

WELCOME TO BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 22, 2024

18th 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

Caricature of a Sunday School Song by Dale Wood

Children of the Heavenly Father arr. by Melvin Rotermund & Mark Sedio

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings of war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing* (ELW #531)

Setting 8 begins on page 184 in the front of the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) red book.

GREETING(ELW p. 184)

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) *Glory to God in the highest, the highest...*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

CHOIR ANTHEM

You Are Welcome Here by Marty Parks

WORD

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

READINGS AND PSALM

JEREMIAH 11:18-20 (back page) The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 54 (read responsively) (see insert)

¹Save me, O God, by your name, and vindicate me by your might.

²Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

³For the insolent have risen against me, the ruthless seek my life; they do not set God before them. Selah

⁴But surely, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.

⁵He will repay my enemies for their evil. In your faithfulness, put an end to them.

⁶With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.

⁷For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

JAMES 3:13—4:3, 7-8a (back page) The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 188) *Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?...*

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

MARK 9:30-37 (back page) The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* (ELW #712)

APOSTLES' CREED (ELW p. 105)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY *God Extends an Invitation* (ELW #486)

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW p. 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 (p. 190)

LORD'S PRAYER (p. 191)

COMMUNION (ELW p. 191) *Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world...*

COMMUNION SONG *Jesus Loves Me* (ELW #595)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* (ELW #843)

SENDING WORDS Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Voluntary in A Minor* by David Lasky

MUSIC NOTES

- The hymns and prelude today relate to the gospel reading, Mark 9:30-37
- Graham Kendrick wrote the text and music for today's gathering hymn and two other hymns from the ELW-*Shine, Jesus Shine* and a communion hymn-*Here is Bread*. Based in the UK, Kendrick travels internationally participating in tours, festivals, conferences and training events as a worship leader, speaker, and performer. He has written and performed over 400 songs emphasizing on helping the church worship through songs.
- Question: What is "Kyrie Eleison"? What does it mean? Answer: The phrase Kyrie eleison, meaning "Lord, have mercy," is commonly used as a request for mercy before a formal prayer or as a congregational response during worship in various Christian churches. The phrase "Kyrie Eleison" is also the title of a hymn that is widely used in various denominations. www.christianity.com

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024, TIME AFTER PENTECOST

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

Sundays and Seasons Year B 2024

SPIRIT ART
A meditative study of scripture through art.
Mark 9:30-37



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.

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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 AT BETHEL...

Sunday, September 22

- Community Garden Harvest Festival: 10:00 am-2:00 pm, join us outside for pumpkin painting, Elephant Joe's Coffee truck, and family activities!
- Stick around after worship to help fill school bags with supplies!

Monday, September 23

- Bible study: 1:30 pm

Wednesday, September 25

- Quilting: 1:00 pm-4:30 pm
- Choir practice: 6:30 pm

Thursday, September 26

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

Saturday, September 28

- WELCA Fall Gathering: 8:00 am-11:30 am, Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, September 29

- Worship: 9:00 am (3rd grade Bibles & Blessings)
- Fellowship hour: following worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL, CONFIRMATION, & BLTs:

Kids kindergarten-6th grade join our Sunday School classes after the service! Classes will meet every Sunday during the school year. (3 & 4 yr. old kids are welcome to join and should have an adult accompany them.)

Youth 7th-10th grade (or unconfirmed) confirmation class will meet every other Sunday (check out the calendar online or talk to Pastor Molly for instances when the dates vary).

Youth 6th-12th grade join our Bethel Lutheran Teens (BLTs) group! Meetings will happen every other Sunday. Come for fun activities that will help our church & wider community and give you a chance to be a part of a faithful group of peers.

THIRD GRADERS & BIBLES: Bibles will be presented to 3rd graders, Etta Helland and Lachlynn Sawatzke, with a blessing on Sunday, Sept. 29th.

CHOIR PRACTICE @ 6:30PM WEDNESDAYS. Join us at any time! All are welcome! Please contact Emily Koehler with any questions (cell #605.661.5717 or email: emily.e.koehler@gmail.com)

CELEBRATION BANK DONATION: Thank you for depositing \$\$ into the celebration bank this summer! With the help of a \$250 Thrivent Action Team card, we were able to purchase 20 lamps for Green Lake Lutheran Ministries!

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS: Lois Severson has been busy working on quilts for those in need. She has completed 45 quilts, displayed in our sanctuary today, that will be given to Lutheran World Relief, Mary's Place, and the Marie Sandvik Center. Thank you, Lois, for your dedication to this ministry.