

## 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, February 4, 2024  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
ELW Setting 10

Rev. Molly Wills, Bethel Pastor  
Jan Smith, Accompanist  
GivePlus Text 866-298-7547

### GATHERING

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

Prelude "El-Shaddai" arr. by Jack Schrader

"Lord, Listen to Your Children" arr. by Jack Schrader

Emily Koehler and Jan Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

God our rock and refuge, **we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

Gathering Song "We Come to You for Healing, Lord" ELW #617

Greeting (p. 203)

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. 203) **Have mercy on us, Lord...**

Canticle of Praise (ELW p. 204) **Glory be to God in heaven...**

Prayer of the Day

**Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

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

First Reading      Isaiah 40:21-31      The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**  
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c (read responsively)  
Second Reading      1 Corinthians 9:16-23      The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**  
Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 205) **Alleluia! Lord and Savior...**  
    The Gospel according to Mark the first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
Gospel Reading      Mark 1:29-39 The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**  
Children's Sermon  
Sermon  
Hymn of the Day      "God, Whose Almighty Word" ELW #673  
Apostles Creed (ELW p. 105)  
Prayers of Intercession      God of grace, **receive our prayer.**  
Peace      The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

Offering      "Precious Lord Take My Hand" arr. by Marianne Kim  
Offering Prayer  
    **Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**  
Great Thanksgiving (ELW p. 206)  
Preface for the Day (ELW p. 207) **Holy, holy, holy Lord...**  
Lord's Prayer (ELW p. 208) **Our Father, who art in heaven...**  
Communion **O Lamb of God...**  
Communion Hymn      "On Eagle's Wings" ELW #787  
Prayer after Communion  
    Give of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

## SENDING

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

Blessing  
    God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always.  
Sending Song      "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" ELW #860  
Dismissal      Go in peace. You are God's beloved.  
    **Thanks be to God.**  
Postlude      "There Is a Balm in Gilead" arr. by Mark Hayes

# WELCOME

Bethel Lutheran Church—February 4, 2024, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

**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). For emergency pastoral care needs, please contact the church office first, and if nobody answers, call Pastor Molly Wills at 320-339-8169. 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, at [finsec@lpbethel.org](mailto:finsec@lpbethel.org).

## TODAY

- Hearing assist devices are available: speak to an usher for assistance
- Sunday school/Confirmation class/Adult Education: following worship

## WEDNESDAY (2/7)

- Choir practice: 6:30 pm

## SUNDAY (2/11)

- Worship: 9:00 am w/ Council Installation
- Sunday School /Confirmation class/Adult Education: following worship



FEBRUARY 14, 2024

**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024.** A meal will be served every Wednesday night throughout the Lenten season from 5:00-6:15 pm, followed by a worship service at 6:30 pm. If you have interest in helping and or providing meals, contact Diane Horsman. Ash Wednesday menu (note change): pulled pork sandwiches, hotdogs, chips, and bars.

**Seeking Lenten worship service volunteers:** Pastor Molly wants to get to know the people from the congregation! One way to do this is for her to interview people during the Wednesday night Lenten services or have people speak during the service. She wrote up a set of questions people can choose from to answer in an interview or to speak about for 5-10 minutes. If you are willing to be interviewed or speak please email Pastor Molly ([pastor@lpbethel.org](mailto:pastor@lpbethel.org)) so she can get you on the schedule and send you the questions to look through!  
Wednesday night services available: 2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20

**Quilters** will meet every Tuesday during Lent, beginning on Tuesday, February 13 through March 26, 1:00-4:30 pm.

**The Choir** will practice at 5:45 pm during Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday.

**February Book Club: *Nineteen Minutes* by Jodi Picoult**

A startling and poignant story about the devastating aftermath of a small-town tragedy. A copy of the book will be available in Bethel's library. Discussion date: Wednesday, February 21, 7:30 pm.

**Lector and Altar Guild Sign-up sheets are up** by the church offices. Please sign up for Lector and or Altar Guild.

**NOTE:** Please contact the office if your Contact Information changes! New Church Directories will be available in February.

**Spring Fever for Grades 2-6, April 20, 2024, Green Lake Bible Camp**

Spring into adventure, faith, and endless memories at Spring Fever. Join us for an unforgettable experience. Are you getting the itch for summer? This is the retreat for you! Come join us in a day full of games, songs, Bible studies, arts and crafts, worships and more. This retreat is great for new campers who want to give camp a try before doing a full week. Sign up today and get ready for some fun! Register by the deadline, Wednesday, April 10.