

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Vibrantly open to the spirit, Bethel Lutheran Church serves God and its neighbors by joyfully living and sharing the Good News.

Sunday, November 12, 2017

23rd Sunday after Pentecost (Setting 3)

Aaron Holmgren, Pastor

Jan Smith, Organist

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Temple Talk

Confession and Forgiveness (p. 94-95)

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy...Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** Let us confess...

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn "Come, We That Love the Lord" ELW # 625

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

Kyrie and Canticle of Praise (p. 138-141)

Rejoicing in God's grace, we sing our Canticle of Praise. **This is the feast...**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray; **God of justice and love, you come to us in times of grief and in times of joy. Give us the light we need, and encourage us as we seek to do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Choir Anthem "Here I Am, Lord" (arranged by Mary McDonald)

WORD

Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message "Getting Ready"

Gospel Acclamation (p. 142) **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?...**

The holy gospel according to Matthew the twenty-fifth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:1-13 The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon "Encouraged and Awake"

Hymn of the Day “Lord of Light” ELW # 688

Apostles Creed (p. 105)

Prayers of Intercession Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Peace The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Offering

We now enter into a time of offering where we joyously share in God’s abundance.

Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” ELW # 884

Offertory Prayer

Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEAL

We now share in Christ’s holy meal of forgiveness, love, and grace.

Table Prayer **Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. Let these gifts to us be blest. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving (p. 144-145)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you...**

Holy, holy, holy...

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer (p. 145)

Invitation to Communion

Distribution Hymns (p. 146) Lamb of God...

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken” ELW # 494

SENDING

Blessing

The love of God surround you; the grace of ☩ Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn “Let Justice Flow like Streams” ELW # 717

Dismissal Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude