

WELCOME TO BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 11, 2024
12th Sunday after Pentecost

ELW, Setting 8

Rev. Molly Wills, Pastor
Jan Smith, Accompanist

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE *Come Ye Disconsolate* by Kenneth T. Kosche
Panis Angelicus by Cesar Franck

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (congregation response in bold print)

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

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 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* (ELW 461)
Setting 8 begins on page 184 in the front of the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) red book.

GREETING (ELW page 184)

The grace of our Lord Jesus...Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE(ELW p. 184) *Kyrie eleison...*

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW page 187) *This is the feast...*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM *How Beautiful* by Lloyd Larson

WORD

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

READINGS AND PSALM

1 Kings 19:4-8 (back page) The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34:1-8 (read responsively)

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2 My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

5 Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

6 This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble.

⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

8 O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

EPHESIANS 4:25-5:2 (back page) The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW page 188) *Alleluia. Lord...*

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

JOHN 6:35, 41-51 (back page) The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *O Living Bread from Heaven* (ELW 542)

APOSTLES' CREED (ELW page 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 *Shepherd Us* by Larry Olson (see 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 page 190)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW page 190)

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW page 191)

COMMUNION (ELW page 191) *Lamb of God...*

COMMUNION SONG *What Feast of Love* (ELW 487)

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 *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises* (ELW 535)

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

POSTLUDE *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* setting by Lynette Maynard

Based on Psalm 23

(guitar: capo 2)

SHEPHERD US

Larry Olson

♩ = 83

E (D) B/D# (A/C#) A/C# (G/B) E/B (D/A) A (G) E (D) A (G) B (A)

Here with you there is no want - ing, ly - ing down in pas - tures green.
 Though we walk in shad - oved val - leys, we will not be held by fear.
 You pre - pare a won - drous ta - ble, fill our cups to ov - er - flow.

E (D) B/D# (A/C#) A/C# (G/B) E/B (D/A) F#m (Em) E/G# (D/F#) A (G) B (A)

Lead - ing us be - side still wat - ers, souls re - stored and free.
 You bring peace and you give com - fort, you are al - ways here. Shep - herd
 With your good - ness and your mer - cy here for - ev - er - more.

A (G) B (A) E (D) A (G) B (A) E (D)

us oh Lord. Keep us safe from harm. Hold us

A (G) B (A) C#m (Bm) A (G) B (A) E (D)

close. Lead us home. Shep - herd us oh Lord.

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

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, August 11

- Celebration Bank: Drop in your coins and tell us what you're celebrating!
- Fellowship hour: join us after worship!

Monday, August 12

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

Tuesday, August 13

- Pastor Molly will be on vacation August 13-23. For emergency pastoral needs, please call Pastor Susan Engholm at 320-293-1811.
- Tamie will be out of the office until September 11. Bulletin submissions should be emailed to Pastor Molly at pastor@lpbethel.org.

Wednesday, August 14

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

Thursday, August 15

- MEFS Mobile Outreach: 2:30-4:00 pm, Bethel parking lot

Next Sunday, August 18

- Worship: 9:00 am (Pastor Susan Engholm)
- Celebration Bank: bring your coins to worship and tell us what you're celebrating! The goal is to purchase items from the GLLM Wish List.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST BOOK CLUB: *An Immense World* by Ed Yong, Discussion date: August 21, 7:00 pm. This book immerses you in an unimaginable realm, offering a glimpse into the world through the eyes of other creatures.

THE LAST FELLOWSHIP BY THE FIRE will be on Wednesday, August 21 beginning at 6:00 pm, around the fire pit. WELCA will supply hotdogs and buns. Please bring a dish to share, your lawn chairs or blanket, and lawn games (optional).

OUTDOOR WORSHIP: Weather permitting, we will worship outside on Sunday, August 25, bring lawn chairs!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL KITS COLLECTION: WELCA will again have a school supplies collection for LWR to distribute to children worldwide. We anticipate using a Thrivent grant to purchase school bags and supplemental supplies. Bring your supplies to church by September 15. The kits will be assembled after worship on September 22.

School Kit List: four 70-sheet notebooks, wide or college-ruled, 8 x 10 ^{1/2} paper (no loose-leaf paper) | one 30 cm ruler (or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other) | one pencil sharpener | one 2 ½” pink eraser | one blunt-point scissors (Fiskars brand) | five ballpoint pens, blue or black ink (no gel ink) | one box of 24 crayons (Crayola brand) | five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers.

BETHEL WOMEN’S RETREAT: Friday-Sunday, September 13-15, 2024, Medayto Lodge at Green Lake Bible Camp in Spicer, MN. The retreat is for Bethel women of all ages, with their invited friends, relatives, and neighbors. The cost is \$75 for the full weekend, which covers lodging, meals, and programming. *New for 2024- Saturday only for \$50, which covers two meals and programming.* Scholarships (full or partial) are available. The deadline to register is August 25. See the display in the narthex for more details of this exciting weekend!

“TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE” Crow River Conference Women of the ELCA Fall Gathering will be hosted by Bethel on Saturday, September 28. Registration begins at 8:00 am with brunch at 8:30 am. Registration fee: \$10, payable to the Women of the ELCA. Registration deadline: September 18. Guest Speaker: Tammy Diehn of 2B Continued.