

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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Pastor Jake Dyrhaug | Pastor Erika Buller  
September 12, 2021 | Dedication Service

*We welcome you to Bethel Lutheran Church.  
Thank you for sharing this special day with us.*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TEMPLE TALK

Bethel History

Keath Borchert

“Be the Love and Beyond” Capital Campaign

Hal Fisher

### HYMN

**Beautiful Savior**

**ELW #838**

### GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**A: And also with you.**

L: Sisters and brothers: With gratitude for the construction and remodeling of Bethel Lutheran Church and the installation of the new organ, we are gathered to dedicate them for the worship of almighty God and for teaching the faith and building up the Body of Christ. From this day forward let this continue to be a place for the gathering of the people of God, a place for the proclaiming the gospel through word and sacrament, a place for teaching your Word and for bringing life and hope to us and to this community. Peace be to this house, and to all who enter here.

**A: Amen.**

### KYRIE

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### HYMN OF PRAISE

**Glory to God**

pg. 139-140

**Prayer of the Day**—Let us pray. Most High God, whom the heavens cannot contain, we give you thanks for the gifts of those who have built and remodeled this house of prayer, built this baptismal font, altar and pulpit and installed this organ to your glory; we praise you for the fellowship of those who by their use will make it holy: and we pray that all who seek you here may find you and be filled with joy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**A: Amen.**

## DEDICATION OF THE SANCTUARY, OUTREACH TECHNOLOGY, CHAIRS, SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS AND OFFICES

Dana Anderson

L: We give you thanks, O God, as we dedicate the newly remodeled sanctuary, outreach technology, new chairs, remodeled Sunday School rooms and offices to your glory and praise. Grant us faith to know your gracious purpose in all things, give us joy in them, and lead us to the building up of your Kingdom.

**A: Amen.**

## DEDICATION OF THE PLACE OF BAPTISM

Muriel Hedrick

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs or your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that new life may be given to all those who are baptized in this font, which today we set apart. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**A: Amen.**

## DEDICATION OF THE PLACE OF THE WORD

Larissa Gilbertson

L: We give you thanks, O God, for you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. You called your people Israel to proclaim freedom from captivity, a pathway home from exile, and wisdom for life with you. Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to proclaim forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, and the way of your self-giving love. Send your Spirit of truth, O God from this pulpit that we set apart today, rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your word, O God, draw near to all who call on you.

**A: Amen.**

## DEDICATION OF THE PLACE OF THE MEAL

Floss Johnson

L: Bless all who come to this table of the Lord, and sanctify all who receive the body and blood of Christ at this altar, which today we set apart. Give all who taste this holy feast grace to live in faith and love throughout our lives, until at last we all behold you face to face at the heavenly banquet where your saints and angels praise you forever.

**A: Amen.**

**DEDICATION OF THE ORGAN**

Paul Oehlke

L: We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for your abundant gifts. The whole earth reflects your glory; all your creatures praise you. We lift our voices to join the sounds and song of heaven and earth, of things seen and unsee, in praise of your glory. Send your blessing upon us and upon this Rodgers organ, which we dedicate to your praise and glory. Enrich the lives of your people through it, and grant us faith to hear your gracious purpose in it. By your Holy Spirit, let this Rodgers organ enliven the proclamation of your word to the building up of your church, to the glory of your name, and to the good of all your people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.****WORD****READING****1 John 4:7-16**

Dee Jensen

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

**SPECIAL MUSIC****"We are the Church"**

Bethel Bells &amp; Choir

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**GOSPEL****John 15:12-17**

Pastor Erika Buller

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

<sup>12</sup>This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another .

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

Pastor Erika Buller

**HYMN OF THE DAY Will You Let Me Be Your Servant**

ELW #659

**APOSTLES' CREED**

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**OFFERING (Please leave your offering in the appropriate receptacles)****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Each petition will end with "Lord in your mercy", please respond with "Hear our prayer")****GREETING FROM PASTOR BLAIR ANDERSON****CONCLUDING PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

L: Let us give thanks for the Body of Christ, for God's house of living stones. We give you thanks, O God, for you transcend the boundaries of space and time, yet you are willing to make your home in human hearts. We are the temple of your presence, and this building is the house of your church. Gather us in this place to share with others the promise of baptism, to hear your word, to be nourished by the body and blood of your Son, and to praise your name with our song with all the company of heaven. Send us from this place to be the Body of Christ in the world, to proclaim your love in word and deed, to invite others into the promise of baptism, and to glorify your name in our daily living. Pour out the abundance of your blessing on us and on this place, which we dedicate to your glory and honor and to the service of all people in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.****THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**SENDING****BENEDICTION****DISMISSAL**

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

**A: Thanks be to God.****HYMN****Go My Children, With My Blessing**

ELW #543

**POSTLUDE**

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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 - Pastor Jake Dyrhaug, Pastor Erika Buller  
Director of Youth & Family Ministries - Lisa Bassingthwaite  
Ministers - All baptized members of Christ's Church  
Ushers – Jim Cornelius, Aaron Riebe  
Readers – Dana Anderson, Muriel Hedrick, Larissa Gilbertson, Floss Johnson, Paul Oehlke, Dee Jensen  
Special Music – Bethel Choir & Bells  
Organ – Stacy Owens  
Audio/Visual - Keath & Cindy Borchert  
Flowers - Linda Johnson / In honor of Grandparents Day

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

September 5, 2021: 10:00—85 Online—21



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