

WELCOME TO BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 6, 2024
20th 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 *Dix* arr. by Charles Callahan
 The Gift of Love arr. by James Pethel

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

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM *Seek Ye First* arr. by Douglas Wagner

WORD

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

READINGS AND PSALM

GENESIS 2:18-24 (back page) The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 8 (read responsively)

¹O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

²Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

⁴what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁶You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

⁷all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

⁸the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

HEBREWS 1:1-4; 2:5-12 (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 *All Are Welcome* (ELW #641)

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 *Beach Spring* by Anne Krentz Organ (S Sax Solo by Terri 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)

SONG *The Lord's Prayer* (Green Binder #134)

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

COMMUNION SONG *Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue* (ELW #644)

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

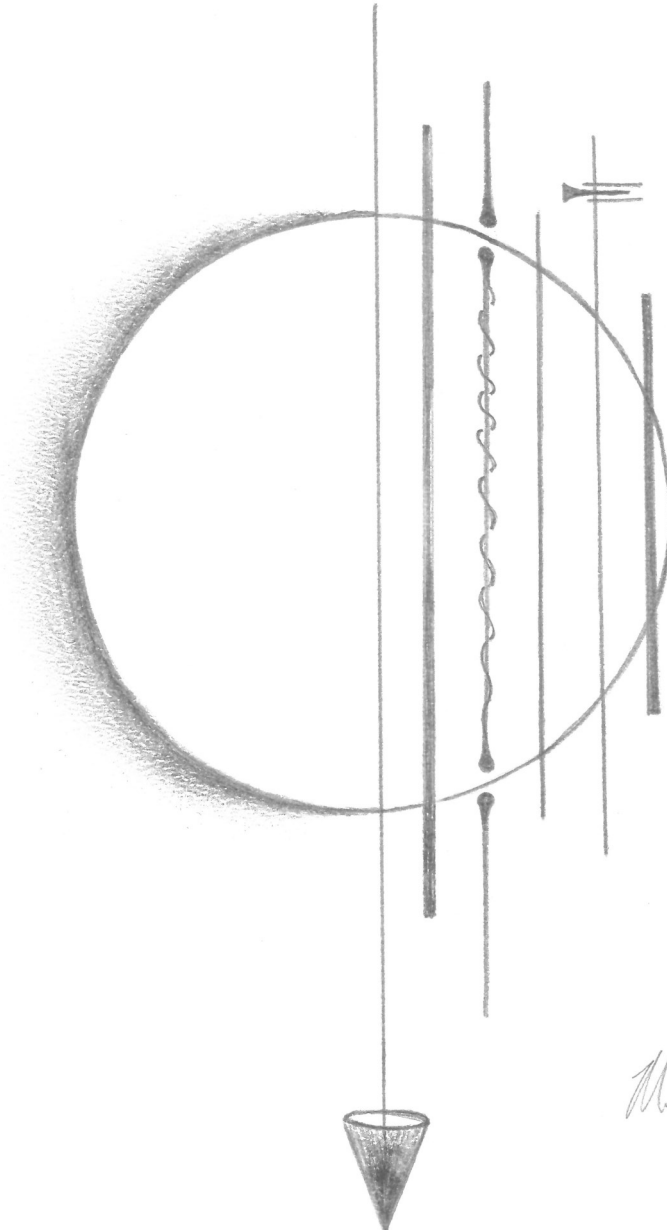
God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *Now Thank We All Our God* (ELW #839)

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

POSTLUDE *How Majestic is Your Name* setting by Peggy Bettcher

SPIRIT ART
A meditative study of scripture through art.
Mark 10:2-16



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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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THIS WEEK AT BETHEL...

Sunday, October 6

- Sunday school: following worship
- BLTs communion bread making: following worship
- Fellowship Hour: following worship

Monday, October 7

- No Bible study (Pastor Molly attending Fall Theological Conference)

Wednesday, October 9

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

Thursday, October 10

- MEFS Mobile Outreach: 2:30 pm-4:00 pm

Saturday, October 12

- Family Game Night: 6:00 pm

Next Sunday, October 13

- Worship: 9:00 am
- Sunday school: following worship
- Financial Stewardship/Endowment Giving Adult Forum: following worship
- BLTs outing to Big Stone Mini Golf: following confirmation class

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!)

FAMILY GAME NIGHT: This Saturday, October 12, 6:00 pm. Please bring a snack to share and your favorite game. See you then!

BLTs OUTING: We are going to Big Stone Mini Golf in Minnetrista on Sunday, October 13, leaving the church after confirmation. The cost is \$14, and a participation form is required. A sign-up sheet and the participation forms are on the bulletin board outside the offices or email Terri at terrihelland@gmail.com. Pack a lunch and dress for the weather-it's outside! We'll also be looking for adult volunteer drivers.

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 Lutheran Church, New London, MN, 8:30 am-3:00 pm. "Gather Us In" Key-note Speaker: Angie Larson, Executive Pastor at Calvary Lutheran Church, 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.



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