

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 12, 2024
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting 3

Rev. Molly Wills, Pastor
Jan Smith, Accompanist
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GATHERING

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

Prelude "10,000 Reasons" arr. Mark Hayes, "Thine" arr. Anne Krentz

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 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" ELW #392

Greeting (ELW p. 138) (front of red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal)

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

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem "Jesus Love Me" arr. Michael Hassell (Terri Helland, Saxophone)

WORD

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

Readings and Psalm

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 (back page) The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1 (read responsively/insert)

1 John 5:9-13 (back page) The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
Sunday School Choir "The B-I-B-L-E", "I am a C", "A-B-C-D-E-F-G"
Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 142) **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?...**
The Gospel according to John the seventeenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
John 17:6-19 (back pg. or insert) The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**
Sending of the Graduates: Aleksander, Connor, Carl, Luke, Connor
Sermon
Hymn of the Day "I Come with Joy" ELW #482
Apostles Creed (ELW p. 105)
Prayers of the People God of grace, **hear our prayer.**
Passing of the Peace The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offertory "Give to Our God Immortal Praise" arr. Stan Pethel (Brass Choir)
Offertory 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 (p. 145)
Communion (ELW p. 146) **Lamb of God...**
Communion Hymn "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" ELW #494
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 the Amen" ELW #826
Sending Words Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" arr. David Cherwien

Spirit Art
A Meditative Study of Scripture through Art



John 17:6-19

Psalm 1 (read responsively)

¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

²but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Gospel Reading: John 17:6-19

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and

yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

WELCOME TO BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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 or bethellutheranlp@gmail.com. For emergency pastoral care needs, please call Pastor Molly Wills at 320-339-8169 or email pastor@lpbethel.org. **BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** Wednesdays at noon. **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** 25th of the month. **CHURCH ADDRESS:** 77 Lincoln AVE N, PO Box 207, Lester Prairie, MN 55354

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HEARING ASSIST DEVICES AVAILABLE—speak to an usher for assistance.
LARGE PRINT HYMNS AVAILABLE—contact the office if you are interested.

THIS WEEK..

SUNDAY, MAY 12 (7 EASTER) HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

- Sending of the Graduates: Congratulations, Aleksander Hodny, Connor Meyer, Carl Overbye, Luke Petersen, and Connor Radtke! Join us following worship for a reception, hosted by WELCA, to celebrate the graduates!
- Sunday School/Confirmation class/Adult Education: following worship

MONDAY, MAY 14

- Pastoral Emergency: Pastor Molly is out of the office this week. Pastor Susan Engholm will be on call for pastoral emergencies (320-293-1811).
- No Bible study

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

- Quilting: 1:00-4:30 pm
- Choir practice: 6:30 pm
- Book discussion: 7:30 pm

THURSDAY, MAY 16

- Women's Fall Retreat planning meeting: 6:30 pm

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 19 (DAY OF PENTECOST)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Please sign up to help spring clean in and around our church! A cleaning job list is in the narthex. Sign up for one or more jobs to do at your convenience. Everyone's help is greatly appreciated! Many hands make light work!

The church has some items to give away. 1) Seven available 3 ft. X 5 ft. work-station rubber mats used on the kitchen floor during our Lutefisk dinners. 2) One black L-shaped office desk from the pastor's office. It has been taken apart and put in the garage-everything is there to put it back together. 3) One fan, used in the basement window to cool the furnace room, known as the dishwashing room for Lutefisk dinners. If you are interested in any of these items contact Bryon Weisenburger at 320-282-4747.

Bell Tower Painting Campaign: We are starting a campaign to raise funds to paint the bell tower. We have already painted the cross, but now the base needs painting. Our goal is to raise \$8,000.00, and we hope to get the job done this summer. Stay tuned for more information. *Bryon Weisenburger & Dave Gohl, Trustees*

Fellowship by the Fire: June 26, July 24, & 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, your lawn chairs and games.

Annual Bergen Church Site Worship service on Sunday, June 30: Join us for our annual worship service in the country where the old church once was at 10:00 am followed by a potluck picnic. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket, lawn games, and a dish to share. This worship service will be the only one on this day and note the time change. See the May newsletter for directions to the Bergen Church site.

Save the dates! WELCA sponsored Women's Bible Study-June 5, 12, 19, 26! 7-8 pm, meet at the fire pit, we'll explore scriptures, share personal experiences, & encourage each other in fellowship. Feel free to bring a friend! Questions? Ask Jan Smith

Pop-Up Choir: This summer, we are exploring the idea of a "Pop-Up" choir on the second Sunday of the month. The plan is for anyone interested in singing in the choir to come to church at 8:15 on Sunday morning (June 9, July 14, August 11), to rehearse a song with other music lovers, and then to sing the selection during worship that day. Individuals can participate as much as they want over the summer months. If you have questions, ask Emily Koehler or Jan Smith.