

Bethel Lutheran Mission Statement

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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 Amy Eisenmann
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
Ushers: Krista & Tyson Pflingsten
Cantor: Connie Foster
Reader: Perry Miller
Soundboard: Cindy & Keath Borchert
Streaming: Odin
Coffee & Treats: Denise & Perry Miller
Altar Flowers: Cindy Erbes – in memory of Dan Erbes
Eternal Candle: Barb & Luther Sannes – in memory of Lance Sannes

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Sunday, December 8, 2024

9 am Service
2nd Sunday of Advent

Gathering



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk

Confession and Forgiveness

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Shila Lampl & Brad Hagen Family

Song: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Verse 7)

Opening Hymn

ELW 641

"All Are Welcome"

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

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Hymn of Praise

"Glory to God"

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together our prayer of the day:

Holy God, help us to remember amongst all the messages around us, that you are speaking too. Still the voices around us. Calm our minds and center our hearts so that we can hear your words above the noise. We are leaning closer. We are beginning again. Speak to us, as only you can. Amen.

Special Music

Bethel Bells

Word

Children’s Message

Lisa Bassingthwaite

Readings

**Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
Ruth 1:8-13, 16-18**

Sermon

“We Can’t Go Alone”

Pastor Amy

Hymn of the Day

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

ELW 659

(The Offering is received during the hymn)

(The “noisy offering” will be received by the children)

Offertory

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW 186

Apostles’ Creed

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Prayers of the People

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

Singing the Lord’s Prayer

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See Insert

Sending

Benediction & Dismissal

L: As you leave this place, may you have the wisdom to lean on one another. May you have the courage to hold onto hope, the compassion to do the good that is yours to do, and the confidence to trust that God sees you as a blessing. For in a world full of dead ends, Advent invites us to begin again. So start here. Start now. Go in peace, be with love and begin again.

C: Thanks be to God! Amen!  **BE.THE.Love**

Hymn

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

ELW 543

Postlude

“Come As You Are!”

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Worship Band:

Vocalists: Kelly Voss, Alison Voss, Lara Lekang and Rick Hendrickson

Guitar: Pat Trappen and Rick Hendrickson

Drums: Tracy Bommersbach **Bass:** Troy Ballinger

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Ushers:

Reader: Art Grochow

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12/8/2024



11am Service
2nd Sunday of Advent

Gathering Songs

Welcome and Announcements
Temple Talk

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Darin & Kerry Anderson Family

Opening Song

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (Verse 1)

Call to Worship

L: In a world that is lonely,
C: **we will offer a welcoming space.**
L: In a world that is anxious,
C: **we will light candles against the gloom.**
L: In a world that is weary,
C: **we will sing songs of joy and truth.**
L: For here is this place, God is weaving us together.
C: **Light the candles! Sing with joy! We are a three-cord strand, not easily broken.**

Song

“Here I Am To Worship”

Greeting

L: 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

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Amen.

Children's Message

Lisa Bassingthwaite

Reading

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Ruth 1:8-13, 16-18

Message

"We Can't Go Alone"

Pastor Amy

Song of the Day

"Spirit Song"

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

Offertory

"Christmas Offering"

Baptism of Kallie Jean Koenig

Parents: Meghan & Jon Koenig

**Sponsors: Justin Mitchell, Haley Doeden,
Justin Koenig & Anna Noyes**

Prayer Parent: Brad & Angie Cruff

Apostles' Creed

Welcome of Baptized

Song

"Jesus Loves Me"

Prayers of the People

"As We Pray"

Singing the Lord's Prayer – see insert

Sending

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Sending Song

"Hymn Of Joy"