

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 Rich Kramer
Director of Youth and Family Ministries:	Lisa Bassingthwaite
Director of Volunteer & Hospitality Ministries:	Joyce Johnson
Ministers:	All baptized members of Christ's Church

This Week

Organist: 12:10: Mary Jane Pauly	6:35: Stacy Owens
Ushers: 12:10: Ione & Chuck Muralt	6:35:
Reader: 12:10: Keath Borchert	6:35: Keath Borchert
Soundboard: 12:10: Keath & Cindy Borchert	6:35: Brad & Angie Cruff
Communion Assistants:	
Altar Flowers:	
Eternal Candle:	

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Maundy Thursday



Holy Communion Worship

Welcome in the name of Christ our Lord to this Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion. "Maundy is from the Latin "man datum" – "commandment." Following the washing of the disciples' feet at the Last Supper, Jesus gave the new commandment, "Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34

The liturgy during these last days of Jesus' life is one liturgy; no benediction or postlude separates the days; continuity between Maundy Thursday through early Easter morning is intended, as it is all one extended service. Join us in celebrating the great mystery of our redemption. May your worship be filled with the presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Rich

Confession and forgiveness

Leader: Our Lord Jesus knelt to wash the feet of His disciples. Let us come before God to confess our need for Cleansing and forgiveness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Leader: God has never abandoned us, even when we felt most alone. Be assured of your pardon, your forgiveness through the mercy of Jesus Christ, who goes before you and bids you follow after. Receive God's forgiveness with thanksgiving.

All: Amen

Hymn

ELW 347

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Leader: Lord God, in a wonderful sacrament you have left us a memorial of your suffering and death. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the way we live will proclaim the redemption you have bought – for you live and reign with the Creator and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen

Hymn

ELW 338

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Psalm 88

Keath Borchert

Stripping of the Altar

After the stripping of the altar – which is symbolic of Jesus' humiliation at the soldiers hands – and the reading of Psalm 88, no further words are said. There is no benediction; no postlude; the church is left in semi-darkness and we leave the church in silence. Continuity with the service of Good Friday is extended as it is all one extended service from Maundy Thursday through Easter morning.

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

C: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray,

**C: Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son
established a new covenant for all people, and in the
washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant
that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life
in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and
refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen**

Scripture Readings: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Special Music
6:35 Service Bethel Choir

Gospel Reading: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Sermon Lisa Bassingthwaite
“Love One Another”

Hymn ELW 337
“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” (v. 1, 4 & 5)

Offering

Offertory: “Create in Me a Clean Heart” ELW 186

Prayers of the People

After each petition of the prayer, congregation responds with:
“Receive Our Prayer”

Meal

Word of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name,
thy kingdom come, they 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.**

Distribution of Holy Communion

Receiving First Communion

*The following have recently finished First Communion classes and will receive
Holy Communion for the first time during Holy Week. We are glad to welcome
them and to welcome all who believe in Christ’s presence in the Sacrament to the
Lord’s Table.*

Arianna InTveld
Kambry Cookman

Jace Pausch
Mirabella Pausch
Remy Hills

Jaxon Prochnow
Owen Nelson

Communion Hymns *(sung during communion distribution)*

“Let Us Break Bread Together” ELW 471
“One Bread, One Body” ELW 496