

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: Jeff and Eileen Hage
Cantor: Connie Foster
Reader: Jeff Hage
Coffee: Jeri Oscarson and Paige Wateland
Soundboard: Keath and Cindy Borchert
Communion Assistants: Gloria Dohman, Wayne and Felisa Mastel

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Sunday, September 18, 2022

9am Service

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk

Cyndy Kolle

Confessions and Forgiveness

p. 116-118

Opening Hymn

"All Are Welcome" (verses 1, 4 & 5)

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.

A: And also with you.

Kyrie

p. 147-148

"This is the Feast"

p. 149-150

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

Word

Reading:

Philippians 4:1-9, 12-13

Special Music

Bethel Choir

Children's Message

Lisa Bassingthwaite

L: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel:

John 14:25-27

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Sermon:

"Healthy Congregations Focus on Strengths"

Pastor Tom Peterson

Hymn of the Day

"Here I Am, Lord"

ELW # 574

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

"Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

ELW #503

Sending

Communion Blessing

Benediction

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord and one another. Be the Love.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

ELW # 547

Postlude