#### **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:**

Interim Pastor:
Director of Youth and Family Ministries:
Director of Volunteer and Hospitality Ministries:

All baptized members of Christ's Church

**This Week** 

**Organist:** Mary Jane Pauly **Ushers**: Doug & Judy Peterson

**Cantor:** Cyndy Kolle **Reader:** Cyndy Kolle

Soundboard: Shae Jelinek/Landon Dimmer

Communion Assistants: Cyndy Kolle, Keath & Cindy Borchert

Coffee: Treats:

Flowers: Scott & Laurie Stiller – 15<sup>th</sup> birthday of twin granddaughters

Eternal Candle: In memory of Linda Azure & Kathy Hammer

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# September 1, 2024 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

# **Gathering**

**Prelude** 

**Welcome and Announcements** 

**Confession and Forgiveness** 

Opening Hymn
"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

**ELW 599** 

## 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**

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

**Reading** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

James 1:17-27

**Words of Institution** 

The Lord's Prayer

p.221

Children's Message

Lisa Bassingthwaite

Communion

L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

C: Glory to You, O Lord

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**Communion Hymns** 

"O Master, Let Me Walk with You" ELW 818

Sending

(Verses 1-2)

"Change My Heart, O God" ELW 801

L: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ

Pastor Rich Kramer

**Communion Blessing** 

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Gospel:

Sermon

Hymn of the Day
"Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil"

**ELW 512** 

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

Dismissal

**Benediction** 

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

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C: Thanks be to God

Offertory

"Create in Me a Clean Heart" ELW 186

Hymn

ELW 685

"Take My Life, That I May Be" (Verses 1.2.5 & 6)

Postlude

**Apostles' Creed** 

p.217

**Prayers of the People** 

After each petition of the prayer, congregation responds with: "Receive our prayer"