

## WELCOME TO BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 29, 2024

19<sup>th</sup> 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 *Forever with Great is Thy Faithfulness* arr. by Carol Tornquist

*Everlasting Love* arr. by Lloyd Larson

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

**Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### WORD

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

READINGS AND PSALM

NUMBERS 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 (bk. p.) The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19:7-14 (read responsively)

<sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

**<sup>8</sup>the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

<sup>9</sup>the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

<sup>11</sup>Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

**<sup>12</sup>But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

**<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

JAMES 5:13-20 (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 9:38-50 (back page) The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* (ELW #719)

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 *I Love You Lord* (instrumental duet by McCoy and Adderley Helland)

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 *There is a Balm in Gilead* (ELW #614)

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 *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song* (ELW #808)

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

POSTLUDE *There is a Balm in Gilead* arr. by Mark Hayes

MUSIC NOTES

*There is a Balm in Gilead* relates to the second reading and is today's communion hymn. The phrase "balm of Gilead" is a symbol of healing and soothing that comes from the Hebrew Bible, where it is mentioned in Genesis 37:25 and Jeremiah 8:22. The phrase is named after the region of Gilead, where a rare perfume with medicinal properties was produced from a tree or shrub.

The anonymous writers of the African American spiritual, *There is a Balm in Gilead*, identified with the struggles, oppression, and desperation of the Old Testament forebearers of faith. This hymn was created as a song of hope, healing, and restoration.

Because of Christ, there is healing, hope, and comfort for the sick both spiritually and physically. Christ's sacrifice on the cross give us new life in Him. By his wounds we have been healed of our sin (1 Peter 2:24).

This information was obtained from History of Hymns: "There is a Balm in Gilead" by C. Michael Hawn-Disciples Ministries

<http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/history-of-hymns-there-is-a-balm-in-gilead>

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024, TIME AFTER PENTECOST

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

SPIRIT ART  
A meditative study of scripture through art.  
Mark 9:38-50



# 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](mailto:bethellutheranlp@gmail.com). For emergency pastoral care needs, please call Pastor Molly Wills at 320-339-8169 or email [pastor@lpbethel.org](mailto:pastor@lpbethel.org).

**BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** Wednesdays at noon.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**CHURCH ADDRESS:** 77 Lincoln AVE N, **PO Box 207, Lester Prairie, MN**

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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 29

- Sunday school: following worship
- Confirmation class: following worship
- Fellowship Hour: following worship
- Bethel Breakfast: 10:30 am, Longhorn's Burger House, LP

### Monday, September 30

- Bible study: 1:30 pm

### Wednesday, October 2

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

### Next Sunday, October 6

- Worship: 9:00 am
- Sunday school: following worship
- BLTs: following worship
- Fellowship hour: following worship

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS



PRAYING FOR MORE...during Endowment 2024!

**THIRD GRADERS & BIBLES:** Bibles will be presented to 3rd graders, Etta Helland and Lachlynn Sawatzke, with a blessing today.

**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)

**QUILTS AND SCHOOL KITS:** Forty-five school kits and 29 quilts are boxed and ready to go to Lutheran World Relief. Eleven quilts will go to Mary's Place and the Marie Sandvik Center.

**CEMETERY WORK DAY:** On Saturday, October 26 beginning at 9:00 am, we will need a crew to trim trees and clean up afterward. We will start at the old church site. Bring your chain saws and ladders. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 am. Questions? Contact Jerry Christenson.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Family Game Night, Saturday, October 12, 6:00 pm. Please bring a snack to share and your favorite game. See you then!