

WELCOME TO BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 17, 2024

26th Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Molly Wills, Pastor

Emily Koehler, 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *Praise the Name of Jesus* (GB #4)

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE *Open Our Eyes* (GB #5)

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SONG *In Christ Alone* (GB #109)

WORD

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

READINGS AND PSALM

Daniel 12:1-3 (back page) The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16 (read responsively)

¹Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

²I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

³As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

⁴Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

¹⁰For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

¹¹You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Hebrews 10:11-14[15-18]19-25 (bk. page) The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Help Us O Lord (Dakota Road)*

(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 the thirteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mark 13:1-8 (back page) The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY *Open the Eyes of My Heart (GB #111)*

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 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 SONG *Peace Be Yours* (GB #85)

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.

WORD'S 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 *Prayer of St. Francis* (GB #2)

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.

BENEDICTION SONG *Blessing* (Dakota Road)

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

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

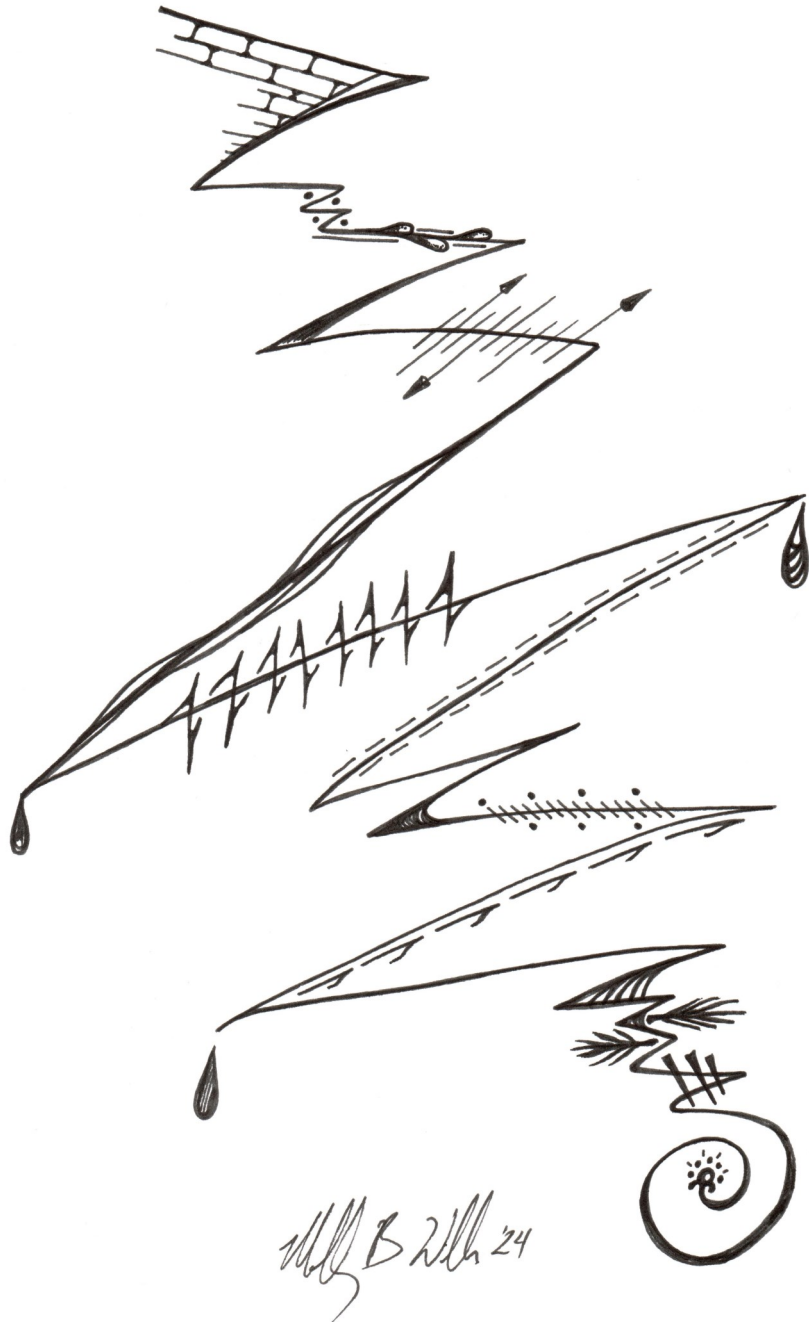
SENDING SONG *Do Justice* (GB #89)

SENDING WORDS Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

SPIRIT ART
A meditative study of scripture through art.
Mark 13: 1-8



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, November 17

- Worship: 9:00 am (Ten Commandments class blessing & recognition)
- Sunday school, BLTs, & 1st 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

Monday, November 18

- No Bible Study in November

Wednesday, November 20

- Quilting: 1:00 pm-4:30 pm (No quilting in December)
- Choir practice: 6:30 pm
- Bethel Book Club: 7:30 pm *The Pact* by Jodi Picoult

Next Sunday, November 24 (Christ the King)

- Worship: 9:00 am (1st grade Lord's Prayer class blessing & recognition)
- Sunday school, confirmation class: following worship
- Pie Social: following worship
- Bethel Breakfast will resume in January

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUTH MILESTONE CLASSES:

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

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

WOMEN'S HOLIDAY SECRET PAL: Sign up this season to be a Secret Pal! The sign-up sheet is posted TODAY! 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 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 next 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.

POINSETTIA SIGN UP: It is time to think about ordering poinsettias to adorn our sanctuary. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Thank you in advance!

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!