

## WELCOME TO BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 10, 2024

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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 Prelude on "Land of Rest" & Variations on "Hendon" arr. by David Lasky

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 *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us* (ELW 707)

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

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

### READINGS AND PSALM

1 Kings 17:8-16 (bulletin bk. page) The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

<sup>3</sup>Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**<sup>4</sup>When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

**<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**<sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!**

Hebrews 9:24-28 (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 Mark the twelfth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mark 12:38-44 (bulletin bk. page) The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

HYMN OF THE DAY *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* (ELW 678)

APOSTLES' CREED (p. 105)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Merciful God, **receive 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 *Take My Life and Let It Be*, Bethel Brass

### 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

LORD'S PRAYER (p. 191)

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

COMMUNION SONG *Blessed Assurance* (ELW 638)

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

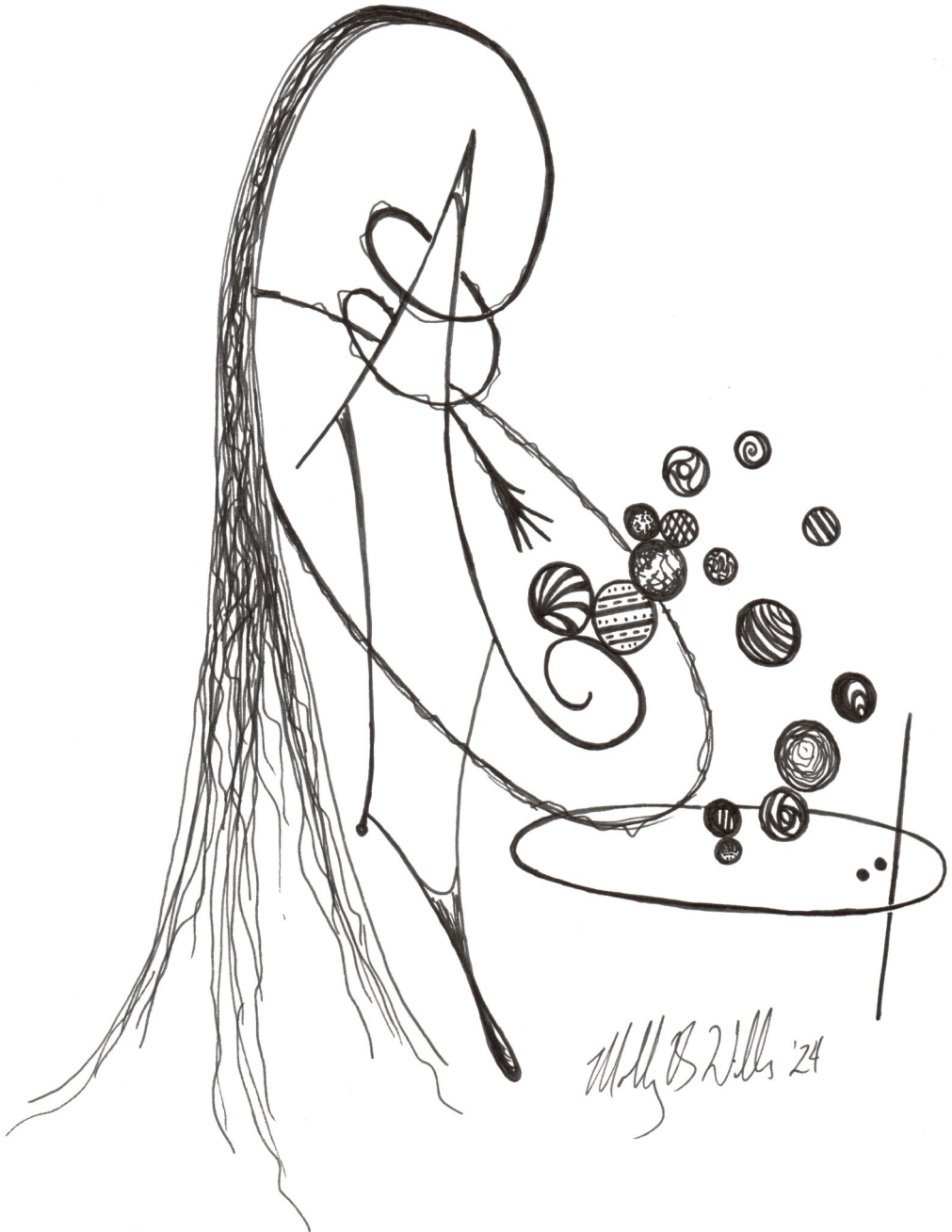
The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *Soon and Very Soon* (ELW 439)

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

POSTLUDE *Let All Things Now Living* arr. by Robert Hobby

SPIRIT ART  
A meditative study of scripture through art.  
Mark 12:38-44



# 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](mailto:bethellutheranlp@gmail.com). For emergency pastoral care needs, please call Pastor Molly Wills at 320-339-8169 or email [pastor@lpbethel.org](mailto:pastor@lpbethel.org).

**BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** Wednesdays at noon.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**CHURCH ADDRESS:** 77 Lincoln AVE N, **PO Box 207, Lester Prairie, MN**

**SIMPLY GIVING** offers convenience for you and much needed consistency for Bethel! If you have any questions, contact Stacy Meyer, Financial Secretary, at [finsec@lpbethel.org](mailto:finsec@lpbethel.org).

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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 10

- Sunday school, Confirmation, & 4<sup>th</sup> grade Ten Commandments class (older kids who have missed this class are welcome to attend): following worship
- Adult Forum: *The Chosen* (season 4): 10:15 am
- Fellowship hour: following worship

### Monday, November 11 (Veteran's Day)

- No Bible Study in November
- Worship & Music Committee meeting: 5:00 pm
- Council meeting: 6:00 pm

### Wednesday, November 13

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

### Thursday, November 14

- MEFS Mobile Outreach: 1:30-3:00 pm, Bethel parking lot

### Next Sunday, November 17

- Worship: 9:00 am (Ten Commandments class blessing & recognition)
- Sunday school, BLTs, & 1<sup>st</sup> grade Lord's Prayer class (older kids who have missed this class are welcome to attend): following worship
- Adult Forum: *The Chosen* (season 4): 10:15 am
- Fellowship Hour: following worship

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### **YOUTH MILESTONE CLASSES:**

TODAY- 4th grade Ten Commandments class (Nov. 17- blessing & recognition)

NOVEMBER 17- 1<sup>st</sup> grade Lord's Prayer class (Nov. 24- blessing & recognition)

JANUARY (date TBD)- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade God's Grace class: all classes follow the worship service. Older kids who have missed milestone classes are welcome to attend.

**BETHEL BOOK CLUB:** *The Pact* by Jodi Picoult, Discussion date: Wed., Nov. 20

**HOLIDAY SECRET PAL:** Sign up this season to be a Secret Pal! The sign-up sheet will be posted the 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> of November. Remember your secret pal with a gift once during Advent and with a revealing gift by Christmas or the New Year! Secret pals will be assigned by December 1-check your mailbox!

**NOVEMBER MCLEOD EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF COLLECTION:** WELCA will be collecting monetary donations throughout November. Special envelopes will be given out on Sunday, November 10, 17, & 24. Ways to donate: 1) Put your special envelope in the regular offering plate. 2) Mail your donation to Bethel Lutheran Church, PO Box 207, Lester Prairie, MN 55354. If not using a special envelope, please write *food shelf* in the memo line. Checks should be written out to *Bethel Lutheran Church*. The last day of the collection is Sunday, November 24.

**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!

**ENDOWMENT GRANTS:** Endowment grant applications will be accepted through November 30. Application forms are on the wall in the narthex. 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 on December 4, 11, and 18, at 6:30 pm. The Sunday School children will present their Christmas Program during worship on Sunday, December 15. A Birthday Party for Jesus will follow worship downstairs in the fellowship hall. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service, with holy communion, starts at 4:00 pm.

**WELCA ADVENT MISSION PROJECT:** Bethel WELCA has partnered with the Lester Prairie School Outreach Program to sponsor three local families this year. During Advent, a Christmas Giving Tree will have wish lists (tags) hung on the tree to take and purchase the item listed. On December 15, following worship, we will celebrate with a "Birthday Party for Jesus." Bring your unwrapped gift to the party; stay for gift wrapping, treats, crafts, and games! All are welcome!