

## 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, May 28, 2023  
Day of Pentecost

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 "Remember and Rejoice" ELW #454

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. 184)

Canticle of Praise (ELW p. 185) **Glory to God in the highest...**

Prayer of the Day

**O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into  
us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right  
judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus  
Christ, your Son and 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 Acts 2:1-21 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104: 24-34 (read responsively)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 188) **Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?...**

The Gospel according to John the twentieth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading John 20:19-23 The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" ELW #752 (2x)

Nicene Creed (p. 104)

Prayers of Intercession God, in your mercy, **hear 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 Music

Offertory Prayer

**God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving (ELW p. 190)

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion (ELW p. 191) **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world...**

Communion Hymn "Loving Spirit" ELW #397

Prayer after Communion

### SENDING

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

Blessing

The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

**Amen.**

Sending Hymn "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind" ELW #400

Dismissal Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

# WELCOME

## Bethel Lutheran Church—May 28, 2023, Day of Pentecost

**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](mailto:bethellutheranlp@gmail.com) or [pastor@lpbethel.org](mailto: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: 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. **GivePlus Text 866-298-7547**

### TODAY

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

### MONDAY (Memorial Day)

- Office closed

### SUNDAY (The Holy Trinity)

- Worship in the Country (Bergen Church site): 10:00 am, potluck following worship. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets, a dish to share, and lawn games if you have them. A beverage and tableware will be provided.  
Directions to Bergen Church site: Go south of Lester Prairie on County Road 1, at the first curve turn left on Babcock Ave. After two miles the road turns to gravel and becomes Bergen Road. Continue south on Bergen Road approximately 3 1/2 miles and you will come to an intersection. The church site is located on the right-hand side of the intersection.

**Lectors are needed for July and August!** Please consider signing up [on the bulletin board.] If you need a fill-in for one Sunday, contact Cathy Houg at [cathy.houg@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.houg@gmail.com) or 320-282-2152.

**Per our constitution, C13.05, a CALL COMMITTEE will consist of (8) members: (3) from the council, (3) from the congregation, (1 ) youth member, (1) WELCA member.** Pastor Naomi Mahler, Synod Representative, will help us navigate the calling of a new pastor process. The Congregational Mission Assessment report, presented on May 21, 2023, will be our template. Please prayerfully consider this important function and role of a Call Committee member. Contact Ron Foust, Council President, for questions or interest in serving on the Call Committee.

**Many hands make light work!**

The church spring cleaning job list is in the Narthex. If you are willing and able, please sign up to complete a job on the list at your convenience. Thank you!

**We have begun work on our Community Garden!** If you are interested in joining the committee or have ideas to share, please contact Emily Koehler at [emily.e.koehler@gmail.com](mailto:emily.e.koehler@gmail.com) or 605-661-5717.

**Bethel's Women's Retreat:** There will be a retreat planning meeting at church on Tuesday, June 6, at 6:30 pm. If you have ideas and interest in helping with the planning process, we welcome your presence!

**Fellowship Around the Fire:** Wednesday, June 28, beginning at 6:30 pm. Join us around our beautiful fire pit for hot dogs, chips, and beverages. You are welcome to bring a side dish to share. Vicar Stefan will provide a brief devotion. Is anyone willing to accompany some singing out of the contemporary song binder with your guitar? If so, contact the office! (Also, plan for July 26 and Aug. 23.)

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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).