

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;
Interims: Pastor David Astrup; Pastor Mark Asleson

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**

Communion Assist: Rick & Deb Jacobson

Reader: Art Grochow

Coffee Server: Steph Beyer

Usher: Barb & Jerry Mohs

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, 9:00 — 181 11:00— 100 Wednesday—137



"Come As You Are!"

Contemporary Worship
First Sunday of Advent-December 2, 2018

Gathering Songs

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Bassingthwaite Family

Song: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” ELW #257
*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.*

Advent 1 Litany

Waiting is difficult. We eagerly anticipate the desires of our hearts and want them to come soon. We wait for the first day of spring and for the warmth of the sun to return. We are reminded to be patience for the coming of the Lord.

At the beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming.
Emmanuel, **Wake us up to your coming.**

We gather together expecting the unexpected and imagine the unimaginable. Emmanuel, **Wake us up to your coming.**

We wait for the day when God will make all things new. Emmanuel, **Wake us up to your coming.**

Jesus, we welcome your presence with the lighting of this candle, whose flame brings warmth and whose light brings hope. Emmanuel, **Wake us up to your coming.**

Song “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” ELW #257 (vs. 1)

Song “Here I am To Worship”
*Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You*

Chorus: *Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that You’re my God.
You’re altogether lovely altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.*

*King of all days, oh so highly exalted. Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
all for love’s sake became poor.*

Chorus:

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	Sheila Dolan
Linda Grochow	Dennis Broderick	
Linda Azure		

Sharon Deichert (Sister of Linda Miller)

Jacob Petermann (friend to many)

Sara Henderson (sister of Randy Hoerer)

John Erickson

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)

Dean Jorgenson (Cyndy Gustafson’s brother)

Ron Peck (Sandi Gilbertson’s father)

Donna Hanson (Sister of Lois Perkins)

Tim Friskop– Deployed to Asia

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

Altar Flowers given by Donna Marohl

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.

*The Prayer of the Day

L: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Children's Message

Lisa Bassingthwaite

Song

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

*Come Thou long expected Jesus Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation Joy of every longing heart
Born Thy people to deliver Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne*

Reading

Luke 21:25-36

Message

Pastor Erika Buller

Song of the Day

"Cornerstone"

*My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name (x2)*

*Chorus: Christ alone; cornerstone
Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord
Lord of all
When Darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil*

Chorus:

*Then He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless stand
before the throne.*

Chorus:

Offering: (We will receive the offering during the Song of the Day)
(the "noisy offering" will benefit the Food Pantry)

Offertory:

"Christmas Offering"

*Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star
While angels sang to lowly shepherds
three wise men seeking truth traveled from afar
Hoping to find the child from Heaven
Falling on their knees they bowed before
the humble Prince of Peace*

Chorus:

*I bring an offering of worship to my King
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due
Oh Lord I bring an offering to You I bring an offering to You*

Prayers of the People

"As We Pray"

O God, O God, O God as we pray

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 Song

"Step by Step"

*Oh God You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
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I will seek You in the morning and I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.
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(CCLI #696994)*

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