

## 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; Rev. Mark Asleson

### Worship Band

Leader: Rick Hendrickson

Vocalists: Emily Hendrickson; Alex Hendrickson; Lara Lekang; Kelly Voss

Guitar: Rick Hendrickson; Brian Quamme; Pat Trappen  
Carmen Tischer — drums  
Troy Ballinger — bass

**Ushers:** Jerry & Barb Mohs

**Communion:** Myrna Ball

**Reader:**

**Coffee:**

# "Come As You Are!"

Contemporary Worship  
March 18, 2018

### Gathering Songs

#### Welcome and Announcements

**Song:**

*"Come to Jesus"*

*Weak and wounded sinner, Lost and left to die,  
Raise your head for Love is passing by,  
Come to Jesus, Come to Jesus, Come to Jesus and live.*

*Now your burden's lifted, and carried far away,  
And precious blood has washed away the stain. . .so  
Sing to Jesus, Sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus and live.*

*And when the love spills over, and music fills the night,  
And when you can't contain your joy inside. . .then  
Dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus and live.*

### 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 in the face of another.

**C: All are welcome! Let us come together, and worship!**

## Song

### “He Reigns”

*It's the song of the redeemed rising from the African plain it's the song of the forgiven drowning out the Amazon rain the song of Asian believers filled with God's holy fire it's every tribe every tongue every nation a love song born of a grateful choir.*

**Chorus:** *It's all God's children singing glory glory hallelujah He reigns He reigns It's all God's children singing glory glory hallelujah He reigns (He reigns)*

*Let it rise above the four winds caught up in the heavenly sound let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals to the faithful gathered underground of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation some were meant to persist of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples none rings truer than this.*

## 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

**L:** God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all your peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Children's Message

Pastor Mark Asleson

## Song

### “How Great is our God”

*The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
and trembles at His Voice and trembles at His voice.*

**(Chorus)** *How great is our God! Sing with me How great is our God!  
And all will see how great, how great, is our God*

*And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;  
Beginning and the End, The Godhead, three in one,  
Father, Spirit, Son, the Lion and the Lamb the Lion and the Lamb,*

**(Chorus)**

**(Coda)** *Name above all names, Worthy of all praise,  
My heart will sing; How great is our God. (repeat Coda)*

## Communion

## Blessing

## Benediction

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

## Sending Song

### “Love the Lord”

*Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind  
and with all your strength. (repeat)*

*With all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your mind, with all your strength.  
Love the Lord your God, with all your heart,  
with all your soul with all your mind and with all your strength.*

*I will serve the Lord with all my heart,  
With all my soul with all my mind,  
And with all my strength. (repeat)*

*With all my heart, with all my soul,  
With all my mind, with all my strength.  
I will serve the Lord, with all my heart,  
with all my soul with all my mind, and with all my strength.*

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

**C:** Thanks be to God!

## Remember to Pray for . . .

### Healing:

Leslie Cose  
Randy Hoerer  
Linda Grochow  
Madeline Miller  
Dennis Broderick

**Tim Friskop**– Deployed

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

Gospel Luke 13:31-35  
Message Pastor Mark Asleson

Song of the Day *“At the Cross”*  
*There's a place*  
*Where mercy reigns and never dies*  
*There's a place*  
*Where streams of grace flow deep and wide*  
*Where all the love I've ever found*  
*Comes like a flood comes flowing down*

Chorus *At the cross at the cross*  
*I surrender my life*  
*I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You*  
*Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white*  
*I owe all to You I owe all to You, Jesus*

*There's a place*  
*Where sin and shame are powerless*  
*Where my heart*  
*Has peace with God and forgiveness*  
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Chorus

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

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)*  
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Prayers of the People *“Jesus Remember Me”*  
*Jesus remember me, when you come into Your kingdom.*  
*(repeat)*

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.

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