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## 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

### In Service Today

**Pastors:** Rev. Erika Buller; Rev. Jim Gustafson;  
Interims: Pastor David Astrup; Pastor Mark Asleson  
**Ministers:** All baptized members of Christ's Church  
**Organist:** Mary Jane Pauly  
**Reader:** Jeff Hage  
**Ushers:** Floss Johnson, Linda Johnson, Dee Jensen, Jeff Hage  
**Coffee Hour:** Jay & Katie Erickson, Janet Farnen

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

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

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## GATHERING

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Advent Wreath Lighting

Pithey 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.**



Offertory    *“Take, Oh, Take Me As I am” (Repeat)*    ELW #814

Prayers of the People

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 (*processional*)

Communion Hymns (*sung during communion distribution*)

*“What Feast of Love”*                    ELW#487

*“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”*        ELW #244

Blessing

SENDING

Benediction

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn                    *“People, Look East”*                    ELW #248

Postlude