**WELCOME, WE’RE GLAD YOU’RE HERE!**

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Rev. Molly Wills, Pastor | Jan Smith, Accompanist

Holy Trinity | Sunday, June 15, 2025

ELW Holy Communion Setting 6

***If you are new to Bethel, here is some helpful worship information****: We use the ELW (red hymnal) and the supplement ACS (purple hymnal), which contain liturgy and hymns. Liturgy pages are at the front of each hymnal, with the page numbers at the bottom and in the bulletin as (red ELW p.) or (purple ACS p.) Hymn pages are in the back two-thirds of the hymnal, with the page numbers at the top and in the bulletin as (red hymnal #) or (purple hymnal #). The songs from the Green Book are in the bulletin as (green binder #).* ***Hearing assistive devices are available;*** *speak to an usher for assistance.*

**SPIRIT ART**

**A meditative study of scripture through art.**

**John 16:12-15**



**GATHERING**

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

Meditation time Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! arr. by Glenn Wonacott

Let Everything with Breath Praise God! by Lloyd Larson

Welcome & Announcements

call to worship song We Are Gathered Here (insert)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God, **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Jesus Christ…you are a new creation. **Amen.**

**SONG OF PRAISE**  Open the Eyes of My Heart (green binder #111)

Greeting (red ELW p. 165)

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.**

Prayer of the Day

**God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Chris has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE *How Great Is Our God* (green binder #108)

**WORD**

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

FIRST Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

1 Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice? 2 On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; 3 beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: 4 “To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all who live. 22 “The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. 23 Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. 24 When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. 25 Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, 26 when he had not yet made earth and fields or the world’s first bits of soil. 27 When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, 28 when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, 29 when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, 30 then I was beside him, like a master worker, and I was daily his delight, playing before him always, 31 playing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 8(read responsively)

1 O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
2 **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;** **you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**
3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
4 **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,** **human beings that you should | care for them?**
5 Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.
6 **You have made them rule over the works of your hands;** **you have put all things under their feet:**
7 all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,
8 **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,** **and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.** 9 O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5

1 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation Lord, Add Your Blessing to This Word (green binder #98)

 Gospel:  John 16:12-15The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] 12 “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.” The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON**

Hymn of the Day *Sanctuary* (green binder #127, sung 3x)

apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,** **creator of heaven and earth.** **I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,** **who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,** **born of the virgin Mary,** **suffered under Pontius Pilate,** **was crucified, died, and was buried;** **he descended to the dead.** **On the third day he rose again;** **he ascended into heaven,** **he is seated at the right hand of the Father,** **and he will come to judge the living and the dead.** **I believe in the Holy Spirit,** **the holy catholic church,** **the communion of saints,** **the forgiveness of sins,** **the resurrection of the body,** **and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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.**

offering song Glorify Your Name (green binder #83)

OfferING Prayer

**Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

lord’s prayer

**Our Father in heaven,** **hallowed be your name,** **your kingdom come,** **your will be done,** **on earth as in heaven.** **Give us today our daily bread.** **Forgive us our sins** **as we forgive those** **who sin against us.** **Save us from the time of trial** **and deliver us from evil.** **For the kingdom, the power,** **and the glory are yours,** **now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

SONG during communion Father, I Adore You (green binder #1)

Prayer after Communion

**SENDING**

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

BENEDICTION SONG Blessing

**May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you. May God look upon you with favor and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace. Amen.**

Blessing

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending SONG I Believe, I Do Believe (green binder #87)

Dismissal Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Redeemed arr. by Carol Tornquist

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**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.

**THIS WEEK AT BETHEL**

**Today** (Happy Father’s Day!)

* Fellowship hour: following worship

**Tuesday, June 17**

* Women in the Bible: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, June 18**

* Bible study: 11:30 a.m.
* Quilting: 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
* Book club discussion: 6:00 p.m.

**Friday, June 20- Tuesday, July 1**: Pastor Molly will be on vacation (Pastoral Emergency contact: Pastor Erik Karlson, Office: 320-864-5077, Email: pastor@christluth.com)

**Sunday, June 22**

* Worship: 9:00 a.m. (Supply Pastor Grant Fischer)
* Fellowship hour: following worship
* Fellowship by the Fire: 6:00 p.m., Join us! We’ll be serving delicious hot dogs! Please bring a dish to share, and don’t forget your lawn chairs or blankets.

**QUESTIONS OR REQUESTS?** Contact the church office at 320-395-2125 or

bethellutheranlp@gmail.com. If you need emergency pastoral care, please call Pastor Molly Wills at 320-339-8169 or email her at pastor@lpbethel.org.

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**WEBSITE**: [www.lpbethel.org](http://www.lpbethel.org) | **FACEBOOK:** www.facebook.com/lpbethel

**BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** Wednesday at noon

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** 25th of the month

**VANCO GIVING:** Scan the QR code or visit [www.lpbethel.org](http://www.lpbethel.org) under the “Give” section,or complete an Authorization Form (from the narthex) and submit it to the church office.

**TEXT GIVING:** To give, text the dollar amount to **866-298-7547**

**MID JUNE 2025**

$ Contributions: 6, 467.20

$ To Meet Budget: 10,262.01

$ Difference: -3,794.81

Weekly Average Attendance: 67

**FOR THE YEAR 2025**

YTD $ Contributions: 46,036.79

YTD $ To Meet Budget: 61,572.06

YTD $ Difference: -15,535.27

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

* **HEY SUMMER TRAVELERS! YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS!**

Just as you rely on your income, our church, Bethel, needs your support. We offer easy ways to give, including secure online and text donation options, allowing you to contribute anytime and anywhere. Setting up recurring donations ensures your support continues even when you can’t attend church. Your generosity helps keep our community strong, and we truly appreciate it! For more information, contact Stacy Meyer, Financial Secretary, at finsec@lpbethel.org. Thank you for being a valued part of our church family!

* **BETHEL CHURCH PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER**: We are raising $30,000 to rebuild the parking lot, on top of the $30,000 we’ve already set aside from church funds. Our goal is to complete this project in September, and we would appreciate your help in reaching it! You can donate by scanning the QR code on the opposite page. or by placing your contribution in the offering plate. If you prefer to donate by check or cash, please indicate on the envelope or check that your donation is for the parking lot. Don’t forget to check out our parking lot display in the narthex to see how much progress we’ve made. Thank you so much for your support!
* **WOMEN IN THE BIBLE***-***A LEARNING OPPORTUNITY!** The Bethel WELCA group is sponsoring and welcoming all women to a Bible study on Tuesdays, June 17, and 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the church. These sessions will take a personal look into the lives of some of the Bible’s most faithful women. Their struggles and temptations are the same trials faced by all believers at all ages. What can we learn from them? The God to whom they were so committed is the same God who continues to mold and use ordinary people like us today. If you have questions, please ask Jan Smith. (We will be using John MacArthur’s book, *Twelve Extraordinary Women: How God Shaped Women of the Bible and What He Wants to Do with You,* as a resource and guide.)
* **A NOTE ABOUT COMMON CUP MINISTRY, INC.** The **Thrift Shop** of Common Cup offers quality, gently used items, and we need your help! When you donate, you’re not just giving items a second life; you’re supporting individuals and families in need right here in McLeod County. Best of all, every dollar from our sales stays local and directly benefits our community. Location: 712 11th ST E, Glencoe, MN; Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
* **GARDEN FLOWERS**: As summer blooms, we would love your help with garden flowers for our altar arrangements. If you have some beautiful flowers to share, please reach out to Judy Angvall before Sunday. Thank you for brightening our space!
* **CELEBRATION BANK:** Everyone in our congregation, both young and young at heart, is invited to share their celebrations, big or small. You can contribute any amount you like, whether it’s coins, bills, or checks. At the end of summer, we will gather all the contributions and donate them to the parking lot fund. In the past, our Celebration Bank collections have also supported ELCA Good Gifts and Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. We can’t wait to celebrate with you!
* **POOLSIDE PLATES: FREE MEALS FOR KIDS!** Join us for free meals for children under the age of 16 at the Main Park picnic shelter on Second Avenue. We’ll be serving delicious food from noon to 1:00 p.m. on the following dates: June 25, July 9, July 16, August 6, August 13. We can’t wait to see you there! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Terri at terrihelland@gmail.com. *Sponsored by: Bethel Lutheran Church of LP (thanks to an Endowment grant), LP Youth Task Force, LP Lions, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church of LP.*
* **SAVE THE DATE!**VBS is coming in July! It will run from Monday, the 28th, through Thursday, the 31st! A volunteer sign-up sheet is in the narthex by the Welcome Center.

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