

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 7, 2024
7th 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 "God Will Make a Way" arr. Mark Hayes
"There is a Balm in Gilead" arr. Michael Larkin

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

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of the Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

READINGS AND PSALM

EZEKIEL 2:1-5 (back page)

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

PSALM 123 (read responsively)

¹To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

²As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, until he has mercy upon us.

³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

⁴Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:2-10 (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 6:1-13 (back page)

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Build Us Up, Lord" ELW #670

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 "For by Grace You Have Been Saved" ELW #598

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...**

HYMN "The Lord's Prayer" Green Binder #134

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

COMMUNION HYMN "Spirit of Gentleness" ELW #396

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 "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" ELW #538

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

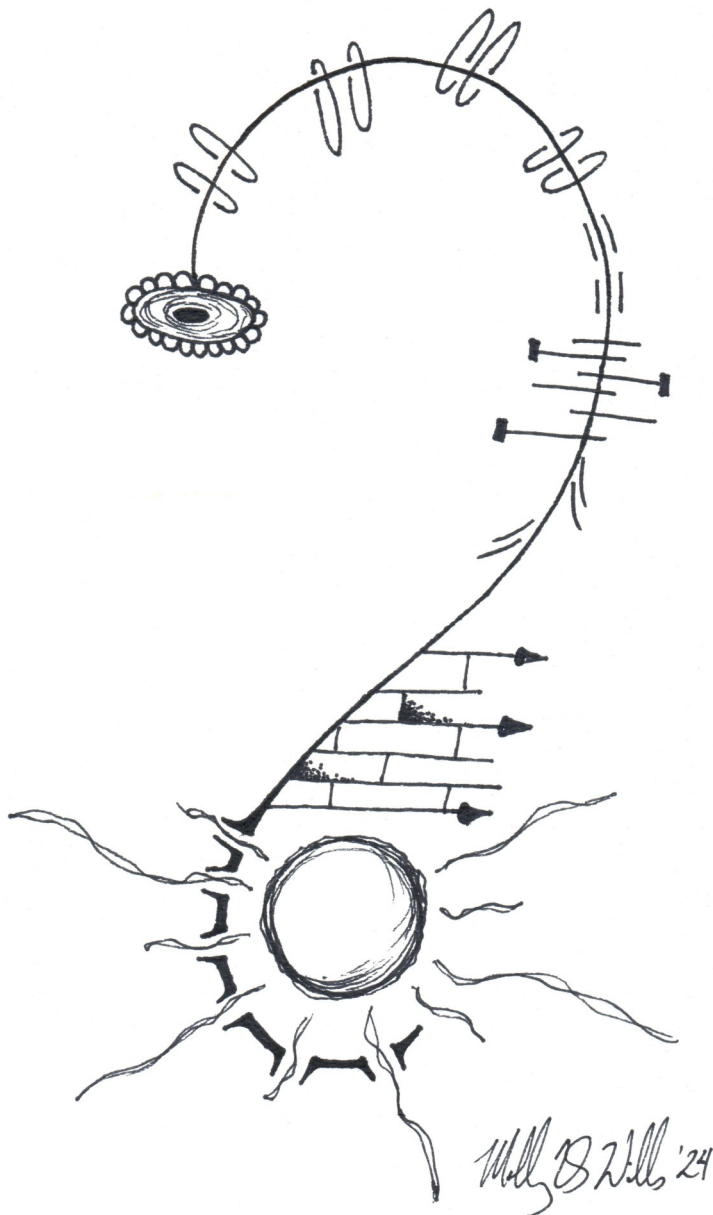
POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune" by Jason D. Payne

MUSIC NOTES

The offertory hymn relates to the second reading, the communion hymn relates to the first reading, and the hymn of the day and sending hymn relate to the gospel today.

The words to the last prelude number, "There is a Balm in Gilead" ELW 614, like today's second reading and gospel, remind us that Jesus *fills in the gaps* in our ability, faith, and knowledge.

SPIRIT ART
A Meditative Study of Scripture through Art
Mark 6:1-13



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, JULY 7

- 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 8

- Bible Study: 1:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

- Worship & Music Committee meeting: 12:30 pm
- Quilting: 1:00 pm-4:30 pm

THURSDAY, JULY 11

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

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 14

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

(Note: The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 15 @ 6:00 pm)

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.

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).

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!