

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, June 11, 2023
2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Stefan Swanson, Interim Vicar
Jan Smith, Accompanist

GATHERING

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Holy Baptism of Eleanor Merlin Govig (p. 227-231)

Gathering Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" ELW #858

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, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power
of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life
of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

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

First Reading Hosea 5:15—6:6 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms Psalm 50:7-15 (read responsively)

Second Reading Romans 4:13-25 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 Matthew the ninth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Have No Fear, Little Flock" ELW #764

Apostles Creed (p. 105)

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 (p. 191)

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

Communion Hymn "Here Is Bread" ELW #483

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 "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" ELW #860

Dismissal Go in peace. Share the harvest.

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**

SIMPLY GIVING offers convenience for you and much needed consistency for Bethel! Try it this summer! If you have questions contact Stacy Meyer, Financial Secretary.

TODAY

- Holy Baptism: Eleanor Merlin Govig, born April 9, 2023, is the daughter of Sarah and Evan Govig. Her Baptismal sponsors are Deanna Bondhus and Logan Govig. We welcome Eleanor into the body of Christ and the mission we share.
- Hearing assist devices are available: Speak to an usher for assistance.

MONDAY 6/12

- Coffee hour: 8:30 am-9:30 am
- Council meeting: 6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY 6/14

- Quilting: 1:00-4:30 pm
- Worship & Music Committee meeting: 4:00 pm

THURSDAY 6/15

- MEFS Mobile Outreach: 1:30-3:00 pm, Bethel Lutheran Church parking lot

SUNDAY 6/18 (Pentecost 3) Happy Father's Day!

- Contemporary Outdoor Worship: 9:00 am. Help is needed to set-up and take-down the music equipment! Check in with Jan S. or Lloyd W. if you can help!

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.

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 and bring your own chairs. 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.)

Registration for the Bethel Women's Retreat is now open! Join the fellowship and fun the weekend of September 8-10 at Green Lake Bible Camp! Information and forms are on a pub table in the narthex. Give your registration form plus the fee to Diane Horsman or mail it to the church office. The registration deadline is September 1. The next WELCA meeting will be Wednesday, August 9 at 6:30 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.

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 or 320-282-2152.

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!