

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 23, 2024
5th Sunday after Pentecost
Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal (ELW) Setting 8

Rev. Molly Wills, Pastor
Jan Smith, Accompanist
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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" and "Great Is the Lord"
arr. Lyndell Leatherman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.
God, our provider, **help us,**

It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God...forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG "Mighty to Save" (insert)

GREETING(ELW p. 184) (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. 184) **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way...**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 187) **This is the feast of vict'ry for our God...**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

READINGS AND PSALM

Job 38:1-11 (back page) The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32 (read responsively/insert)

2 Corinthians 6:1-13 (back page) The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 188) **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?...**
The Gospel according to Mark the fourth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
Mark 4:35-41 (back page) The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "My Life Flows on in Endless Song" ELW #763

APOSTLES' CREED(ELW p. 105)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Merciful God, **receive 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 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" ELW #773

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW p. 190)

PREFACE FOR THE DAY (ELW p. 190) **Holy, holy, holy Lord...**

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 145)

COMMUNION (ELW p. 146) **Lamb of God...**

COMMUNION HYMN "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" ELW #767

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG "We Praise You, O God" ELW #870

SENDING WORDS Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" arr. Mark Hayes

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

²Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble

³and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

²³Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters;

²⁴they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep.

²⁵For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.

²⁶They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity;

²⁷they reeled and staggered like drunkards, and were at their wits' end.

²⁸Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress;

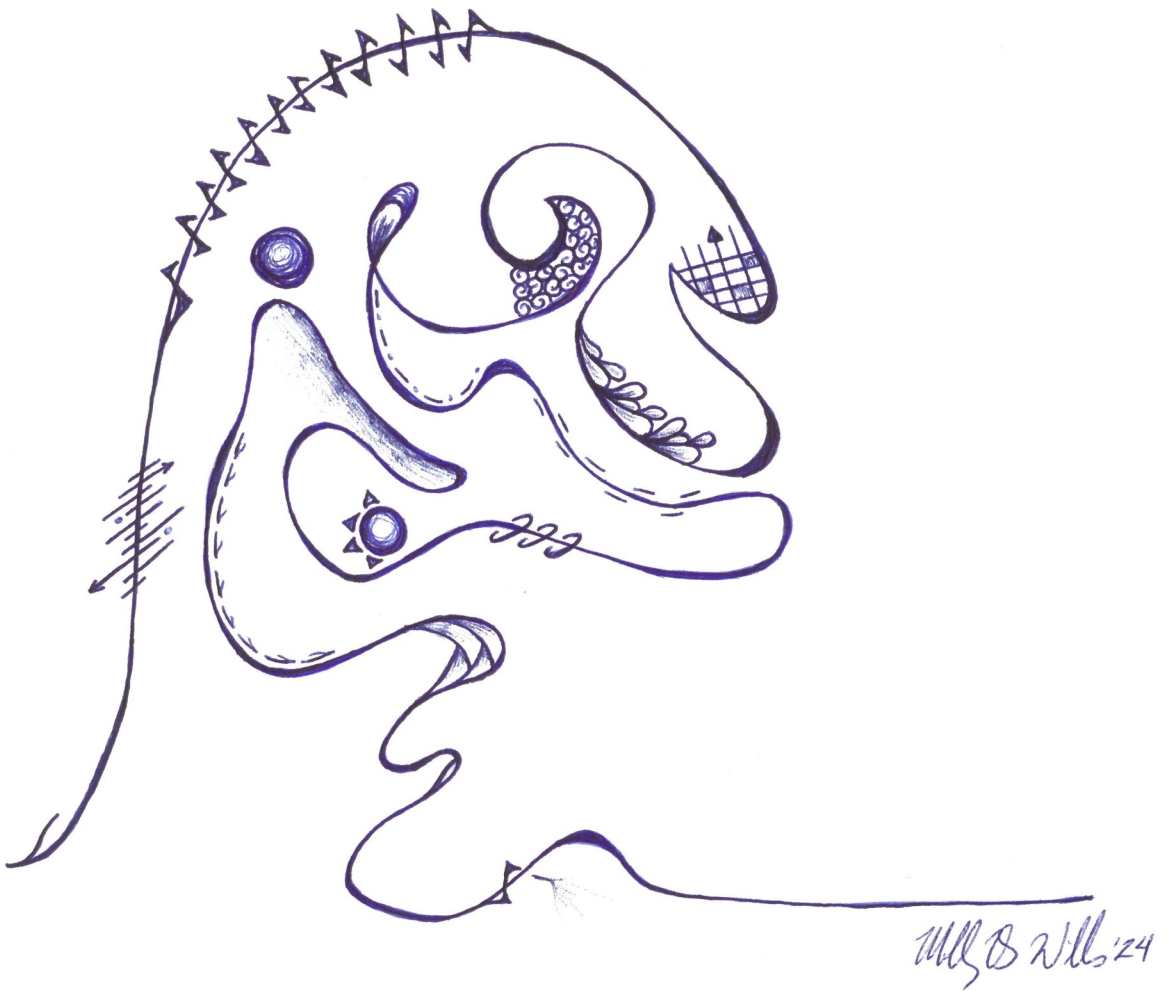
²⁹he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

³⁰Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

³¹Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

³²Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Spirit Art
A Meditative Study of Scripture through Art
Mark 4:35-41



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

SIMPLY GIVING offers convenience for you and much needed consistency for Bethel! If you have any questions, contact Stacy Meyer, Financial Secretary, at finsec@lpbethel.org. **TEXT GIVING:** To give text dollar amount to **866-298-7547**

HEARING ASSIST DEVICES AVAILABLE—speak to an usher for assistance.

LARGE PRINT HYMNS AVAILABLE—contact the office if you are interested.

THIS WEEK..

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

- Celebration Bank: Drop your change in the [piggy] bank and tell us what you're celebrating! The goal is to raise funds to purchase items from the GLLM Wish List.
- Fellowship Hour: following worship

MONDAY, JUNE 24

- Bible Study: 1:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

- Quilting: 1:00 pm-4:30 pm
- Fellowship by the Fire: 6:00 pm, WELCA will supply hotdogs and buns, please bring a dish to share, lawn chairs, and games (optional)
- Women's Bible Study: 7:00-8:00 pm, feel free to bring a friend!

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

- Mcleod Emergency Food Shelf Outreach Bus: 2:30-4:00 pm, Bethel parking lot

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 30

- Worship at Bergen Church site: 10:00 am, note the time change. In case of bad weather we'll meet at church. See directions posted on the door and bulletin board.
- Celebration Bank: bring your change to worship and tell us what you're celebrating!
- Potluck picnic: following worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Bell Tower Painting Campaign: Join our campaign to raise funds to paint the bell tower! Our goal is to raise \$8,000 and get the job done this summer. Check out the model in the narthex to see the great progress! *The Trustees*

Thrivent members, would you like to apply for a \$250 Thrivent Action Team Grant? WELCA wants to combine grant money and money collected from the *Celebration Bank* to purchase items for Green Lake Lutheran Ministries (Green Lake Bible Camp). Jan Smith, Jill Duncan, and Judy Angvall are willing to answer your questions and show you how to apply. If you apply yourself, please let them know.

Upcoming Fellowship by the Fire: 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 (optional).

Background Checks: Anyone interested in volunteering with and around Bethel's children and youth are required to have a background check every 5 years. There is also an online Child Safety Training requirement (approx. 30 min.), and we are asking for a \$20 donation to cover expenses. Please contact the Church office if you are planning to be a volunteer in the future.

Prairie Days Burger Stand Volunteers: The Prairie Days committee has asked Bethel to cover a Burger Stand shift during Prairie Days [July 12-13]. We are looking for 6-8 people to work from 1:00-3:00 pm on Saturday, July 13, under the tent. If you are interested contact Peggy Wick at sully72828@gmail.com or 612-499-0186.

Volunteer Sign-up sheets: There are spots left to sign up for ushering or reading scripture this summer. These are great ways that children could be more included in worship! There are also several opportunities to help prepare (*altar guild*) and serve (*worship assistant*) communion. The sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Please consider how you can help us fill these spots!

Travelers keep up with regular offerings by giving electronically: Just as you rely upon receiving income on a regular basis, Bethel relies on your regular contributions. Bethel appreciates the efforts of congregation members to make consistent donations throughout the year. To assist you, the church provides a convenient electronic giving option (*Simply Giving*) for setting up regular giving contributions. *Simply Giving* authorization forms on the narthex wall. Return to Fin. Sec. mailbox.

Bethel Breakfast: There will be no Bethel Breakfast gathering at Longhorn's this month, instead join us at the Bergen site for worship and potluck Sunday, June 30! We will plan to meet again for breakfast on Sunday, July 28!