

## 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; Lara Lekang  
Brian Quamme; Pat Trappen; Rick Hendrickson—**guitar** Carmen Tischer—**drums**  
Troy Ballinger-**bass**

**Ushers:** Jason & Danielle Flack & Family **Reader:** Lila Gedrose

**Coffee:** Kathy Johnson

#### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, 9:00 — 163 11:00—40 Wednesday— 144

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# "Come As You Are!"

Contemporary Worship  
October 7, 2018

## Gathering Songs

### Welcome and Announcements

### Temple Talk

Angie Cruff

### Song:

*"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"*

### (Chorus)

*Come now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are, to worship,  
Come, just as you are before your God.  
Come.*

### Bridge

*One day every tongue will confess You are God.  
One day ev'ry knee will bow,  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
for those who gladly praise You now.*

### (Chorus)

### 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

*"The Church Song"*

#### REFRAIN

*We are the Church,  
the body of our Lord;  
We are all God's children,  
we have been restored.*

*The Church is not a building  
where people go to pray;  
It's not made out of sticks and stones,  
it's not made out of clay.*

**REFRAIN**

*The Church is not a business, a committee, or a board;  
It's not a corporation for the business of the Lord.*

**REFRAIN**

*Well you can go to worship but you cannot go to church. You can't  
find a building that's alive no matter how you search.*

**REFRAIN**

*The Church, it is the people, living out their lives  
Called, enlightened, sanctified  
for the work of Jesus Christ.*

**REFRAIN**

**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**

Let us pray... **Gracious God, who gives and gives and give to us again, hear our plea for one more gift: a generous spirit, that we may be the church, that we may find and use and return to you all that you have given of ordinary and extraordinary, for you are the source and gift of life itself. Amen.**

**Children's Message**

**Sandi Gilbertson**

**Song**

*"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*

**Bridge:**

*You're calling You're calling You're calling us to the cross  
You're calling You're calling You're calling us to the cross*

**Chorus:**

*(CCLI #6180933)*

**Video**

**YouTube- "This Is Church" by Igniter Media**

**Gospel**

**Matthew 23:34-40**

**Message**

**Hal Fisher**

**Remember to Pray for . . .**

**Grieving:** Marlyn Edman (Gloria Dohman's father)

**Healing:**

Adam Woepp	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)

**Tim Friskop**– Deployed to Asia

**Dean Jorgeson** (Cyndy Gustafson's brother)

**John Erickson**

**Kyle Jr Skelton**

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



**Altar flowers given Barry & Sue Hendrickson in honor of their wedding anniversary.**

**♥ BE.THE.Love**

Video                    *YouTube– Lauren Daigle– “First”*

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

*We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,  
Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have,  
all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
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Prayers of the People    *“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”*

*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.*  
(CCLI#22829)

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                    *“Cry of My Heart”*

*(Chorus)                It is the cry of my heart to follow You.  
                              It is the cry of my heart to be close to You  
                              It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.  
Teach me Your holy ways, Oh Lord. So I can walk in Your truth.  
Teach me Your holy ways, oh Lord,  
and make me wholly devoted to You.*

*(Chorus)  
Open my eyes so I can see the wonderful things that You do.  
Open my heart up more and more,  
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*(Chorus)*  
(CCLI #844980)

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Be the love.  
C: Thanks be to God!

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