

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 26, 2024
The Holy Trinity
Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal (ELW) Setting 8

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GATHERING

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

Prelude "Come Thou Almighty King" arr. David S. Gaines
"Holy, Holy, Holy" arr. John Dykes

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 "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" ELW #527

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

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom, Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

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

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 6:1-8 (back page) The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29 (read responsively/insert)

Romans 8:12-17 (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 John the third chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 3:1-17 (back page) The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" ELW #445

Apostles Creed (ELW p. 105)

Prayers of the People 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.

Offering/Offering Song "Bread of Life" (insert)

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 (p. 191)

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

Communion Hymn "As the Wind Song" *All Creation Sings/ACS* purple hymnal #943

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.**

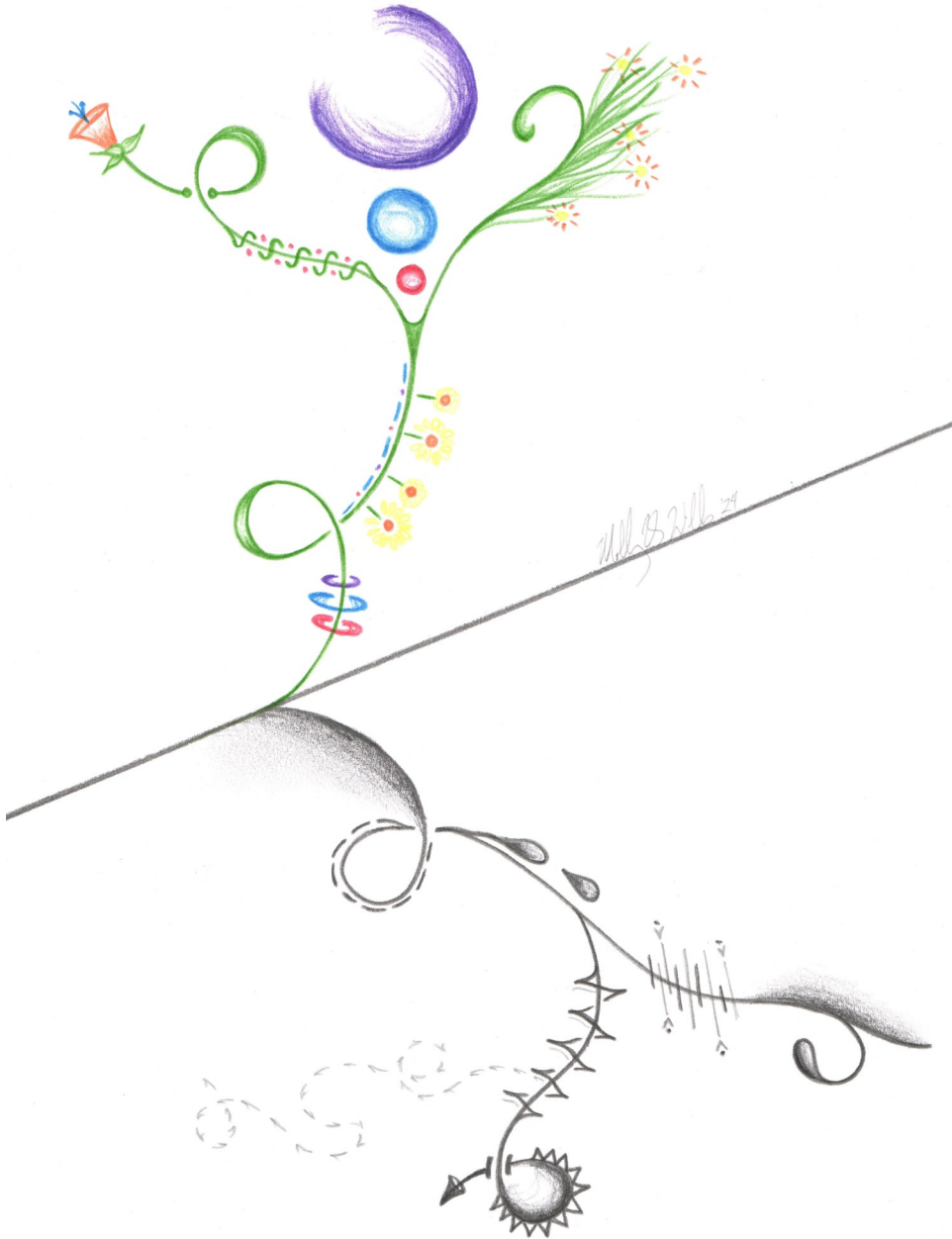
Sending Song "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!" ELW #413

Sending Words Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Kevin Hildebrand

Spirit Art
A Meditative Study of Scripture through Art
John 3:1-17



Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

³The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

¹¹May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!



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 26 (THE HOLY TRINITY)

- Noisy offering: drop your coins [cash or check] in the tin can on your way out of the sanctuary today. (Supports Bethel Youth Camperships)
- Bethel Breakfast: 10:30 am, Longhorn's Burger House, Lester Prairie

MONDAY, MAY 27 (MEMORIAL DAY)

- Office closed

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

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

THURSDAY, MAY 30

- MEFS Mobile Outreach: 2:30 pm-4:00 pm, Bethel Lutheran Church parking lot
- Women's Retreat planning meeting: 6:30 pm at church

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 2

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

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*

Communion Assistant: Are you interested in serving as a communion assistant during Sunday morning worship? If so, sign up in the narthex! Also, check out all the other opportunities to serve at Bethel! We appreciate all our volunteers!

Ladies! We're off to a great start planning our annual Women's Retreat at the lakefront home, Medayto Lodge, on the shores of Green Lake in Spicer, September 13-15! The next planning meeting will be on Thursday, May 30, at 6:30 pm at church. You don't need to be committed to attending the retreat to help us plan. Come see what it's about! If you have questions, speak to Jean Hallberg.

Coming in June! WELCA sponsored Women's Bible Study-June 5, 12, 19, 26! 7:00 pm-8:00 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

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.

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.

Refrain



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.