

WELCOME TO BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 27, 2024

Reformation Sunday

ELW, Setting 8

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 *On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand* arr. by William Bradbury

Grace Alone 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 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* (ELW 504)

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

GREETING (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 (p. 184) **Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way...**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (p. 185) **Glory to God in the highest, the highest...**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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 *A Song of Commitment* by Nancy Price and Don Besig
Terri Helland, Flute

WORD

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

READINGS AND PSALM

JEREMIAH 31:31-34 (bulletin bk. page) The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 46 (read responsively)

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

³though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
Selah

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

⁶The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.”

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

ROMANS 3:19-28 (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 eighth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

JOHN 8:31-36 (bulletin bk. page) The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Way* (ELW 517)

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (p. 234) Kyla Hodny and Hannah Smith

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 *On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand*, Bethel Brass

Bethel Brass: Nicole Weisenburger, McCoy Helland, and Adderly 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 (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) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might...**

LORD'S PRAYER (p. 191)

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

COMMUNION SONG *For By Grace You Have Been Saved* (ELW 598)

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 *Rise, Shine, You People* (ELW 665)

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

POSTLUDE *A Mighty Fortress* arr. by Wilbur Held

SPIRIT ART
A meditative study of scripture through art.
JOHN 8:31-36



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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THIS WEEK AT BETHEL...

Sunday, October 27 (Reformation and Confirmation)

- Sunday school & Confirmation class: following worship
- Confirmation Reception: following worship
- Adult Forum: *The Chosen* (season 4): 10:15 am
- Bethel Breakfast: 10:30 am, Longhorn's Burger House (No BF in Nov. & Dec.)

Monday, October 28

- Bible study: 1:30 pm (No Bible Study in Nov.)

Wednesday, October 30

- Quilting: 1:00 pm-4:30 pm (No quilting in Dec.)
- Choir practice: 6:30 pm

Friday, November 1 (All Saints Day)

Next Sunday, November 3 (Daylight Saving Time ends-*fall back 1 hour*)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

CONFIRMATION DAY: Kyla Hodny and Hannah Smith will affirm the promises of baptism and confess their faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit during worship today. You are invited to join them for refreshments following worship.

THE CHOSEN (SEASON 4) VIEWING: We will offer *The Chosen* (season 4) during Adult Forum at 10:15 am on Sundays. 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.

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! Sign up in the narthex if you are interested in attending this event!

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.

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.