

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Worship in the Country
The Holy Trinity

Stefan Swanson, Interim Vicar
Sunday, June 4, 2023

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism...

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathering Song "This Is My Father's World" (insert)

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

God of heaven and earth, before the foundations of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God. Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Reading Genesis 1:1-2, 4

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

Psalms 8 (read responsively)

¹ O LORD, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

² **Out of the mouths of babes and infants**

**you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

**4 what are humans that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?**

**5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.**

**6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,**

**7 all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,**

**8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

**9 O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading Matthew 28:16-20
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

THANKSGIVING

Offering

Offertory Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!" (insert)

Thanksgiving for the Word

Holy God, our Maker, our Healer, our Teacher...we thank you, O God.

We thank you, O God.

You sent us Jesus, your Word, to renew the world...we praise you, O God.

We praise you, O God.

Nourish us with the Spirit of your Word...we entreat you, O God.

We entreat you, O God.

Accept our thanksgiving and receive our prayer, for the sake of your living
Word, Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Hymn "Faith of Our Fathers" (insert)

SENDING

Blessing

God bless you and keep you. God's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

God look upon you with favor and +give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Dismissal Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

WELCOME

Bethel Lutheran Church—June 4, 2023, The Holy Trinity

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 we gather at the old Bergen Lutheran Church site!

- Stay for potluck following worship!

MONDAY 6/5

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

TUESDAY 6/6

- Women's Retreat planning meeting: 6:30 pm

SUNDAY 6/11 (Pentecost 2)

- Worship: 9:00 am (Holy Baptism)

SIMPLY GIVING

offers convenience for you
and much needed consistency
for Bethel! Try it this summer!
Questions? Contact Stacy M.

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. Please prayerfully consider this important function and role of a Call Committee member. Contact Ron Foust, Council President, at 612-201-2351 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. 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.)

Lectors needed: Please consider signing up on the bulletin board to read in July or August. If you need a fill-in for one Sunday, contact Cathy Houg.