

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

In Service Today

Pastors: Rev. Julé Ballinger; Rev. Erika Buller; Rev. Jim Gustafson
Ministers: All baptized members of Christ's Church
Organist: Treyton Hoogland
Ushers: Barb & Jerry Mohs; Corrine Romereim
Reader: Jean Hoerer
Coffee Hour: Judy Koppang; Doug & Judy Peterson

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, 9:00 — 123

Next Weeks Readings: Proverbs 9:1-6; John 6:51-58
<http://bethelwahpeton.com/sermons/>



August 12, 2018

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn

"Let All Things Now Living"

ELW #881

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

Hymn of Praise

"Glory to God"

pg 213
pg 213-215

Prayer of the Day

Faithful God, your promises can be trusted and your word is true. Keep us ever mindful of the blessings we enjoy as your children, and use them to bless others, in turn. For the sake of Christ our Lord, Amen.

WORD

READING:

Luke 1:46-55

Children's Message

Pastor Erika Buller

Special Music Treyton Hoogland

Gospel Acclamation *“Alleluia”* pg 216

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

GOSPEL: Ruth 4:1-22

L: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ (After conclusion of Gospel)

Message Pastor Erika Buller

Hymn of the Day *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”* ELW #858

Offering (received during the hymn)

Noisy offering collected for the Richland/Wilkin Food Pantry

Offertory *“We Are an Offering”* ELW #692

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Benson Ryan Mitchell

Parents: Brandon & Miranda Mitchell

Sponsors: Ashley Mitchell; Tyler Mitchell

Profession of Faith

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven; he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

WELCOME

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Welcome by the Congregation:

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God’s creative and redeeming word to all the world

Song *“Jesus Loves Me” vs 1-3* ELW #595

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 *“Lift Every Voice and Sing”* ELW #841

Postlude

Remember to Pray for . . .

Healing:

Adam Loepp	Sharon Wixo	Char Oehlke
Dale DeVries	Wynne Hendrickson	Martha Manikowske
Dale Johnson	David Luna	Dave Kocher
Deloris Compson	Emma Streyle	Yoshiko Tollefson
Chuck Kaim	Colton Fliflet	Jamie Hendrickson
Bill Braun	Gil Braaten	Buffy Holbrook
Paul Nelson	Al Romereim	Lester Lyons
Linda Grochow	Dennis Broderick	

Emily Bjore (in-law of Esther Krause)

Bob Anastario (brother in law of Clark & Gail Williams)

Jacob Petermann (friend to many)

Sara Henderson (sister of Randy Hoerer)

John Erickson

Pat Holdeman (sister of Cyndy Gustafson)

Jan Townsend

Kathryn Bernotas (mother of Tom Bernotas)

Ann Deal (friend of Cyndy Gustafson)

Cameron Nelson (grandson of Charlie & Jan Bellmore)

Amelia Rossow (granddaughter of Pam Braun)

Leslie Cose (sister-in-law of Jean & Randy Hoerer)

Jim Oliver (brother in law of Darren Prochnow)

Paul Sannes (brother of Luther Sannes)

Serving in the Military **Nathen Schuler**– (Air force Deployment)