

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 Amy Eisenmann
Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries: Lisa Bassingthwaite
Director of Volunteer & Hospitality Ministries: Joyce Johnson
Director of Choir & Bells: Linda Palmer
Ministers: All baptized members of Christ's Church

This Week

Organist: 12:10: Mary Jane Pauly 6:35: Stacy Owens
Ushers: 12:10: Sharon Kotnour 6:35: Katie & Jay Erickson
Larry Bethel Steph & Jeff Beyer

Reader: 12:10: 6:35:

Soundboard: 12:10 & 6:35: Keath & Cindy Borchert

Streaming:

Communion Assts: 12:10: Cyndy Kolle 6:35: Diane Finnie, Sonja Christensen
Linda Miller Steph & Jeff Beyer

Eternal Candle: Linda Johnson

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April 17, 2025

Maundy Thursday Services



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 Amy

Call to Worship

L: This is a night to remember.

C: We remember the Passover Jesus shared with His disciples.

L: We remember His new covenant of broken bread and cup.

C: We remember His night alone in the garden in prayer.

L: We remember His arrest and trial.

C: We remember His suffering and the denial of His friend.

L: We remember His sinless hands which were spread wide in blessing and then nailed high on a cross to cancel our sins.

C: We remember this night and thank God for Jesus' presence with us.

Confession and Forgiveness

PEACE – Pastor Amy

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace and welcome with one another. *(The congregation shares a sign of peace)*

Gathering Hymn

ELW 777

“Come to Me All Pilgrims Thirsty” (vs 1-4)

Communion Hymns *(sung during communion distribution)*

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

ELW 471

“Here is Bread”

ELW 483

Prayer after Communion - Pastor Amy

L: Let us pray...

C: We give you thanks Lord that you have renewed us with your body and blood and given us the gift of life. We pray that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirit, and that we would be strengthened by this gift – in faith toward you and in love for each other. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

Stripping of the Altar

(The altar represents Christ and the removing of the vessels is symbolic of the humiliation of Christ. A Scripture passage is read as each is removed from the worship space.)

Psalm 22:1-5

The Removal of the Bread & Wine

Psalm 22:24-30

The Removal of the Altar Candles

Psalm 20:1-4

The Removal of the Altar Book & Missal Stand

Psalm 20:5-8

The Removal of the Banners & Paraments

The Entrance of the Crown of Thorns

(In silence a crown of thorns is processed and placed on the altar – there is a time of silent meditation. Those wishing to remain and have time to reflect are encouraged to do so. The congregation, when ready can leave in silence)

In order to offer quiet for those wishing to remain and meditate, we ask that you please stay silent until in the parking lot.

Prayer of the Day

L: 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 shows us the dignity of service. Grant refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

**After reading: L: Word of God, Word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (Read verses responsively)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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Special Music

6:35 Service "How Beautiful" Bethel Choir

Kids Talk Lisa Bassingthwaite

L: The Holy Gospel, according to John, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

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

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C: Praise to You, O Christ

Sermon

**Pastor Amy Eisenmann
"A Love Like This"**

Hymn of the Day "The Night of His Betrayal"
(Tune of ELW 805 "Lead On, O King Eternal")

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

**Offering ELW186
"Create in Me a Clean Heart"**

Offering Prayer Pastor Amy

L: Let us pray...God of mercy and grace,

C: Each day you give us a new beginning. This is a day to be filled with love and service for others. This is a day to remember your love and mercy that you give to all people. This is a day to remember that your love carries us through the difficult times of the day. Receive these gifts of our time and our possessions. May they be a simple token of our overflowing love for you. Amen.

Meal

Word of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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

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