

**Bethel Lutheran Church**  
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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  
**Ministers:** All baptized members of Christ's Church  
**Organist:** Mary Jane Pauly  
**Ushers:** Paul & Brigid Langseth; Bill & Gladys Bair  
**Communion Assist:** Chuck & Ione Muralt  
**Coffee Hour:** Bob & Jeri Oscarson; Terry & Suzanne Pehl  
**Reader:** Gladys Bair

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, 9:00 — 152                      11:00—64



May 19, 2019

### GATHERING

**Prelude**  
**Welcome and Announcements**  
**Temple Talk**  
**Confessions & Forgiveness** Pg. 94-96

**Hymn** *"All Are Welcome"* ELW #641

**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** pg. 147-148  
**Hymn of Praise** *"This is the Feast"* pg. 149-150

**\*Prayer of the Day**  
 L: O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through 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:**

**Psalm 148**

**Children’s Message**

**Pastor Erika Buller**

**Special Music**

**Bethel Choir**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**“Alleluia”**

**pg.142**

**GOSPEL:**

**John 13:31-35**

L: The Gospel of our Lord

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

**Message**

**Pastor Erika Buller**

**Hymn of the Day “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” ELW #631**

**Offering** (received during the hymn)

(The “noisy offering” will benefit the Wahpeton and Breckenridge school milk money)

**Offertory “For the Fruit of All Creation” vs 1-2 ELW #679**

**Blessing of High School Graduates**

Parents:

We come this day before God to thank the Creator for the gift you have been to us. You have given our lives a deeper meaning and a deeper calling. Through you, we have come to understand more of God’s love, joy and forgiveness. Wherever you go, our love goes with you.

Parents and Congregation: **We bless you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(Parents wrap your kid)

Congregation: **Wherever you go, our love goes with you. May this quilt remind you of our love, the warmth of this faith community and the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

**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**

**“Let Us Break Bread Together”  
“Here Is Bread”**

**ELW # 471**

**ELW #483**

**SENDING**

**Blessing**

**Benediction**

**Dismissal**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn**

**“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”**

**ELW #656**

**Postlude**

*(The graduating class will immediately come to the front of the church for a group photo)*

**Congratulations Graduating Seniors!**

Jacob Beauchamp  
Shawn Beto  
Stuart Bowar  
Nicholas Bronson  
Joshua Darwin  
Brett Gilbertson  
Shae Gilbertson  
ArieOnna Hoistad  
Alexander Mund  
Jessica Munter

Jake Pfaff  
Michael Prochnow  
Jacob Uhlich  
Abbi Walkins  
Ty Wixo  
Jamison Zaun



**Remember to Pray for . . .**

**Healing:**

Leslie Cose  
Randy Hoerer  
Linda Grochow  
Nathan Schuler– Air Force Deployed  
Linda Azure

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