

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

Today In Service:

Pastor: Pastor Tom Peterson

Director of Youth & Family Ministries: Lisa Bassingthwaite

Worship Band

Vocalists: Kelly Voss, Lara Lekang, Thea Klinnert, Megan Brejcha, and Rick Hendrickson

Keyboard: Ed Moore **Guitar:** Pat Trappen, Rick Hendrickson

Drums: Tracy Bommersbach **Bass:** Troy Ballinger

This week:

Ushers: TBD

Reader: Allison Voss

Coffee: TBD

Soundboard: Brad and Angela Cruff

Communion Assistants: TBD

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"Come As You Are!"



Sunday, September 18, 2022

Contemporary Worship

Gathering Songs

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk

Cyndy Kolle

Song

"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

Call to Worship

P: Unless the Lord builds the house,

C: **Those who build it labor in vain.**

P: Come, let us gather just as we are in the holy sanctuary.

C: **We bring our hopes, our praise, our sorrow God.**

P: As people who love imperfectly and are loved perfectly,

C: **We come, just as we are, to be renewed by the perfect love of God,**

P: As persons who never fully live up to their high calling in Jesus Christ.

C: **We come to be encouraged to do our best for one more week.**

All: All are welcome here. Let us come together to see Christ the Lord in the face of those around us; let us come together, just as we are, and worship in this place!

Song

"Shout to the Lord"

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Children's Message

Lisa Bassingthwaite

Song

"God of Wonders"

Reading

John 14:25-27

Message

"Healthy Congregations Focus on Strengths"

Pastor Tom Peterson

Song of the Day

"We Fall Down"

Offering

(We will receive the offering during the Song of the Day.)

(The "Noisy Offering" will be received by the children.)

Offering Song

"Give Us Clean Hands"

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

"More Like You"

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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

"Remembrance" (Praise Band Only)

Communion Blessing

Benediction

Sending Song

"The Same Love"

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

C: Thanks be to God!