#### **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 vou'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 **Ministers:** All baptized members of Christ's Church This Week **Organist:** Roberta Whitehead Ushers: Barb & Jerry Mohs **Cantor:** Amy Boyer **Reader:** Keath Borchert Soundboard: Cindy & Keath Borchert **Streaming:** Boyer Family Altar Flowers: Brenda Gjesdal for Annie Extra Flowers: Laurie & Scott Stiller - in honor of Annie Giesdal Eternal Candle: Diane & Duane Finnie – in memory of Barbara Fisher & David Sletten

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Sunday, May 25, 2025

10 am Service 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

## Gathering

## Prelude Welcome and Announcements

#### **Call to Worship**

- L: Children of God, gathered together, we see light, hope and joy;
- C: We bring heart, soul, mind and body;
- L: We share blessings and fears;
- C: We bring faith and doubt.
- L: With all that we are and all that we have, let us worship God.
- C: We are gathered to worship and praise.

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

**Gathering Song** "Morning Has Broken"

#### **ELW 556**

#### Greeting

- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and L: the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- A: And also with you.

Kyrie		<b>p. 213</b>
Hymn of Praise	"Glory to God"	р. 213-215

#### **Prayer of the Day**

L: Bountiful God,

C: You gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit, we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



## <u>Word</u>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading After reading: Acts 16:9-15 L: Word of God, Word of life. C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67 (read verses responsively)

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading After reading: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 L: Word of God, Word of life. C: Thanks be to God.

#### Children's Message

Lisa Bassingthwaite

L: The Gospel, according to John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord. Gospel:** John 14:23-29 L: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ**.

#### Sermon

**Pastor Amy** 

Hymn of the Day ELW 423 "Shall We Gather at the River"

Baptism of Cohen Steven Baukol Parents: Leah & Tyler Baukol Sponsors: Kristen & Tony Bruse, Paula & Cody Bruse,

Sarah & Jackson Koster, Amy & Rick Zertuche Prayer Parents: Bobbi & Colton Luck

**Baptism Liturgy** 

**Apostles' Creed** 

#### Welcome of Baptized

Song"Jesus Loves Me"ELW 595

**Prayers of the People** 

After each petition of the prayer, congregation responds with: "Your mercy is great"

Offertory

**ELW 186** 

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

#### **Offering Prayer**

L: Let us pray...

C: God of grace, as we give our offerings today, we are reminded of your great love for us. Your love knows no bounds and is beyond measure. Help us to reflect your love in all that we do, including giving. May these gifts be used to spread your love to others and bring hope and healing to a world in need. Amen.

#### Lord's Prayer

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# **Sending**

# Benediction

L: Friends in Christ, receive the blessing: may God's face shine on you with favor; may Christ Jesus mark you out as his own; and may the Holy Spirit lead you into all truth and peace. **C: Amen.** 

# Sending Hymn

**ELW 866** 

"We Are Marching in the Light"

# Dismissal

L: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## Postlude

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