

### **Bethel Lutheran Mission Statement**

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### **Today in Service:**

<b>Pastor:</b>	Pastor Amy Eisenmann
<b>Director of Children, Youth &amp; Family Ministries:</b>	Lisa Bassingthwaite
<b>Director of Volunteer &amp; Hospitality Ministries:</b>	Joyce Johnson
<b>Director of Choir &amp; Handbells:</b>	Linda Palmer
<b>Ministers:</b>	All baptized members of Christ's Church

### **This Week**

**Organist:** Mary Jane Pauly

**Ushers:**

**Cantor:** Glen Enderson

**Reader:** Linda Miller

**Soundboard:** Linda Miller & Larry Bethel

**Streaming:**

**Communion:** Glen Enderson, Kari Krause & Sonja Christensen

**Coffee & Treats:**

**Altar Flowers:**

**Eternal Candle:** Donna Marohl

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**Sunday, May 4, 2025**

**9 am Service**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

### **Gathering**



### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Call to Worship**

L: Sing praises to the LORD,

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### **Confession and Forgiveness**

**Gathering Hymn "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" ELW 392**

### **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.**

### **Kyrie**

**p. 213**

### **Hymn of Praise**

**"Glory to God"**

**p. 213-215**

### **Prayer of the Day**

L: Eternal and all-merciful God,

**C: with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**                      **Word**  
**Acts 9:1-6**  
**After each reading:**        L: Word of God, Word of life.  
    C: Thanks be to God.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**                      **Psalm 30** (read verses responsively)  
**Revelation 5:11-14**  
**After each reading:**        L: Word of God, Word of life.  
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**Children’s Message**                      **Lisa Bassingthwaite**

L: The Gospel, according to John, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.  
**C: Glory to You, O Lord**  
**Gospel: John 21:1-19**  
 L: The Gospel of our Lord.  
**C: Praise to You, O Christ**

**Sermon**                                      **Pastor Amy**

**Hymn of the Day**                      **ELW 817**  
    **“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”**

**Apostles’ Creed**                      **p.217**

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

**Offertory “Create in Me a Clean Heart”**                      **ELW 186**

**Offering Prayer**  
 L: Let us pray...

**C: Gracious God, through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, you have given us immeasurable grace. May our offerings reflect the grace we have received and may you use them to bring your mercy and grace to the world. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

## **Words of Institution**

**The Lord’s Prayer**                      **p.221**

## **Communion**

### **Communion Hymns**

**“I Love to Tell the Story”**                      **ELW 661**  
    **“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”**                      **ELW 373**

## **Sending**

### **Communion Blessing**

### **Benediction**

L: Friends in Christ, receive the blessing: as you go on your way, may God go with you. May God go before you to show you the way. May God go behind you to encourage you, beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over, and within you to give you peace. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Peter Sending Hymn**                      **Peter Said “I’m Going Fishing”**  
    **(Tune to ELW 631)**

### **Dismissal**

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

### **Postlude**

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##### **Worship Band:**

**Vocalists:** Allison Voss, Lara Lekang

**Drums:** Kelly Voss

**Bass:** Troy Ballinger

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# **"Come As You Are!"**

**11 am  
Confirmation Sunday**



**5/4/25**

## **Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements  
Please Pass the Welcome Pad**

**Opening Song "I Will Rise"**

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**Readings**                      **Psalm 46 (read responsively)**  
**Revelation 5:11-14**

**Children's Message**                                      **Lisa Bassingthwaite**

**Baptism of Peyton Rae Bertelson**  
Parents: Jon & Sydney Bertelsen & Jessica & Joe Landin  
Sponsors: Curt & Alysa Barth  
Prayer Parents: Carrie & Robert Bernstein

**Prayer at the Font**

**Baptism**

**Welcome of Baptized**

**Gospel**                      **John 21:1-19**

**Message**    **Pastor Amy**

**Song of the Day**                      **"I Will Follow"**

**Affirmation of Baptism (See Confirmation Insert)**

**Prayers of the People**

Following each prayer petition the congregation is invited to respond with:

**"Hear Our Prayer"**

**The 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

**Offering Song**                      **"What a Beautiful Name It Is"**

**Offering Prayer**

L: Let us pray...

**C: Thank you, Lord, for all you have given to us. You have given us food and we are full. You have given us shelter and we are warm. You have given us mobility and we are here. Receive now the gifts we offer back to you. Use them to satisfy hunger, provide shelter and offer mobility to those in need. In your heavenly name we pray, Amen.**

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**C: Amen.**

**Sending Song**                      **"Savior of the World"**

**Dismissal**

**L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God, and we will!**

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*Confirmands are invited to be seated and will be called up in groups of 4*

**Prayer of Response/Laying on of Hands:** From the beginning, gracious God, you have encouraged our growth in faith and understanding of your will...May this same spirit of growth motivate and encourage our hearts to draw still closer to you. May we all be reminded of the baptism that claimed us as your children and your light that shines through us. **Amen.**

### **Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation**

Parents, baptismal sponsors, family, friends and confirmation guides are invited to join your confirmand at the communion rail. You may join the pastor by laying your hand upon the confirmand as the pastor proclaims the following blessing:

“Father in heaven, for Jesus’ sake, stir up in \_\_\_\_\_ the gift your Holy Spirit; confirm his/her faith, guide his/her life, empower his/her serving, give him/her patience in suffering and bring him/her to eternal life.” *The Confirmand may respond by saying: Amen!*

**Blessing of Confirmands:** Sisters and brothers, may God be with you in this life-long journey of faith. Keep alert to the voice of God, as it molds and shapes your very being as it transforms you into the person God created you to be. May it always be your heart’s desire to grow closer to the Creator and all God’s people. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



May 4, 2025

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Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries:

Lisa Bassingthwaite

Guide Leaders: Jessica Miller & Sandi Gilbertson

### ***Affirmation of Baptism***

*Confirmation marks the completion of the congregation’s program of confirmation ministry, a period of instruction in the Christian faith as confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church. Those who have completed this program were made members of the church in Baptism. Confirmation includes a public confession of the faith into which the candidates were baptized, thus underscoring God’s Action in their Baptism.*

Isaac Daniel Anderson

Gavin Edward Badgley

Peyton Rae Bertelsen

Odin Erick Carlson

Julia Mae Dohman

Jack Steven Gilbertson

Carter Jon Miller

Brooke RaeAnn Rosenberg

Mallory Romel Anderson

Kailee Ann Bernstein

Tyler Arthur James Burchill

Anthony Carter Cvancara

Austin Timothy Fenske

Braxton Nicholas Heitkamp

Mirabella Lucy Renee Pausch

Cayden Tyler Wangler

**Presentation of the Confirmands:** Confirmands come forward and introduce themselves and share gifts that God has given them.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, in Holy Baptism, Jesus received you and made you members of his church. In the community of God's people, you have learned about God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Confirmands: **Today we profess our faith in Jesus Christ and confess the faith in which we have been baptized.**

(The congregation is invited to stand and join the confirmands in the profession of our shared Christian faith.)

### **Declaration of Faith**

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

**I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Declaration of Intent**

You have made public professions of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

Let us pray...Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these young men and women your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit and increase in them daily your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**