

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 Tom Peterson
Ministers: All baptized members of Christ's Church
Director of Youth & Family Ministries Lisa Bassingthwaite

This week:

Organist: Mary Jane Pauly
Ushers: Jeremy Wallender and Raychel Bertelsen
Cantor: Glen Enderson
Reader:
Coffee: Ruth Larson and Gladys Bair
Soundboard: Larry Bethel and Linda Miller
Communion Assistants: Gladys Bair and Neal Folstad

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Sunday, August 7, 2022

10am Service

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confessions and Forgiveness

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Opening Hymn

"Faith of Our Fathers"

ELW # 812

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.

Kyrie

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"This is The Feast"

p. 149-150

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Word

Reading:

Genesis 15:1-6
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Children's Message

Pastor Tom Peterson

Special Music

Rick Hendrickson

L: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel:

Luke 12:32-40

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Sermon:

"That, My Friends, is Faith"

Pastor Tom Peterson

Hymn of the Day

"Lead on, O King, Eternal"

ELW # 805

Offering

(Received during the hymn)
(The "noisy offering" will be received by the children.)

Offertory

"Create In Me a Clean Heart"

ELW # 186

Prayers of the People

Apostle's Creed

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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Communion

Communion Hymns

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

ELW # 471

"We Praise You, O God"

ELW #870

Communion Blessing

Sending

Benediction

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn

"Go, My Children, With My Blessing"

ELW # 543

Postlude