

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.

Rev. Susan Engholm, Interim Pastor
Jan Smith, Accompanist

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

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory, redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading Isaiah 45:1-7 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
Psalm 96:1-9 (read responsively)
Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 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 twenty-second chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
Gospel Reading Matthew 22:15-22
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**
Sermon
Hymn of the Day "Lift Every Voice and Sing" ELW #841
Apostles' Creed (p. 105)
Prayers of Intercession God of grace, **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 *Thou Art Worthy arr. By Fred Bock-Brass Duet Nicole W. and Carl O.*
Offering Prayer
God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" ELW #623
Prayer after Communion

SENDING

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

Blessing
The God of glory, +Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.
Amen.
Sending Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" #705
Dismissal Go in peace. God is at work in you. **Thanks be to God.**
Postlude *Postlude on "St. George's Windsor" arr. by Jason D. Payne*

WELCOME

Bethel Lutheran Church—October 22, 21st 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. For emergency pastoral care needs, please contact the church office first, and if nobody answers, call Interim Pastor Susan Engholm at 320-293-1811. 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, at finsec@lpbethel.org.

TODAY (Endowment Sunday)

- Hearing assist devices are available: Speak to an usher for assistance.
- Special offering: GLLM Youth Camperships, drop your coins [or bills] in the can!
- Confirmation: 10:15 am, No Sunday school today
- The Chosen-Season 3: 6:00-7:30 pm, join us in the narthex, refreshments served

WEDNESDAY

- Quilting: 1:00 pm-4:30 pm
- Choir practice: 6:30 pm

THURSDAY

- MEFS Mobile Outreach: 1:30 pm-3:00 pm

SUNDAY (Reformation & Confirmation)

- Worship: 9:00 am, Wear Red! Special offering: Endowment Fund
- Confirmation Reception: following worship
- Sunday School: 10:15 am
- Breakfast with Bethel: 10:30 am @ Longhorn's Burger House

Confirmation Sunday: Olivia Radtke, Ashlyn Rosenau, Bryce Shields, and Mallorie Torry will affirm the promises of baptism and confess their faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit during worship on Sunday, October 29. You are invited to join them for refreshments following worship.

Today is Endowment Sunday, as declared by the Bethel Church Council. On Sunday, October 29, in addition to our regular offering, we will take a collection to support the Bethel Endowment fund. Please write checks out to the *Bethel Endowment Fund*. We will accept Endowment Grant application forms through Thursday, November 30. Application forms are on the wall in the narthex. Please place completed applications in the Endowment Committee mailbox.

Bethel has some things that are no longer needed. The items are two speakers, two gas burners, an L-shaped black computer desk with a hutch and a book shelf-all free for the taking. If you are interested speak to Bryon Weisenburger.

Next Bethel Breakfast, Sunday, October 29: Longhorn's Restaurant has agreed to open at 10:30 am to serve breakfast to Bethel on **the last Sunday of every month.** If this is something you can fit into your schedule, please plan on joining some of us for a time of fun and fellowship as we enjoy breakfast together. If you have any questions, talk to Cathy Houg or Carolyn Barr.

Beginning Sunday, November 5, Adult Education will be offered during coffee hour. Join us for a time of education and conversation! We will have education every Sunday except for the last Sunday of the month. Speak to Cathy Houg or Mitch Overbye if you have questions.

Grandparent & Grandchild Retreat, Green Lake Bible Camp, Saturday, November 4—Sunday, November 5. This one night retreat will offer you a unique chance to spend time together doing camp activities, while also learning more about your faith together! With intergenerational Bible studies, worship, activities, and more! If you have any questions talk to Judy Angvall, Pete and Jean Hallberg, or Diane Horsman, as they are planning to go with their grandchildren. Their grandchildren are between the ages of 6 and 10. The cost is \$85 for adults and \$35 for each youth. Plan to register at GLLM.org! **Register deadline is October 25!**

Bethel Quilting: The group meets the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month** in the Fellowship Hall from 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. come and go as you wish. The quilts are for baptized babies, graduates, GLLM Quilt auction, and Don't Cry I'm Here (homeless shelter).

Save the Date: The 2024 Bethel Women's Retreat has been scheduled for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 13-15. Can't wait!