

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 you are welcomed to worship at Bethel? It means Bethel Lutheran Church family extends a special welcome to those who are single, married or divorced. It means 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 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
Ministers: All baptized members of Christ's Church

This Week

Organist: Mary Jane Pauly
Ushers: Matthew & Dana Anderson
Cantor: Glen Enderson
Reader: Karen Nelson
Soundboard: Aaron Reibe
Flowers:

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Sunday, January 29, 2023
10 am Service



Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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 people 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!**

Opening Hymn

"We Praise You, O God" ELW 870

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
Hymn of Praise "Glory to God" p. 148-149

Prayer of the Day -
Almighty and ever-loving God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope and love. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

Reading
Micah 6: 1-8
I Corinthians 13:1-13

Special Music **Bethel Choir**
"Endless Mercy"

Children's Message **Lisa Bassingthwaite**

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
C: Glory to You, O Lord

Gospel:
Matthew 5: 1-12

L: The Gospel of our Lord
C: Praise to You, O Christ

Sermon **Video Speaker - DeWitt Jones**
"Celebrate What is Right with the World"

Hymn of the Day
"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" ELW 836

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

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Prayer

Sending

Benediction

Dismissal
L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord and one another.
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C: Thanks be to God

Hymn
"Blest Be the Ties That Binds" ELW 656

Postlude