

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 14, 2024
8th Sunday after Pentecost
Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal (ELW) Setting 8

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE "Whom Shall I Fear? and 'I'm Not Alone' arr. Carol Tornquist

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" (p. 3-4)

GREETING(ELW p. 184, front of red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal)

The grace of our Lord Jesus...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, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Sanctuary" arr. Lloyd Larson

WORD

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

READINGS AND PSALM

AMOS 7:7-15 (back page)

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

PSALM 85:8-13 (read responsively)

⁸Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

9Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

11Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

¹²The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

13Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

EPHESIANS 1:3-14 (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 sixth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

MARK 6:14-29 (back page)

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Sometimes Our Only Song Is Weeping" *All Creation Sings* #1050

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 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" ELW #807

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. 191)

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

COMMUNION HYMN "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" ELW #697

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of 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 "Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen" ELW #548

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

POSTLUDE "When in Our Music Christ Is Glorified" arr. Kevin Hildebrand

MIGHTY TO SAVE

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Moderately

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Ev-'ry-one needs com-pas-sion, a love that's nev-er-fail- So take me as You find me, all my fears and fail- ing. ures. Let mer-cy fall on me. Ev-'ry-one needs for give- Fill my life a-gain. I give my life to fol- ness, the kind-ness of a Sav-ior, the low ev-'ry-thing I be-lieve in. Now hope of na-tions. I sur-ren-der. Sav-ior, He can move the moun-tains. My God is might-y to save, He is might-y to save. For- ev-er Au-thor of sal-va-tion, He rose and con-quered the grave, Je-sus con-quered the grave. Shine your light and let the whole world see we're sing-ing".

Chords: C, G, Em7, Dsus, D, C, Dsus, C/E, D/F#, G, D, C, Em7, D, G, D, C, G, Em7, D, C, G, Em7, D, C, G, Em7.

C G D

for the glo - ry _____ of the ris - en _____ King, _____ Je - sus.

C G D Em7

Shine your light and _____ let the whole world _____ see _____ we're sing - ing

C G To Coda ⊕ D D.S. al Coda (take 2nd ending)

for the glo - ry _____ of the ris - en _____ King. _____

CODA ⊕ D

_____ King. _____

MUSIC NOTES

The hymn of the day and the sending hymn today relate especially to the holy gospel and the offertory relates especially to the second reading. The choir anthem calls worshipers to come to God in devotion and thanksgiving.

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, JULY 14

- 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, JULY 15

- Bible Study: 1:30 pm
- Council meeting: 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

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

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 21

- Praise Outdoor Worship: 9:00 am (weather permitting)
- Celebration Bank: bring your change to worship and tell us what you're celebrating!
- Fellowship hour: following worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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).

August Book Club: *An Immense World* by Ed Yong, Discussion date: 8/21, 7:00 pm
The earth teems with sights and textures, sounds and vibrations, smells and tastes, electric and magnetic fields. But every animal is enclosed within its own unique sensory bubble, perceiving but a tiny sliver of an immense world. This book welcomes us into a previously unfathomable dimension—the world as it is truly perceived by other animals.

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!