

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.*

Sunday, April 23, 2023
Third Sunday of Easter

Stefan Swanson, Interim Vicar
Jan Smith, Accompanist

GATHERING

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God...given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism...the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to
your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need...the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn "As We Gather at Your Table" ELW #522

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 (ELW p. 138)

Canticle of Praise (ELW p. 140) **This is the feast...**

Prayer of the Day

**O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of
bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work,
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 Acts 2:14a, 36-41

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19 (read responsively)

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17-23

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

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

The Gospel according to Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading Luke 24:13-35

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song" ELW #808

Apostles Creed (p. 105)

Prayers of Intercession Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Passing of the 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 good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Jesus Christ, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving (ELW p. 144)

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer (p. 145)

Communion (ELW p. 146) **O Lamb of God...**

Communion Hymn "Touch That Soothes and Heals" ACS #939

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

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

Blessing

Sending Hymn "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" ELW #674

Dismissal Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

WELCOME

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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. **GivePlus Text 866-298-7547**

TODAY

- Hearing assist devices are available: Speak to an usher for assistance.
- Sunday school & Confirmation class: 10:15 am
- Noisy offering: supports Bethel Youth Camperships

MONDAY 4/24

- Coffee hour: 8:30 am-9:30 am

WEDNESDAY 4/26

- Quilting: 1:00-4:30 pm
- Choir practice: 6:30 pm

SUNDAY 4/30 (4 Easter)

- Worship: 9:00 am
- Sunday school and Confirmation class: 10:15 am

Spring Clean-up at the cemeteries: Seeking volunteers for clean up at the cemeteries on Saturday, May 6 at 10:00 am. Questions? Contact Mary Lou Teubert.

Mission Assessment Coffee Hour: Join us at 10:15 am on Sunday, May 7, after the service for a presentation from Vicar Stefan about the results of the Mission Assessment process. We'll hear about the information gathered during interviews and focus groups, discuss next steps in Bethel's process, and have some time for questions.

Homeless Outreach Ministry: We are collecting items to support those living on the streets in the Twin Cities area. Please place your donated items on the table in the Narthex. Thank you!

Homeless Ministry Wish List:

Used or New items

hoodies
belts
backpacks/bags
men's shoes/boots
sleeping bags
men's winter coats
men's jeans

New items

men's socks
men's underwear (boxers or boxer briefs)
tarps
bungees
portable food

Hygiene items

shaving cream
powder (body or foot)
tampons
toothbrush cases/covers
disposable razors
small mirrors
wipes (small packages)
deodorant
combs and picks
hairbrushes
Chapstick
washcloths
soap cases

May Book Club: *Remember: The Science of Memory and the Art of Forgetting*
by Lisa Genova **Discussion date:** Wednesday, May 17, 7:30 pm

Prairie Days Burger Stand Volunteers Wanted: Mark your calendars for Prairie Days 2023 on Friday, July 14 & Saturday, July 15. Bethel Lutheran Church has signed up to cover a shift at the Burger Stand from 1:00-3:00 pm on Saturday, July 15. If you are willing and able to volunteer please contact Ron Foust at 612-245-3005.

Bethel Quilting: The group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month in the Fellowship Hall from 1:00 pm-4:30 pm-come and go as you wish. If you are interested in evening quilting, call Judy or Roxanne. The quilts are for baptized babies, graduates, GLLM Quilt auction, and Don't Cry I'm Here (homeless shelter).

On the fourth Sunday of the month the "Noisy" offering supports camperships for Bethel youth attending 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!