

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Vibrantly open to the spirit, Bethel Lutheran Church seeks to serve God
and its neighbors by joyfully living into the good news of Jesus Christ.*

Name of Jesus
January 1, 2023

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Holy God, everlasting Father,...For your wondrous Word, we thank you, O God.

We thank you, O God.

In the fullness of time,...For your loving Word, we adore you, O God.

We adore you, O God.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit,...For your powerful Word, we praise you, O God.

We praise you, O God.

All glory to you, holy God, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn "Once in Royal David's City" ELW #269

Greeting

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 (ACS p. 12)

Canticle of Praise (ACS p. 12)

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

**Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a
sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world,
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading Numbers 6:22-27 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 8 (read responsively)

Second Reading Galatians 4:4-7 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

Gospel Acclamation (ACS p. 14)

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the second chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Luke 2:15-21 The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**
Sermon
Hymn of the Day "Love Has Come" ELW #292
Nicene Creed (ACS p. 16)
Prayers of Intercession God of grace. **Hear our prayer.**
Peace The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Offertory Prayer

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving (ACS p. 20)

Words of Institution

Holy One, the beginning and the end,...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup...We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit,...Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,...one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn "The Lord's Prayer" Green Binder #134

Communion

Communion Hymns "Lamb of God" ACS #25

"Night Long-Awaited" ACS #912

Post Communion Hymn "At Last, Lord" ACS #26

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

God bless you and keep you, +Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn "Go Tell It on the Mountain" ELW #290

Dismissal

Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

WELCOME

Bethel Lutheran Church—January 1, 2023, Name of Jesus

OUR MISSION STATEMENT Vibrantly open to the Spirit, Bethel Lutheran Church seeks to serve God and its neighbors by joyfully living into the good news of Jesus Christ.

QUESTIONS OR REQUESTS? Please contact the church office at 320-395-2125 at bethellutheranlp@gmail.com or pastor@lpbethel.org. For emergency pastoral care needs, please call the church office first, and if nobody answers, call Vicar Stefan at 320-434-7113. Bulletin submissions due: Wednesdays at noon. Newsletter deadline: 25th of the month.

TODAY (Happy New Year!)

- **Hearing assist devices are available:** Speak to an usher for assistance.

MONDAY (office closed)

- (No coffee hour)

WEDNESDAY

- (No WELCA meeting)
- **Choir practice** at 6:30 pm

THURSDAY

- **Financial Reports are due:** email bethellutheranlp@gmail.com

FRIDAY (Epiphany of Our Lord)

SUNDAY (Baptism of Our Lord)

- **Worship** at 9:00 am
- **Sunday school and Confirmation classes resume:** 10:15 am
- **Family Game Night:** 5:00 pm-8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin with a pot-luck supper and games following. The night will end with Bingo and prizes! Please bring your favorite hot dish or salad to share and, of course, your favorite game! All ages are welcome!

Contact information: Please let the office know if your contact information has changed!

The Chosen video series Season 2 will begin again on January 15, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm.

The Annual Congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 22, 2023.

The Nomination Committee seeks volunteers for open council and committee positions for 2023! If you are interested in serving contact one of the committee members.

- Katie Anderson (763-244-9182) or kjpeten@gmail.com)
- Jenna Pariseau (320-420-0531) or jenna.foust@gmail.com)
- Lloyd Wortz (612-501-8770) or landcwortz@hotmail.com)

Finance Board (2-year term)

Education Board (2-year term)

Cemetery Committee (2-year position)

Mission Endowment Committee (3-year position)

Audit Committee (3-year position)

Nomination Committee (1 year position-need 5 people)

Synod Assembly Representatives (1 female/1 male) (The assembly will be in-person at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter on June 9-10, 2023.)

January Book Club: *Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai

Inspired by the author's childhood experience as a refugee—fleeing Vietnam after the fall of Saigon and immigrating to Alabama—this coming of age debut novel told in verse has been celebrated for its touching child's eye view of family and immigration. This moving story of one girl's year of change, dreams, grief, and healing received four starred reviews, including one from Kirkus which proclaimed it “enlightening, poignant, and unexpectedly funny.”

Discussion: Wednesday, January 18, 6:30 pm

Green Lake Bible Camp online and paper camp registration is open. Early Bird Discount ends Feb. 16. For more information go to camp@gllm.org, call 320-796-2181, or pick up a brochure in the narthex.

A second “Noisy” offering is taken every 4th Sunday of the month. The proceeds go toward Bethel Youth Camperships at Green Lake Bible Camp. On your way out of the sanctuary, drop your loose change into the metal can with a clang! Although paper bills and checks won't have the same “noisy” effect, they will be accepted and appreciated!

Bethel Quilting Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Come and go anytime from 1:30 pm-4:30 pm. All levels of experience are welcome and encouraged to join! We will work on quilts for our baptized babies, our graduates, and our donations to GLLM Quilt Auction and Don't Cry I'm Here (homeless shelter).