

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, October 15, 2017
19th Sunday after Pentecost

Aaron Holmgren, Pastor
Jan Smith, Keyboardist

GATHERING

Prelude

Gathering Songs

“Praise the Name of Jesus” Green Binder # 4
(Two requests from the Congregation)
“There’s a River of Life” GB # 19

Welcome and Announcements

Litany of Confession and Forgiveness (adapted from Psalm 23)

The Lord is our shepherd, we shall not want.

Yet daily we covet for more than we need.

The Lord makes us lie down in green pastures; God leads us beside still waters.

Yet we are prone to wander.

The Lord leads us in right paths for God’s own name’s sake.

Yet we use God’s name in vain, to justify our own bigotries.

God is with us.

Yet we give into fear.

God has prepared a table before us.

Yet we neglect the hungry in our midst.

Through God our cup overflows.

Yet we neglect the poverty of others.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

(silence for reflection)

Even though we walk through the darkest valleys, we shall fear no evil.

God restores our souls and brings us into a new life with Christ.

As surely as God’s goodness and mercy follows us all, by God’s grace, your sins are forgiven and forgotten. God is with us, ✚ The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, they comfort us. **Amen.**

Litany of Thanksgiving

The Lord is our shepherd.

We shall not want.

God has restored our souls.

We give thanks for God leads us in right paths.

Let us sing God’s praises in the house of the Lord.

We shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole life long.

Entrance Song "God is Good (All the Time)" GB # 60

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray; **Lord of the feast, You have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out Your gifts of abundance. We give You thanks for Your grace and mercy so freely given. Call us again to Your banquet, so that we may be gathered as one body, nourished and strengthened to do Your will. In Jesus name, Amen.**

WORD

Scripture Reading Isaiah 25:1-9 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
Children's Message "Banquet"
Gospel Song "Lord, Add Your Blessing to This Word" GB # 98
Gospel Reading Matthew 22:1-14 The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
Sermon "Invitation"
Song of the Day "Pass Me Not" GB # 63
Baptism of Myles Allen Aronson
Prayers of the People Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
Peace The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**
Offering
Offertory Song "Create in Me a Clean Heart" GB # 22

MEAL

Communion
Table Prayer **Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. Let these gifts to us be blest. Amen.**
Words of Institution
Lord's Prayer
Communion Song "Fear Not (I Love You This Much)" GB # 68

SENDING

Benediction Song "Peace Be Yours" GB # 85
Sending Song "My Life is in You, Lord" GB # 75
Sending Words May God, our Creator, Bless you, may Jesus our Lord, fill you with Grace, and may the Holy Spirit keep you in everlasting Hope.
Amen.
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude