

Bethel Lutheran Mission Statement

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In other words

**WE WELCOME YOU!!
BE.THE.Love**

Today in Service:

Senior Pastor:

Pastor Amy Eisenmann

Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries:

Lisa Bassingthwaite

Director of Volunteer & Hospitality Ministries:

Joyce Johnson

Director of Choir & Handbells:

Linda Palmer

Ministers:

All baptized members of Christ's Church

This Week

Organist: Mary Jane Pauly

Ushers: Deb Loberg & Mary Jo Miller

Cantor: Glen Enderson

Reader: Glen Enderson

Soundboard: Aaron Riebe & Sheila Dolan

Streaming: Cameron

Coffee: Jay & Katie Erickson **Treats:** Jean Hoerer

Altar Flowers: Carter & Kim Hansen in honor of Jax & Lucy

Eternal Candle:

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Sunday, May 18, 2025

**9 am Service
5th Sunday of Easter**

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

L: Jesus reminded the disciples

C: Love one another as I have loved you.

L: Jesus taught and witnessed to God's love

C: Love one another as I have loved you.

L: Jesus encourages us to love each other with tenderness,
compassion and hope.

C: Let us love one another as Christ loved us. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn

ELW 532

"Gather Us In"

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

Hymn of Praise

"Glory to God"

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Prayer of the Day

L: O Lord God,

C: You teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

1st Reading

Acts 11:1-18

After reading:

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148 (read verses responsively)

2nd Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

After reading:

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Bethel Choir

“Come Now & Follow Me”

Children’s Message

Lisa Bassingthwaite

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord

Gospel: John 13:31-35

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ

Sermon

Lisa Bassingthwaite

Hymn of the Day

ELW 359

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the People

After each petition of the prayer, congregation responds with:

“Your mercy is great”

Offertory “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW 186

Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray...

C: Loving God, you have given us the task to love one another. May the gifts we offer bring love and life to others. May the love we share bring hope to a world that has forgotten how to love. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

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Sending

Benediction

L: Friends in Christ, receive the blessing: may the love of God which was lavished upon you by Jesus Christ be in your hearts, your minds and your spirits as you go forth into God’s world. Be bearers of peace and hope to all you meet and may God’s peace be with you today and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

ELW 379

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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Director of Volunteer & Hospitality Ministries:

Joyce Johnson

Worship Band:

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Guitar: Alison Voss

Drums: Kelly Voss

Bass: Troy Ballinger

This Week

Ushers: Erika & Guyle

Reader: Abby Voss

Soundboard: Aaron Riebe & Sheila Dolan

Streaming: Cameron

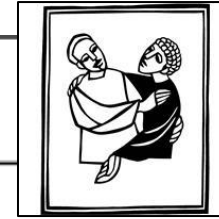
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"Come As You Are!"

5/18/2025



**11am Service
5th Sunday of Easter**

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements (Please Pass the Welcome Pad)

Opening Song "Now is the Time to Worship"

Call to Worship

L: Jesus reminded the disciples

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise "10,000 Reasons"

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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Reading

After reading:

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Message

Lisa Bassingthwaite

Song of the Day

“I Will Follow”

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People “More Like You”

Offering Song “Here I Am Lord”

Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray...

C: Loving God, you have given us the task to love one another. May the gifts we offer bring love and life to others. May the love we share bring hope to a world that has forgotten how to love. Amen.

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 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

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C: Amen.

Sending Song

“Jesus Messiah”

Dismissal

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