

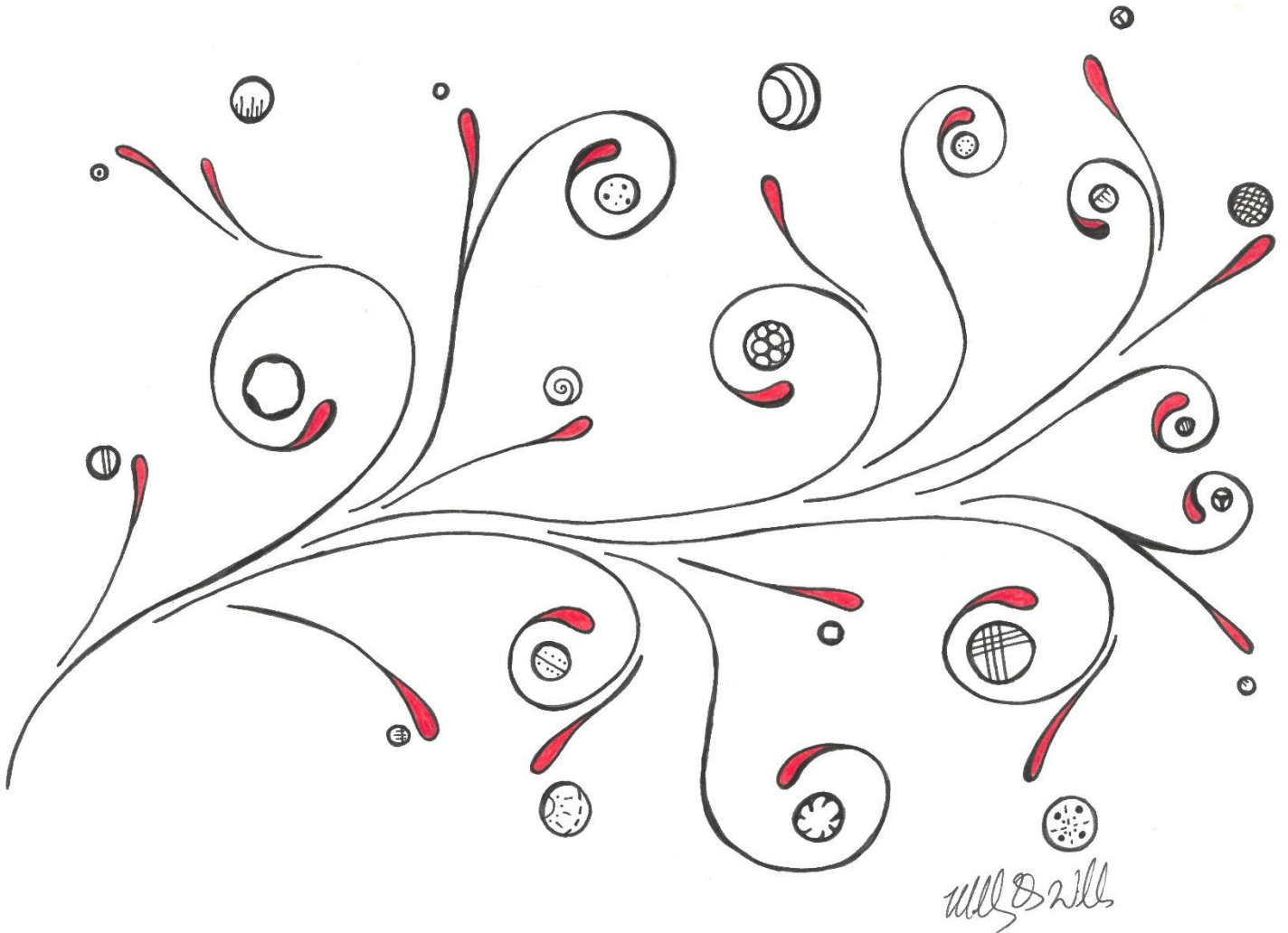
WELCOME TO BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

2nd Sunday after Pentecost | Sunday, June 7, 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 *Blessed Be Your Name* arr. by Mark Hayes and Marvin Gaspard
Lord, I Lift Your Name on High arr. by Douglas Wagner

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 key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is common time (C). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 100. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The score is divided into two systems. The first system has a tempo marking of quarter note = 100. The second system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. 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). We are gathered here in the name (of the Maker). Cho-sen by God's grace. (of the Savior) (of the Spirit)." The chords are: E, F#m7, G#m7, A, E, F#m7, G#m7, A, E, F#m7, G#m7, A, C#m, B, E.

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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 *Morning Has Broken* (ELW 556)

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)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit, bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Hosea 5:15—6:6

¹⁵ I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress, they will beg my favor: ^{6:1} “Come, let us return to the LORD, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. ² After two days, he will revive us; on the third day, he will raise us up, that we may live before him. ³ Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.” ⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. ⁵ Therefore, I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. ⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 50:7-15 (responsive reading)

⁷ “Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.
⁸ **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.**
⁹ I will not accept a calf from your stalls, nor goats from your pens;
¹⁰ **for all the wild animals of the forest are mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**
¹¹ I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the fields are mine.
¹² **If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**
¹³ Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?
¹⁴ **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.**
¹⁵ Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

¹³ The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. ¹⁶ For

this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³ Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord. ⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. ¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.” ¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Will You Come and Follow Me: The Summons (ELW 798)*

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.

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

HYMN *The Lord's Prayer (GB 134)*

COMMUNION

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

SONG DURING COMMUNION *Have No Fear, Little Flock (ELW 764)*

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 *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (ELW 860)*

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

POSTLUDE *When In Our Music God Is Glorified* arr. by Kevin Hildebrand

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Ex 19:2-8a; Ps 100; Rom 5:1-8; Matt 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING TODAY! Check out the opportunities to sign up for upcoming Sundays!

This week at Bethel

Sunday, June 7

- Worship: 9:00 a.m.

Monday, June 8 (evening office hours)

- Worship & Music committee meeting: 5:00 p.m.
- Council meeting: 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 10 (office hours)

- Bible study: 11:30 a.m.
- Quilting: 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 14

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

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: 25th of the month

A friendly reminder:

please remember to wear your Bethel nametag so our guests can get to know you!



We know that not every season of life looks the same financially, and that's okay. Stewardship isn't about giving what you don't have — it's about being intentional and faithful with whatever you do have, right now.

TEXT GIVING

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

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Click under the "Give" section, or complete an application form [from the narthex] and submit it to the church office.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Sow. Grow! A huge thank you to our amazing volunteers who helped complete our community garden raised beds! Your hard work means so much. We're offering two free raised beds to church members for the growing season—beginner or pro, all are welcome! Contact Emily to claim yours. Want to help the garden thrive?

Join us for volunteer hours: 🌙 Mondays, 7-8 PM ☀️ Thursdays, 8-9 AM

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!

Wednesday, June 10, July 15, & August 19, serving noon-1:00 p.m. (or until the food is gone)

Poolside Plates—Free meals for any Lester Prairie kids under age 16 at the 2nd Ave. Park Picnic Shelter. If you have questions, contact Terri Helland, 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.

Sunday, June 28, 9:00 a.m.

Annual worship & potluck picnic at the Bergen Church site! Check the bulletin board for directions. Remember to bring a blanket or lawn chairs and a dish to share. Hope to see you!

Sunday, July 19 & Sunday, August 16, 9:00 a.m.

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

Monday, July 27, 6:00 p.m.

A Glass Mosaic 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. More details are coming soon!

August 2, 9, & 16, beginning at about 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School for all ages following Sunday worship!