

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 25, 2023
4th 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

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.
Amen.

Merciful God, **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn "Let the Whole Creation Cry" ELW #876

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

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading Jeremiah 20:7-13 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Psalm 69:7-10[11-15] 16-18 (read responsively)

Second Reading Romans 6:1b-11 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 tenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading Matthew 10:24-39

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "I Surrender All" Green Binder #65

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 "Will You Come and Follow Me" ELW #798

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 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" ELW #810

Dismissal Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

WELCOME

Bethel Lutheran Church—June 25, 2023, 4th Sunday after 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 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

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

MONDAY 6/26

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

WEDNESDAY 6/28

- Quilting: 1:00-4:30 pm
- Fellowship Around the Fire: 6:30 pm, see more info. on the other side

THURSDAY 6/29

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

SUNDAY 7/2 (Pentecost 5)

Worship and Holy Baptism: 9:00 am



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.

Next Fellowship Around the Fire: Wednesday, July 26 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 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.

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!

