

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 30, 2024
6th Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Molly Wills, Pastor
Bergen Church Site Worship, 10:00 am

GATHERING

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG "This Is My Father's World"

**This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears all nature sings,
and round me rings the music of the spheres.**

**This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees,
of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.**

This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair.

In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget that,

though the wrong seems off so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?

The Lord is king, let heaven ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Most merciful God,

I confess that I am captive to sin and cannot free myself. I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart, I have not loved my neighbor as myself. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, ... † Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SONG "Faith of Our Fathers"

Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.

Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy whenever we hear that glorious word.

(Refrain) Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to you till death. The martyrs, chained in prisons dark, were still in heart and conscience free; and blest would be their children's fate if they, like them, should die for thee. (Refrain) Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to you till death. Faith of our fathers! We will love both friend and foe in all our strife; proclaim thee too, as love knows how, by saving word and faithful life. (Refrain)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

READINGS AND PSALM

Lamentations 3:22-33 (back page) The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 30 (read responsively)

¹I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

²**O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

³O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

⁴**Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.**

⁵For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

⁶**As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."**

⁷By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

⁸**To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication:**

⁹"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"

¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!"**

¹¹You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

¹²**so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the

generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

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

Mark 5:21-43 (back page) The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SPIRIT ART: A MEDITATIVE STUDY OF SCRIPTURE THROUGH ART



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SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY "Sanctuary" (sing 3x)

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING (GivePlus Text: text dollar amount to 866-298-7547)

OFFERTORY 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.

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 "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

**I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me, I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had be bound, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, when I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
when I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah!
Jesus lifted me.**

SENDING WORDS

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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 30

- 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.
- Potluck Picnic: following worship

MONDAY, JULY 1

- Bible Study: 1:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

- Quilting: 1:00 pm-4:30 pm

THURSDAY JULY 4 (Independence Day)

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 7

- Worship: 9:00 am
- Celebration Bank: bring your change to worship and tell us what you're celebrating!
- Fellowship Hour: following worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Bulletin announcement submissions for July 7 & 14 are due by noon, Tues., July 2. If you have an announcement that misses the deadline, please get in touch with Pastor Molly at pastor@lpbethel.org, and she will announce it during worship.

Celebration Bank: Bring your change to worship and tell us what you are celebrating! The Celebration Bank is raising funds for items on the Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Wish List. If you are a Thrivent member, you can also apply for a \$250 Thrivent Action Team Grant, and we could combine the grants and the Celebration Bank collection to purchase even more items for GLLM! If you need help applying for a grant, speak to Jan Smith, Judy Angvall, or Jill Duncan. If you apply on your own, please let them know.

Children and Youth Volunteers: Bethel's Child and Youth Protection Policy requires anyone volunteering with and around children to have a background check every five years. There is also an online Child and Safety Training requirement (approx. 30 minutes) to complete, and we are asking for a donation of \$20 to cover expenses. If you plan to volunteer, contact the church office for more information.

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.

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).

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!