

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, April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter
ELW Setting 3

Rev. Molly Wills, Bethel Pastor
Jan Smith, Accompanist
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GATHERING

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

Prelude "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" arr. By J. Weber and H. Livingston

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism...Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John...now and forever. **Amen.**

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Gathering Song "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!" ELW #377

Greeting (p. 138)

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. 138) In peace, let us pray to the Lord...**Lord, have mercy...**

Canticle of Praise (ELW p. 140) **This is the feast...**

Prayer of the Day

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading Acts 3:12-19 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 4 (read responsively)

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-7 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 142) **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?...**

The Gospel according to Luke the twenty-fourth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "As We Gather at Your Table" ELW #522

Apostles Creed (ELW p. 105)

Prayers of Intercession God of grace, **hear 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.

Offertory "Majesty" arr. by Patricia Sanders Cota

Chime Choir

Offering Prayer

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving (ELW p. 144)

Preface for the Day (ELW p. 144) **Holy, holy, holy Lord...**

Lord's Prayer

Communion (p. 146) **Lamb of God...**

Communion Hymn "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" ELW #484

Prayer after Communion

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

SENDING

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

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Sending Song "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" ELW #674

Dismissal Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!" arr. by Humphrey Turner

WELCOME

Bethel Lutheran Church—April 14, 2024, Third Sunday of Easter

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 Pastor Molly Wills at 320-339-8169. 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.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

- Worship: at 9:00 am
- First Communion: We welcome Adderley, Beckett, and Myles to join in the meal at the table of Christ as they receive their First Communion. Congratulations, you three, on reaching this milestone in your faith journey!
- Sunday school/Confirmation class/Adult Education: following worship
- WELCA Spring Luncheon: 11:30 am-12:30 pm, pulled pork and BBQ sandwiches, assorted salads, chips, coffee, lemonade, and milk. (free will donation)
- Mid-Minnesota Concert Band: 1:00 pm, Bethel member Nicole Weisenburger is part of this band! (free will donation) Stay for bars & beverages afterward.
- Hearing assist devices are available: speak to an usher for assistance.

MONDAY, APRIL 15

- Bible study: 1:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

- Worship Committee meeting: 12:30 pm
- Quilting: 1:00 pm-4:30 pm
- Choir practice: 6:30 pm
- Book club discussion: 7:30 pm, *A Green Journey* by Jon Hassler

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

- Worship: 9:00 am
- Sunday School/Adult Education: following worship

A sincere thank you to our Bethel family as you generously gave of your time during Steve's illness and for the funeral tasks. We appreciate the outpouring of love, prayers, and support. *The family of Steve Klobe*

May Book Club: *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides

A shocking psychological thriller of a woman's act of violence against her husband—and of the therapist obsessed with uncovering her motive.

Discussion date: Wednesday, May 15, 7:30 pm

Crow River Conference Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering, Saturday, April 20,

Peace Lutheran Church, Cosmos. The cost is \$10 per person; give your fee to Diane H. or Jill D. to send in before April 20. Registration begins at 8:30 am, followed by music, devotions, a brief business meeting, and a speaker from Terebinth Refuge. Terebinth Refuge is a shelter for hope and healing. They provide a safe home for women victims of sex trafficking and exploitation.

Family Game Night, Friday, April 26, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share and your own beverage. If you have a favorite game, bring it along.

Cemetery Clean-Up Day-Saturday, April 27, at 9:00 am. Meet at the old Bergen Church Cemetery. We will go to the second cemetery after the first one is done. Bring your own tools. **Seeking someone to mow cemetery lawns:** The Cemetery Committee is looking for someone to mow both cemeteries this summer. Contact Jerry C. or Mary Lou T. for more information or if you are interested in the job.

Celebration Bank Update: The Celebration Bank total was \$70.07. We will not only be able to buy a goat from ELCA Good Gifts, but also two flocks of chicks! The Celebration Bank will return for June, July, and August.

A Community Breakfast will be served by the Lester Prairie Lions at the LP City Hall on Sunday, May 5, from 9:00 am-Noon. Serving: pancakes, eggs, sausage, toast, juice and coffee. Free will donation. Proceeds support local Lions projects.

Mark your calendar! Fellowship by the Fire will return this summer-June 26, July 24, and August 21. The evening will begin at 6:00 pm, outside by the fire pit. WELCA will supply hotdogs and buns. Please bring a dish to share for our evening meal and your chair.

A Wish List for Green Lake Bible Camp is posted on the bulletin board. Check out the Amazon Wish List on their website www.gllm.org/donate/htmlwishlist (*Click Give, Donate, then Wish List (under Ways to Give).*)