

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 & Family Ministries: Lisa Bassingthwaite
Directory of Volunteer & Hospitality Ministries: Joyce Johnson
Ministers: All baptized members of Christ's Church

This Week

Organist: Stacy Owens
Altar Flowers: Lisa Bassingthwaite – in honor of Bethel's Youth
Eternal Candle:
Today's Service: Lisa Bassingthwaite, Brent Finnie, Sandi Gilbertson, Wendy Kahler, Sidney Gilbertson, Jack Gilbertson, Gwen Finnie, Ashlyn Kahler, Marisa Mumm, Leah DeVries, Brady DeVries, Kenna Remily, Jocelyn Riebe, Camron Riebe, Hannah Moderow, Emilee Bellmore, Ella Prochnow, Elisa Skovholt, Cambri Mauch, Olivia Hanson, Maci Miller, Landon Dimmer & Andrew Schulz

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Sunday, April 28, 2024
5th Sunday of Easter

10am Service
Youth Lead

Gathering

Prelude

Gathering Song "When the Saints Go Marching In"

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

L: Children of God! Welcome!
C: **Welcome to this place of love and grace,**
L: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.
C: **God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,**
L: God invites all of us to share in the good news:
C: **We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are,**
L: In gratitude for all this, let us worship God.

Opening Hymn "Mighty to Save"

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.**

Prayer of the Day

L: Dear God, As we gather in this sacred space,
C: **we recognize that we are not alone.**
L: We come from different walks of life, diverse backgrounds, and unique experiences.

C: Yet, in this moment, we stand together.

L: Infuse this place with Your holy presence,

C: touching each heart and mind.

L: May Your light shine upon us,

C: illuminating our paths.

L: For those who feel lost,

C: guide them.

L: For those who are weary,

C: strengthen them.

L: For those who seek answers,

C: reveal Your wisdom.

L: We thank You, Jesus Christ, for being our constant companion.

C: Your love transcends boundaries - race, age, gender & circumstance.

L: Lead us in paths that glorify Your name.

C: May our shared journey be one of compassion, empathy & understanding.

L: In Your name, we pray.

C: Amen.

Word

Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:13

Special Music

Children's Message

Gospel: Matthew 22:36-40

Message

Hymn of the Day "Blessings"

(The Offering is received during the hymn)

(The "noisy offering" will be received by the children)

Offertory

ELW 186

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Baptism of: Mason Elmer Lee

Parents: Kaitlyn & Brandon Lee

Sponsors: Breann Krogh & Lucas Budzien

Prayer Parent: Lisa & Mike Bassingthwaite

Profession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

Welcome of Baptized

Congregational Hymn

ELW 595

"Jesus Loves Me"

(Verses 1 and 2)

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Sending

Benediction

Dismissal

L: Let us go forth knowing that the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you till the end of the age.

C: Amen

Hymn

"You Are My All in All"

Postlude