

## 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 7, 2024  
Second Sunday of Easter  
ELW Setting 3

Rev. Dr. William Nelsen, Supply Pastor  
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### GATHERING

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

Prelude "Cornerstone" and "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" arr. by Mark Hayes

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.**

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

Gathering Song "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" ELW #384

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

**Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through 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 4:32-35 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 133 (read responsively)

Second Reading 1 John 1:1—2:2 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 John the twentieth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading John 20:19-31 The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Doubting, Seeing, Believing, Acting"

Hymn of the Day "We Walk by Faith" ELW #635

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 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" arr. by David Schelat

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...**

Hymn "The Lord's Prayer" Green Binder #133

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

Communion Hymn "Touch That Soothes and Heals" ACS #939

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 "Thine Is the Glory" ELW #376

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

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude "Alleluia, Christ Is Risen" by Franklin Ritter

# WELCOME

Bethel Lutheran Church—April 7, 2024, Second 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](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).

## SUNDAY, APRIL 7

- Worship: 9:00 am, Thank you Pastor Bill for leading us in worship today!
- Hearing assist devices are available: speak to an usher for assistance.

## MONDAY, APRIL 8

- Bible study: 1:30 pm
- Bethel Youth Camp Fundraiser: 4:00 pm-8:00 pm, Unhinged Pizza, Glencoe
- Council meeting: 6:00 pm

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

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

## SUNDAY, APRIL 14

- Worship: 9:00 am with First Communion-Adderley, Beckett, and Myles
- Sunday School/Confirmation/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*

**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 in June.

**Bethel Youth Bible Camp Fundraiser:** Monday, April 8, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm, Unhinged Pizza, Glencoe. Bring family, friends, neighbors and join us for food, fun, and fellowship while supporting our Bethel Youth! A percentage of all "buffet dinners" and all the tips will go to support the Bethel Youth Campers!

**Green Lake Bible Camp Spring Fever Youth Retreat, Saturday, April 20, 2024. Register before the deadline-April 10!** If you are an experienced camper who can't wait until summer to come back, or if you are brand new to camp, this is the perfect retreat for you! Come join us as we explore God's Word, play games, spend time outside, and enjoy the beauty of camp in the spring! [gllm.org](http://gllm.org)

**Join us for the Mid Minnesota Concert Band Sunday, April 14, at Bethel!** A luncheon will be served from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. The menu includes barbeques, pulled pork sandwiches, and salads. The concert begins at 1:00 pm, followed by coffee and bars. Note: Bethel member Nicole Weisenburger is part of this band!

**April Book Club:** *A Green Journey* by Jon Hassler  
Agatha McGee is following a dream, though it might be late in the game. She's just retired from a career of teaching and travels to Ireland in search of the romance she never had time for. And along the way, she not only discovers people she would never have let herself know before, but learns through experience, at long last, that love is unpredictable, unstoppable, and never appears as we dream it will. Discussion date: Wednesday, April 17, 7:30 pm

**Crow River Conference Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering, Sunday, 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-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.

**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](http://www.gllm.org/donate/htmlwishlist) (*Click Give, Donate, then Wish List (under Ways to Give).*)