

## 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. Erika Buller; Rev. Jim Gustafson

#### Worship Band

Rick Hendrickson— Leader

**Vocalists:** Emily Hendrickson; Alex Hendrickson; Kelly Voss

Brian Quamme; Rick Hendrickson—**guitar** Carmen Tischer—**drums**

Mike Martens—**bass**

**Ushers:** Kathy Hammer; Linda Miller      **Reader:** Trese Saar

**Communion Assist:** Paul & Sibyl Jacklitch; Trese Saar

**Coffee:** Amanda Lunsetter

#### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, 9:00 — 178

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# "Come As You Are!"

Contemporary Worship  
September 16, 2018

### 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 and worship, 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.

**C:** 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, and worship in this place!

**Song:** "Shout to the Lord" (ELW #821)

*My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.  
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;  
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.  
Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing power and majesty,  
Praise to the King. Mountains bow down  
and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands; forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.*

Repeat

**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**

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.

**Children’s Message**

**Lisa Bassingthwaite**

**Song**

**“I Love You Lord”**  
*I love you Lord, and I lift my voice  
To worship you, O my soul rejoice.  
Take joy my King, in what you hear.  
May it be a sweet, sweet, sound in your ear.  
(Repeat 2 times)*

**Reading**

**Psalms 116:1-9**

**Message**

**Pastor Erika Buller**

**Song of the Day**

**“God of Wonders”**

*Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky,  
The heavens are Your tabernacle; glory to the Lord on high.*

*(Chorus) God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.  
The universe declares Your majesty. You are holy, holy;  
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of Heaven and earth*

*Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light,  
And as I stumble in the darkness, I will call Your name by night.*

*(Chorus) Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth (3 times)  
(CCLI#3118757)*

**Offering:** (We will receive the offering during the Song of the Day)  
(the “Noisy Offering” will benefit the Food Pantry)

**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)

**Pat Holdeman** (sister of Cyndy Gustafson)

**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)

**Paige Bladow** (Cousin of Stacy Owens)

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

**John Erickson**

**Kyle Jr Skelton**

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



**Offertory: "Give Thanks"**

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son (repeat)*

*And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (repeat)*  
(CCLI#20285)

**Prayers of the People "Hear Our Prayer" ELW #178**

*Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:  
Peace to all people, hope for each soul.  
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.*

**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**

**Blessing**

**Benediction**

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

**Sending "The Same Love"**  
*You choose the humble and raise them high  
You choose the weak and make them strong  
You heal our brokenness inside and give us life*

**Chorus:** *The same love that set the captives free  
The same love that opened eyes to see is calling us all by name  
You are calling us all by name the same God that spread the heavens wide  
the same God that was crucified is calling us all by name  
You are calling us all by name.*

**Verse 2** *You take the faithless one aside  
and speak the words you are Mine  
You call the cynic and the proud come to Me now*

**Chorus:** *Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh*

**Bridge:** *You're calling You're calling You're calling us to the cross  
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**Chorus:** (CCLI #6180933)

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

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