

WELCOME TO BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 13, 2024
21st 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 *Here I Am to Worship* arr. by Lyndell Leatherman

How Deep the Father's Love arr. by Mark Hayes and Marvin Gaspard

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

READINGS AND PSALM

AMOS 5:6-7, 10-15 (back page) The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 90:12-17 (read responsively)

¹² So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

¹³ **Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!**

¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵ **Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen evil.**

¹⁶ Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

¹⁷ **Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of
our hands—O prosper the work of our hands!**

HEBREWS 4:12-16 (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. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

MARK 10:2-16 (back page) The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Can You Feel the Seasons Turning* (ACS #1065)

APOSTLES' CREED (ELW p. 105)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION God of grace, **hear 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 *Kingsfold* arr. by Anne Krentz Organ (Chime Choir)

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 *We Come to the Hungry Feast* (ELW #479)

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 *God of Grace and God of Glory* (ELW #705)

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

POSTLUDE *To God All Glory Given* by Rachel Sawyer

OCTOBER 13, 2024

Time after Pentecost

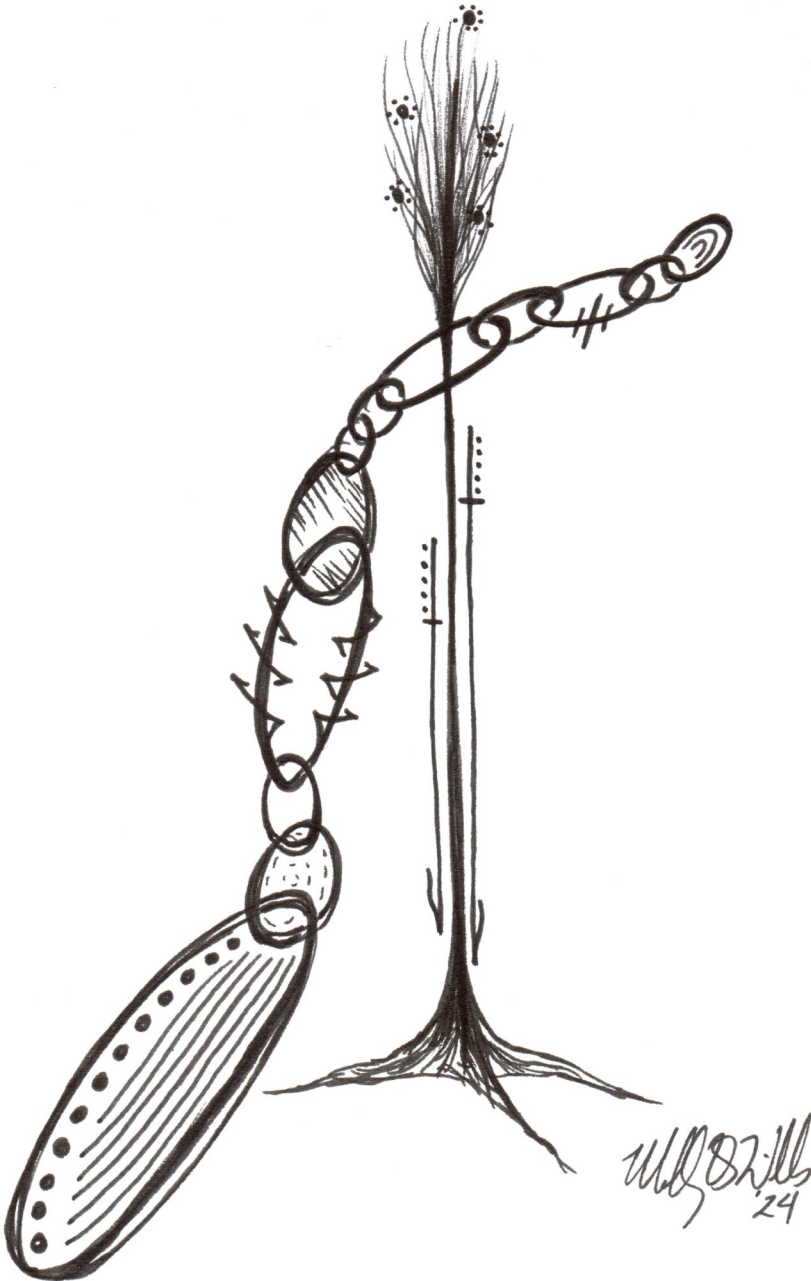
The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

Sundays and Seasons, Year B 2024

SPIRIT ART

A meditative study of scripture through art.

Mark 10:17-31



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**

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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, October 13

- Sunday school & Confirmation class: following worship
- Fellowship Hour: following worship
- Financial Stewardship/Endowment Giving Adult Forum: following worship
- BLTs outing to Big Stone Mini Golf: following confirmation class

Monday, October 14

- Bible study: 1:30 pm

Wednesday, October 16

- Quilting: 1:00 pm-4:30 pm
- Worship & Music Committee meeting: 2:00 pm
- Choir practice: 6:30 pm
- Book Club discussion: 7:30 pm, *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

Next Sunday, October 20

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



PRAYING FOR MORE...during Endowment 2024!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

CROW RIVER CONFERENCE FALL GATHERING: Bethel hosted this annual WELCA event on Saturday, September 28. Pastor Molly opened with a devotion, and Jan S. and Nicole W. provided beautiful music. Tammy Diehn, Founder/Exec Dir of 2B Continued, was our guest speaker. The mission of 2B Continued is to increase awareness of suicide prevention, mental health, and wellness through advocacy, education, and outreach. A total conference donation to Lutheran World Relief included 398 school kits, 47 personal care kits, 35 baby care kits, and 104 quilts. (Bethel's contribution to LWR was 29 quilts and 45 school kits.) Thanks to Dave H. for delivering the donation boxes to the LWR warehouse in St. Paul. Thank you to Nancy and Matt K. for using their enclosed trailer. Also, thank you to Bryon W., Dave H., Eric A., Jerry C., Lloyd W., and Mitch O. for loading the boxes into the trailer, serving brunch, and cleaning up afterward. (Several members of Bethel's WELCA thoroughly cleaned the church before the event! Thank you all for your hard work!)

BETHEL BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION: The Book Club will meet Wednesday, October 16 at 7:30 pm to discuss *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY: Check out our newly filled Little Free Library just outside the entrance to our building. Good reads are available for children, youth, and adults. Look for new titles added each month! Invite your friends and neighbors to make use of our library, too!

THE CHOSEN (SEASON 4) VIEWING: We will offer *The Chosen* (season 4) during Adult Forum at 10:15 am on Sundays beginning October 20. Join us with your coffee in our lower-level chapel area to discuss these engaging stories of Jesus and the disciples. Come whether or not you have viewed previous seasons! Or binge-watch to catch up by borrowing Bethel's DVDs or streaming the episodes. Speak to Jill Duncan if you have questions.

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: 2024 Equipping Congregations Day, Saturday, November 2, Peace Lu Ch, New London, MN, 8:30 am-3:00 pm. "Gather Us In" Keynote Speaker: Angie Larson, Executive Pastor at Calvary Lu Ch, Alexandria, MN, and a catered lunch by Azteca Mexican Restaurant. This Equipping Day will focus on many aspects of worship, from specific how-to ideas, and creative imaginations, to ways to welcome all people and extend the kind of hospitality that leads people to want to come back again and again and be part of this loving community!