

WELCOME TO BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 3, 2024
All Saints Sunday

Rev. Molly Wills, Pastor
Jan Smith, Accompanist

HELPFUL WORSHIP INFORMATION: *We use the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red book) as our hymnal, containing both liturgy and hymns. Liturgies are indicated by (p. ###), they are found in the front of the hymnal and the numbers are on the bottom of the page. Hymns are indicated by (ELW ##), they are found in the back two-thirds of the hymnal and the numbers are on the top of the page. Hymns in the All Creation Sings hymnal (purple book) are indicated by (ACS ##). Songs in the green binder are indicated by (GB ##).*

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE *Shall We Gather at the River* arr. by Michael Larkin and Mary McDonald
 A Meditation on "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" arr. by Mark Albrecht

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin. *(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *For All the Saints* (ELW 422)

GATHERING RITE FOR ALL SAINTS

And now let us remember all the saints before God. We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited and us, who are still waiting, in hope for the redemption you promised, together, we celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us today among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of eternal reunion. With them we praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. **Amen.**

We remember with love and aching hearts those members of our congregation and other loved ones whom we have lost in the past year. Jesus says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;

for I am gentle and humble in heart, **and you will find rest for your souls.**
For my yoke is easy, and my burden light. **And you will find rest for your souls.**
We rejoice and sing with gladness for those new members baptized into our
congregation in the past year.
Jesus says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart, **and you will find rest for your souls.**
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. **And you will find rest for your souls.**

GREETING

Beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the
mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your
blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible
joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM *Shine Like the Sun* arr. by Karen E. Black (Terri Helland, Flute)

WORD

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

READINGS AND PSALM

Isaiah 25:6-9 (bulletin bk. page) The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 24 (read responsively)

¹ The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

² for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

³ Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

**⁴ Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to
what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.**

⁵ They will receive blessing from the LORD,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

**⁶ Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of
Jacob. Selah**

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

**⁸ Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle.**

⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰ Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah

Revelation 21:1-6a (bulletin bk. page) The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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

The holy gospel according to John the eleventh chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
John 11:32-44 (bulletin bk. page) The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Day by Day* (ELW 790)

APOSTLES' CREED (p. 105)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

(You will be invited forward to light a candle for those whom you grieve.

Using the materials provided, please light from the back to the front for safety.)

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY *How Great Thou Art* arr. by Patricia Sanders Cota (Chime Choir)

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (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 (p. 190) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might...**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HYMN *The Lord's Prayer* (GB 134)

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

COMMUNION SONG *Jerusalem, My Happy Home* (ELW 628)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In* (ACS 950)

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* arr. by John Carter

SPIRIT ART
A meditative study of scripture through art.
JOHN 11:32-44



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.

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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, November 3 (All Saints Sunday)

- Sunday school & BLTs: following worship
- Adult Forum: *The Chosen* (season 4): 10:15 am

Monday, November 4

- No Bible Study in November
- Pastor Molly vacation day

Tuesday, November 5 (Election Day)

Wednesday, November 6

- Quilting: 1:00 pm-4:30 pm (No quilting in December)
- Choir practice: 6:30 pm
- Pastor Molly vacation day

Next Sunday, November 10

- Worship: 9:00 am
- Sunday school & confirmation class: following worship
- Fellowship Hour: following worship
- Adult Forum: *The Chosen* (season 4): 10:15 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

THANK YOU: We would like to give a special thank you to all who helped trim trees and clean up at the cemeteries: Dave, Diane, Jeff, Julie, Ed, Victor, Bryon, Nicole, & Jean. Your help is greatly appreciated! *Mary Lou & Jerry, Cem. Comm*

McBRIDE FUNERAL CHAPELS EVENT: We are hosting a program for adults of all ages, and we'd like you to join us on November 12, 2024, at 6:00 pm, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 124 Maple St. N., Lester Prairie. Relax with your neighbors, enjoy dinner, and learn about the many spiritual, emotional, and financial benefits of making important decisions in advance. Find out what you can do to assist your parents or how you can make things easier for your children or other family members by planning ahead. Everyone who attends will receive a Funeral & Cremation Planning folder, planning assistance, and dinner. Featuring local experts-Biblical Beliefs on Life's Final Passage: Pastor Joseph Barlau; Advance Funeral Planning: Ali Willard, Prearrangement Consultant; Legal Tools: Lori Moldan, Attorney with Gavin, Janssen, Stabenow & Moldan, Ltd; Funeral and Cremation Options: Derek Zebell, Mackenzie Horstmann, and Kelly Roberts, Funeral Directors. Make your reservation by calling the funeral home at 320.864.3737. If you cannot attend the event but would like to receive the information, call the funeral home at the number listed above.

WHAT DOES CHRIST THE KING [SUNDAY] CELEBRATE? Christ the King is a Christian feast day that celebrates Jesus's kingship over the entire universe. It occurs on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, right before Advent. This year it will be on November 24. Join us for 9:00 am worship, fellowship and *PIE!*

APPLY NOW FOR ENDOWMENT GRANTS: Endowment grant applications will be accepted through November 30. Application forms are on the wall in the narthex. Please place completed applications in the Endowment Committee mailbox. The grants will be announced at the Annual Congregational meeting in January.

CHRISTMAS TREAT BAGS: Anyone wishing to donate cash toward the Christmas Treat bags, please contact Diane Horsman. These Treat bags will be given to the Sunday school children in December.

ADVENT 2024: Sunday, December 1, 2024, is the first day of Advent. Mid-week Advent services (*Light of the World*) will be December 4, 11, and 18, beginning at 6:30 pm. The choir will practice at 5:45 pm during Advent. The Sunday school children will present their Christmas program during worship Sunday, the 15th of December. Christmas Eve Candlelight worship service, with communion, will begin at 4:00 pm.