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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;  
Interim: Pastor Mark Asleson  
**Ministers:** All baptized members of Christ's Church  
**Organist:** Mary Jane Pauly  
**Ushers:** Perry & Denise Miller; Jerry & Judy Oren  
**Reader:** Doug Peterson  
**Coffee:** Janet Farmen; Duane & Diane Finnie  
**Communion:** Terry & Suzanne Pehl

# **Lighten Your Load**



## **Luke 13:31-35**

March 17, 2019

### **GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Confession & Forgiveness**

pg 94-96

**Hymn**

*"Lord Jesus Christ Be Present Now"*

ELW # 527

**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**

*"This is the Feast"*

pg. 138-139

pg. 140-141

**\*Prayer of the Day**

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.

**WORD**

**READING:** Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

**Children’s Message** Pastor Mark Asleson

**Special Music** Bethel Choir

**Gospel Acclamation** “Alleluia” pg 142

**C: Glory to you, O Lord** (After Gospel is announced)

**GOSPEL:** Luke 13:31-35

**L: The Gospel of our Lord**

**C: Praise to you, O Christ** (After conclusion of Gospel)

**Message** Pastor Mark Asleson

**Hymn of the Day** “My Faith Looks up to Thee” ELW # 759

**Offering** (received during the hymn)  
(The “noisy offering” will benefit the Food Pantry)

**Offertory** “Let the Vineyards be Fruitful” ELW #182

**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)

*(All who believe in Christ’s presence in the sacrament are welcome to the Lord’s Table. Communion will be distributed in a continuous fashion. Please come forward using the middle aisle and return to your seat by way of the side aisles. Gluten free wafers available, tell the pastor at the altar. Please indicate if you prefer grape juice instead of wine.)*

**Communion Hymns** (sung during communion distribution)

“Jesus Keep me near the Cross” ELW #335

“Let us Break Bread Together” ELW #471

**SENDING**

**Blessing**

**Benediction**

**Dismissal**

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

C: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn** “Lead on O King Eternal” ELW #805

**Postlude**

**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