

## 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, July 2, 2023

5<sup>th</sup> 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 Alayna Jolene Staub (p. 227-231)

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. 184)

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

Prayer of the Day

**O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and  
mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and  
serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### WORD

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

First Reading Jeremiah 28:5-9 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18 (read responsively)

Second Reading Romans 6:12-23 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 10:40-42

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day     "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" ELW #802  
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

Hymn     "The Lord's Prayer" Green Binder #134

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

Communion Hymn     "Spirit, Open My Heart" ACS #1043

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     "To Be Your Presence" ELW #546

Dismissal     Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



# WELCOME

Bethel Lutheran Church—July 2, 2023, 5th 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](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**

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: Alayna Jolene Staub, born October 8, 2022, is the daughter of Katie Radtke & John Staub. Her Baptismal sponsors are Brianna Bren & Thomas Staub. We welcome Alayna into the body of Christ and the mission we share!
- Hearing assist devices are available: Speak to an usher for assistance.
- Parents of little ones-You're welcome to use the non-staffed toy room as needed.

## MONDAY 7/3

- Tamie will be out of the office this week. If you have announcements for Sunday, July 9, please contact Vicar Stefan.
- Coffee hour: 8:30 am-9:30 am

## SUNDAY 7/9 (Pentecost 6)

- Worship: 9:00 am w/organ dedication

**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. (Also, plan for August 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!** Please consider signing up to read in August! (sign-up sheet is 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 or another substitute listed on the sheet. Thank you Koehler/Jepsen families for signing up for July (and Carolyn)!

**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).

**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!

**FREE:** Two speakers are free for the taking. If you are interested speak to an Organ Committee member.

