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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!**
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Council at Jerusalem

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn *"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"* *ELW 597*

Greeting

L: 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**

Kyrie

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Hymn of Praise *"Glory to God"*

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***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.**

WORD

READING: Luke 2:29-32

Children's Message Pastor Julé Ballinger

Special Music Bethel Choir

Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" pg 151

C: Glory to you, O Lord (After Gospel is announced)

GOSPEL: Acts 15:1-18

C: Praise to you, O Christ (After conclusion of Gospel)
Message Pastor Julé Ballinger

Hymn of the Day "Blessed Assurance" ELW #638

Offering (received during the hymn)
(The "noisy offering" will benefit the Wahpeton/Breckenridge Schools)

Offertory "Praise & Thanksgiving" vs 1-2 ELW #689

Prayers of the People

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.

SENDING

Benediction

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Be the love.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" ELW #779

Postlude

Remember to Pray for ...

Grieving: Family and friends of Don Clute

Healing:

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| Adam Loepp | Lynn Rovig | Dale Johnson |
| Leona Hektner | Cora Lovdokken | Dale DeVries |
| Ruth Twedt | Julie Rempher | 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)
Cameren Nelson (grandson of Charlie & Jan Bellmore)
Maverick and Maddyn Mauch (infant niece and nephew of Stacy Owens)
Amelia Rossow (granddaughter of Pam Braun)

Altar flowers in memory of Betty Besse given by Pam Hendrickson



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