefit Wahpeton/Breckinridge Schools)

Offertory: **“Create in Me”**

*Create in me a clean heart, oh God;
That I might serve you.
Create in me a clean heart, oh God;
That I might be renewed.
So fill me and heal me, and bring me back to You.
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Prayers of the People *“Lord Listen to Your Children Praying”* ELW#752

*Lord listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace. (Repeat)*

The Lord’s Prayer

All: **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.**

Benediction

(Children are welcome to come up front and play instruments)

Sending Song **“Your Grace is Enough”** (CCLI #4477026)

*Great is Your faithfulness O God;
You wrestle with the sinner’s restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy and nothing can keep us apart.
So remember Your people, remember Your children,
remember Your promise O God.*

Chorus: **Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.**

*Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob;
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along.
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Chorus:

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