

WELCOME TO BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 20, 2024
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Molly Wills, Pastor
Contemporary Service Jan Smith, Accompanist

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE *Lord Whose Love in Humble Service* arr. Mark Sedio
On Eagle's Wings with Be Thou My Vision arr. Carol Tornquist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONGS *Come Just As You Are* (Green Binder #58)
Great Are You Lord (Green Binder #41)

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE *Glory to You* (GB #54)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SONG *You Are My All in All* (GB #115)

WORD

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

READINGS AND PSALM

ISAIAH 53:4-12 (back page) The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 91:9-16 (read responsively)

⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling-place,

¹⁰ no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

**12 On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

**13 You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.**

14 Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

**15 When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.**

16 With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

HEBREWS 5:1-10 (back page) The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Help Us O Lord* (Dakota Road Music)
(Song leaders sing 1st time, All sing 2nd time)

**Help us O Lord to hear your word. Open our hearts to feel your word.
Give us strength to live your word each day.**

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

MARK 10:35-45 (back page) The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

SONG OF THE DAY *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* (ELW #659)

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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 *We Are an Offering* (ELW #692)

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG *Glorify Thy Name* (GB #83)

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.

BENEDICTION SONG *Blessing* (Dakota Road Music)

May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you. May God look upon you with favor and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace. Amen.

BLESSING

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

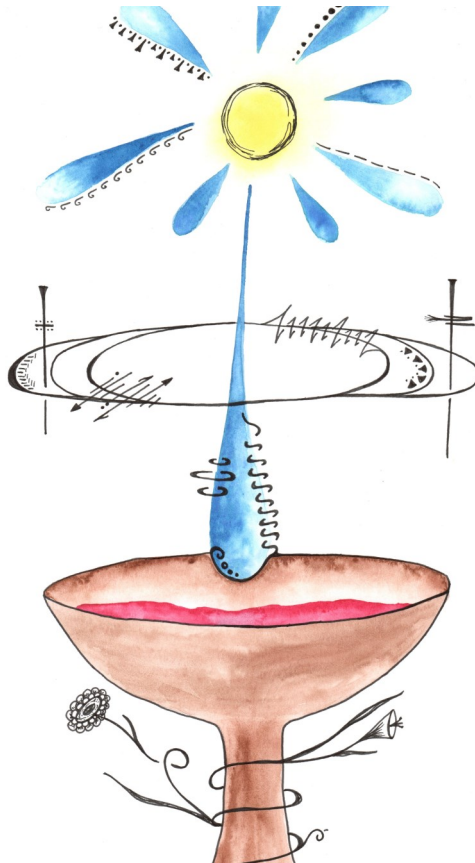
SENDING SONG *The Weaver's Hand* (GB #93)

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

POSTLUDE *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love* arr. Mark Sedio


SPIRIT ART

A meditative study of scripture through art.



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We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an




of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our



lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,



all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.



We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:



we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

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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 20

- Sunday school: following worship
- BLTs: following worship
- Adult Forum: *The Chosen* (season 4): 10:15 am
- Fellowship hour: join us after worship

Monday, October 21

- Bible study: 1:30 pm

Wednesday, October 23 (Pastor Molly out of the office)

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

Thursday, October 24

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

Next Sunday, October 27 (Reformation/Confirmation Sunday) (Wear Red!)

- Worship: 9:00 am
- Sunday school: following worship
- Confirmation class: following worship
- Adult Forum: *The Chosen* (season 4): 10:15 am
- Fellowship hour: join us after worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY: Check out our 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! If you are interested in attending sign up in the narthex. Bethel will cover your registration fee.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2024: During worship on November 3, we will name both your loved ones who have gone before us and those baptized since All Saints Day 2023. Also, there will be an opportunity to light a candle for any loved one you want to remember.