

## 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:** Stacy Owens  
**Ushers:** Wayne Braaten; Bob & Jeri Oscarson  
**Reader:** Kijia Homes  
**Coffee Hour:** Clark & Gail Williams; Lynn & Jeannie Bjore

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, 9:00--126 11:00-- 65



November 11, 2018

## GATHERING

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Hymn**

*"You Servants of God"*

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**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**

L: O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

## WORD

**READING:**

Psalm 146

**Children's Message**

Pastor Mark Asleson

