

## Bethel Lutheran Mission Statement

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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:** Mary Jane Pauly  
**Ushers:** Linda Miller & Larry Bethel  
**Cantor:** Connie Foster  
**Reader:** Floss Johnson  
**Soundboard:** Cindy & Keath Borchert  
**Communion Assistants:** Laurie Stiller  
**Coffee:** **Treats:**  
**Eternal Candle:** Drew & Kari Cvancara – in memory of Gracie Cvancara  
**Altar Flowers:** Drew & Kari Cvancara – in memory of Gracie Cvancara

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**Sunday, April 7, 2024**



**9 am Service**

## Gathering

### Prelude

**Welcome and Announcements**  
**Confession and Forgiveness**

### Opening Hymn

**ELW 379**

**“Now the Green Blade Rises”**

### 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

**“This is the Feast”**

**p. 149-150**

### Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Word

### Readings

**Acts 4:32-35**

**1 John 1:1—2:2**

**Special Music**  
“Christ is Alive!”

**Bethel Choir**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**p.221**

**Children’s Message**

**Pastor Rich**

**Communion**  
**Communion Hymns**

“As the Grains of Wheat”  
“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

**ELW 465**

**ELW 484**

L: The Holy Gospel according to John  
C: **Glory to You, O Lord**

**Sending**

**Gospel: John 20:19-31**

**Communion Blessing**

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

**Benediction**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Rich**

**Dismissal**

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

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**Hymn of the Day**  
“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

**ELW 619**

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Offering** (Offering is received during the hymn)  
(The “noisy offering” will be received by the children)

**Hymn** **ELW 661**

“I Love to Tell the Story”

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

**Postlude**

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Prayers of the People**  
*After each petition of the prayer, congregation responds with:*  
“Hear our Prayer”

**Words of Institution**

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### Worship Band:

**Vocalists:** Kelly Voss, Allison Voss, Lara Lekang and Rick Hendrickson

**Guitar:** Pat Trappen, Tracy Bommersbach and Rick Hendrickson

**Drums:** Sara De Meo      **Bass:** Troy Ballinger

### This Week

#### Ushers:

**Reader:** Leah Leraas

**Soundboard:** Aaron Riebe & Sheila Dolan

#### Communion Assistants:

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11 am



4/7/24

## Gathering

## Welcome and Announcements

## Please Pass the Welcome Pad

## Opening Song      “Come, Just As You Are”

## 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!**

## Song      “Beautiful One”

**Greeting**

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

**C:** **And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Children's Message**

**Pastor Rich**

**Song** "Open the Eyes of my Heart Lord"

**Readings**

**Acts 4:32-35**  
**John 20:19-31**

**Message**

**Pastor Rich**

**Song of the Day**

**"Same Power"**

(The Offering is received during the hymn and the "noisy offering" will be received by the children)

**Offertory**

**"Offering"**

**Apostles' Creed****Prayers of the People**

**"Hallelujah"**

**Words of Institution****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**

**Praise Band Special Music**

**Sending****Communion Blessing****Benediction**

**Sending Song** "You Are Holy" (round)

**Dismissal**

**L:** Go in peace, serve the Lord and one another.

**All: Thanks be to God**

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