

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, September 27, 2017
16th Sunday after Pentecost

Aaron Holmgren, Pastor
Jan Smith, Keyboardist

GATHERING

Prelude

Gathering Songs

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River” Green Binder # 20
(Request from the Congregation)
“Dona Nobis Pacem” GB # 9

Welcome and Announcements

Litany of Confession and Forgiveness (adapted from Psalm 145)

The Lord is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

We gather together so that God’s awesome deeds shall be proclaimed.

We shall celebrate the fame of God’s abundant goodness.

Forgive us Lord, when we fail to laud your works to another.

Forgive us Lord, when we do not declare your mighty acts.

Forgive us Lord, when we think of our own splendor.

Forgive us Lord, when we meditate on our own works.

Every day we fail to bless you in our thoughts, words, and deeds.

Every day we disgrace your name when we fail to love our neighbors.

Yet the Lord is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

(silence for reflection)

Great is the Lord! And greatly to be praised!

God’s greatness is unsearchable.

Though we are undeserving of God’s grace and mercy, God in God’s abundant goodness has shown us steadfast love. By God’s grace you have been saved. Through God’s mercy you are forgiven of all your sins. May the righteousness of God fill you with hope and faith in this promise. In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Litany of Thanksgiving (adapted from Psalm 145)

We will extol you, our God and King.

We will bless your name forever and ever.

Every day we will bless you,

and praise your name forever and forever and ever.

Great is the Lord!

And greatly to be praised!

We shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness.

And we shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

Entrance Song "As a Deer" GB # 51

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **God of Grace, through your Son you have demonstrated a love that is not fair and a grace that is irrational. We give you thanks for these gifts that came while we were still undeserving. Grant us the humility to recognize your love for all and nurture in us a sense of generosity which embodies your holy and life-giving work. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

Scripture Reading Jonah 3:10-4:11 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Choir "Welcome Table" by Mark Hayes

Children's Message "Fairness"

Gospel Song "He is Lord" GB # 67

Gospel Reading Matthew 20:1-16 The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "First!"

Song of the Day "Be Thou My Vision" GB # 59

Baptism of Carl and Alex Overbye

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 "I Surrender All" GB # 65

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 "Renew Me" GB # 77

SENDING

Benediction Song "Jesus, Name Above All Names" GB # 64

Sending Song "Great and Mighty Is He" GB # 71

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