

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

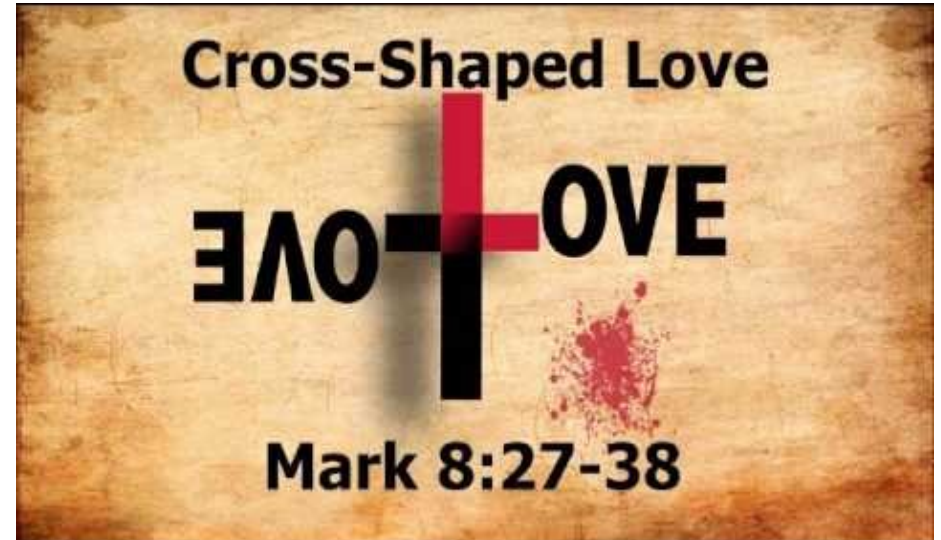
In Service Today

Pastors: Rev. Erika Buller; Rev. Jim Gustafson
Ministers: All baptized members of Christ's Church
Organist: Mary Jane Pauly
Ushers: Gary & Jodi Friskop; James & Trudy Jacobson
Reader: Doug Peterson
Coffee Hour: Gene & Marlyce Kemmet; Henry & MaryAnn Look
Communion: Rikki Townsend; Kathy Johnson

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, 9:00 — 178

Next Weeks Readings: Mark 9:30-37; James 3:13-4:3,7-8a
<http://bethelwahpeton.com/sermons/>



September 16, 2018

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Hymn

"Lift High the Cross"

ELW #660

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"

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Prayer of the Day

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

WORD

READING:

Children's Message

Psalm 116:1-9

Lisa Bassingthwaite

Special Music

Bethel Choir

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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

GOSPEL:

Mark 8:27-38

L: The Gospel of our Lord

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

Message

Pastor Erika Buller

Hymn of the Day

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

ELW #798

Offering

(received during the hymn)

Noisy offering collected for the Richland/Wilkin Food Pantry

Offertory

“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

ELW #512

Prayers of the People

Sharing the Peace

MEAL

Words of Institution

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.

Communion Hymns

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

ELW #631

“My Song is Love Unknown”

ELW #343

Blessing

SENDING

Benediction

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn

“We Are Called”

ELW #720

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

Sheila Dolan

Linda Azure

Emily Bjore (in-law of Esther Krause)

Jacob Petermann (friend to many)

Sara Henderson (sister of Randy Hoerer)

John Erickson

Pat Holdeman (sister of Cyndy Gustafson)

Kyle Jr Skelton

Kathryn Bernotas (mother of Tom Bernotas)

Ann Deal (friend of Cyndy Gustafson)

Cameren 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)

Paige Bladow (Cousin of Stacy Owens)

Nursing Home Residents & Shut-Ins; Richland & Wilkin County Jail Inmates