

## WELCOME TO BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost | Sunday, June 14, 2026

Rev. Molly Wills, Pastor | Jan Smith, Accompanist

ELW Holy Communion Setting 8

If you are new to Bethel, here is some helpful information about worship services. We use the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal and the supplement hymnal *All Creation Sings*, 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 (ELW p.#) or (ACS p.#). Hymn pages are in the back two-thirds of the hymnals, with the page numbers at the top and in the bulletin as (ELW #) or (ACS #). The songs from the **Green Binder** are in the bulletin as (GB #). Hearing assistive devices are available; speak to an usher for assistance.



## GATHERING

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

### MEDITATION TIME

*Brethren We Have Met to Worship* arr. by Melody Bober

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission* arr. by Michael Larkin

*Children of the Heavenly Father* arr. by Anthony Giamanco

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP SONG** *We Are Gathered Here*

## WE ARE GATHERED HERE

Larry Olson  
Karol Baer  
David Lee Brown

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It features a treble and bass clef staff. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 100. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The score is divided into two systems. The first system has a treble staff with chords E, F#m7, G#m7, A, E, F#m7, G#m7, A and a bass staff. The lyrics are: "We are gathered here in the name (of the Maker). We are gathered here to sing God's praise. (of the Savior) (of the Spirit)". The second system has a treble staff with chords E, F#m7, G#m7, A, C#m, B, E and a bass staff. The lyrics are: "We are gathered here in the name (of the Maker). Cho-sen by God's grace. (of the Savior) (of the Spirit)".

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy, and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**     *Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word (ELW 663)*

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of our Creator, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**KYRIE (ELW p.184)**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 185) Glory to God in the highest...**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour our love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORD**

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

**FIRST READING: Exodus 19:2-8a**

<sup>2</sup>[The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.<sup>3</sup> Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites:<sup>4</sup> ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.<sup>5</sup> Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine,<sup>6</sup> but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”<sup>7</sup> So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him.<sup>8a</sup> The people all answered as one, “Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

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

**PSALM: Psalm 100 (responsive reading)**

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands! <sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God’s presence with a song.

<sup>3</sup> **Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture.**

<sup>4</sup> Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God’s holy name.

<sup>5</sup> **Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance,<sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,<sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 188)** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?...

**GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35—10:8** The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.** <sup>35</sup> Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” <sup>10:1</sup> Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. <sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ <sup>8</sup> Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Jesus, We Are Gathered: Jesu, tawa pano (ELW 529)*

**HOLY BAPTISM (ELW p. 227-231)** Lettie Rachel Heuer

**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** *Now the Feast of Celebration (ELW 167)*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts you first gave to us. Loosen the bonds these material things have wrapped around us. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your gifts and love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW p. 190)**

**DIALOGUE** The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (ELW p. 190)

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER** (ELW p. 191)

**COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION SONG** (ELW p. 191) **Lamb of God...**

**SONG DURING COMMUNION** *In This Feast of Love* (ACS 962)

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**SENDING**

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

**BLESSING**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, + one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises* (ELW 535)

**DISMISSAL** Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*, setting by John Carter

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:** Jer 20:7-13; Ps 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18; Rom 6:1b-11; Matt 10:24-39

**THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!** Check your summer schedules and sign up to serve for upcoming Sundays!

**This week at Bethel**

**Sunday, June 14**

- Worship w/ holy baptism: 9:00 a.m. (Lettie H.)

**Wednesday, June 17** (office hours)

- Bible study: 10:30 a.m. (note time change)
- Quilting: 1:00 p.m.
- Book club discussion: 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, June 21** (Father's Day)

- Worship: 9 a.m.

**Pastoral Care Coverage June 23—July 6:**

Rev. Erik Karlson, 507-766-5870, Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Glencoe.

**Bethel's 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?**

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**BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Wednesday at noon**

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: 25<sup>th</sup> of the month**

## **Bethel's Wish List**

If you're looking for more ways to support our church community, please check out Bethel's Wish List on the bulletin boards in the narthex or by the offices. Please let a council member know if you would like to donate! Thank you to those who have already donated from the list!

Summer is here in Minnesota, time for travel and fun—but don't forget your church when you are away! Our operating expenses continue as usual. Did you know you can set up automatic giving through Vanco with a start and end date, just for the summer months! Try it out and see how easy it is!

## **A friendly reminder!**

*Remember to wear your Bethel nametag so our guests can get to know you!*



## **TEXT GIVING**

To give, text the dollar amount to **866-298-7547** or **VANCO GIVING**

Scan the QR code

or visit [www.lpbethel.org](http://www.lpbethel.org)  
Click under the "Give" section, or complete an application form [from the narthex] and submit it to the church office.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Bethel welcomes a new member of God's family!** *Lettie Rachel Heuer*, daughter of Heather and Peter Heuer, we welcome you into God's family! Lettie's Baptismal Sponsors are Paul Heuer, Jenna Pariseau, and Crystal Paumen.

**The Bethel Lutheran Community Garden needs YOU!** We are looking for volunteers to help us tend this season's garden—whether you have a green thumb or just a willing spirit, there's a place for you here. We need help with planting, weeding, harvesting, and general maintenance. Every hour of help makes a difference in what we can grow and share with others.

**Altar Flowers and Communion Set up:** Do you have flowers in your garden? If you would like to share an altar bouquet, please let Judy know what week you'd like to bring it. Also, for those of you who have signed up for communion set up in the past, please check your schedules to see if there is room to sign up for a Sunday or two or three over the summer! If anyone else is interested in learning the process, please talk to Judy! All are welcome to get involved! Thanks!

**Common Cup Food Donations:** We are collecting applesauce cups and fruit cups for the food program at Common Cup Ministries. Your donations may be left in the basket in the "Common Cup Corner" in the narthex.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Poolside Plates—Wednesday, July 15, & August 19, serving Noon-1:00 p.m.** (or until the food is gone) Free meals for any Lester Prairie kids under age 16 at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Park Picnic Shelter. If you have questions, contact Terri Helland, [terrihelland@gmail.com](mailto:terrihelland@gmail.com). Sponsored by Bethel Lutheran Church Endowment grant, Lester Prairie Youth Task Force, Lester Prairie Lions Club, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and St. Paul's Sandwich Ministry, Lester Prairie.

**Annual Worship & Potluck Picnic at the Bergen Church site—Sunday, June 28, 10:00 a.m.** **(note time change)**. Check the bulletin board for directions. Remember to bring a blanket or lawn chairs and a dish to share. Hope to see you!

**A is for Alabaster/Women's Bible study at Bethel—Wednesday, July 8, 15, 22, 7:30 p.m.**

**Join us for Outdoor Worship—Sunday, July 19 & Sunday, August 16, 9:00 a.m.**

Remember to bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Worship will be held indoors if the weather is bad. *(Stay for VBS on the 16<sup>th</sup>; all are welcome to join in the fun!)*

**Feed My Starving Children—Tuesday, July 21, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Arrive by 4:45 p.m.)**

Our church will be serving a shift at Feed My Starving Children, Chanhassen location, 18732 Lake DR E, Chanhassen, MN 55317. Volunteers may meet at the Chanhassen site or carpool from the church. All ages are welcome to join this meaningful, hands-on way to help children around the world. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex by Sunday, July 6. Nicole Kleve can answer any questions you may have. Thank you for helping us make a difference!

**A Glass Mosaic Event—Monday, July 27, 6:00 p.m.**

This event is planned for Bethel women and girls ages 15 and up. We will start with a meal followed by the mosaic project, instructed by Linda Reinert of Mosaics at the Farm.

**Vacation Bible School—August 2, 9, & 16, beginning at about 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

All ages are invited to participate following Sunday worship!

