

Bethel Lutheran Church

SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2025 • ORDINARY TIME

Preacher
Pastor Jon Dahl
Communion Servers
Mary Bock & Nancy Geiger
Audio/Visual Booth
Mike Erickson & Jeff Johnson

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS
Assisting Minister
Pastor Kathy Hartley
Acolytes
Charlotte & Rosie Dimler
Altar Group
Laura Arne, Debbie Friedlein,
Eunie Pearson,
& Dee VanNiejehuis

Musician
Jane Kochis
Ushers
Linda Harris, Don Houseman, &
Wayne Reich
Fellowship Time
Janet Cunningham

Sun - September 28
9:15 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am Sunday School

Mon - September 29
9:30 am Women's Book Study

WEEKLY SCHEDULE
Tues - September 30
5:00 pm Yoga

Wed - October 1
10:00 am Matins
10:30 am Fellowship Time
6:00 pm Confirmation

Thurs - October 2
9:00 am Men's Bible Study
9:00 am Women's Bible Study
5:00 pm Yoga
Sat - October 4
8:00 am Yoga



WORSHIP PRAYER LIST

Aleah Auge, Richard Kloth, Judy Wetterling

BETHEL CHURCH NEWS

Bethel Financial Update

Through August 31, 2025

General Fund Income YTD: \$319,166

General Fund Expense YTD: \$352,285

Net Income YTD: -\$33,119

Building and Grounds Fund (Capital/Beautification) Balance: \$63,870

At the end of summer, our general fund has fallen behind more significantly than in recent years. Thank you for your continued financial giving and general stewardship toward Bethel. Bethel's overall financial position remains strong, and this has been a result of balancing our income and expenses for the past many years. Our leadership is committed to the effort of responsible yet hopeful and difference-making financial management and allocation.

Bethel Guys Gathering... invitation to all Bethel guys! Looking to get to know others from Bethel a little better? Looking for some good-natured conversation and fellowship around a table with wings, appetizers, and beverages? Join in with the Bethel Guys Gathering on Monday, September 29th, at Ruff's Wings and Sports Bar (E Hwy 12 next to The Green Mill) from 5:30pm – 7:00pm(ish). Further questions? Reach out to Pastor Jon at 320.441.9100 or jon@bethelwillmar.org. It would be great to see you there!

Bethel Adult Education... we're trying something new! Introducing "Tuesday Table" from Noon-12:45ish in Luther Hall. Soup, bread, and beverage provided. The first 15-20 minutes will be table fellowship, followed by 15-20 minutes of learning time, and concluding with 15 minutes of discussion time. The first "Tuesday Table" series will be on Oct 14, 21, 28, Nov 4 and 11, and our time will center on "The Sacred Disruption", a five-part film series with author and priest Dave Tomlinson. You will be invited into a spacious and grounded reimagining of what it means to follow the way of Jesus in our time – to rediscover faith as God inviting us into a journey of discovery, movement, and humble servanthood.

Bethel "Units"... All women are invited to join one of the units for Bible Study and fellowship. Units meet the first Tuesday of each month; AM unit at 9:30 and PM unit at 2:00 in the Friendship Room. You are welcome to join which unit works for you. Next date is October 7. Additionally, there is a unit that meets online on the 4th Monday of each month. For more information contact Helen Butler at 235-3498.

Quilters... The quilters meet the 2nd and 5th Thursday of the month at 9:00 am in Luther Hall. Can you tie a knot? We can use you to help tie quilts to be given to various agencies in the local area (NO sewing needed). Additional positions available are cutting, sewing squares together, and layering. Please consider joining us! October dates are Thursdays, October 9 and October 30. Fellowship is always included!

"God's Work, Our Hands" Food Packing Sunday at Bethel is Sunday morning, October 12th. This is our worship and fellowship for the day. Packing shifts will run from 8:30-9:15, 9:15-10:00, and 10:00-10:45 am in Luther Hall with rolls and beverages served throughout the morning. No signups this year – please just come for one of the shifts or two or three! Holy Communion will be available in the sanctuary from 9:00-10:00am. We look forward to another morning of packing some 20,000+ meals for people around our country and the world and having fun together in the basement of Bethel!

Interested in joining Bethel? A gathering for interested new members will be held on Wednesday, October 1st, from 7:00-7:45pm at Bethel. Enter through the south parking lot doors and Pastor Jon will be there to greet you. Any questions, contact Pastor Jon at 320.441.9100 or jon@bethelwillmar.org.

Bethel Lay Visitation... we have a group of people at Bethel who volunteer to do a once per month visit to elder individuals/couples who seek some additional social interaction in their lives. Mary Bock graciously coordinates the monthly schedule so there is significant flexibility when visits are made, and there is a monthly rotation of who visits whom, meaning lots of different connections are made over the course of some months. If you are interested in being a "visitor" or one who "receives a visit," please contact Pastor Jon, the church office, or Mary Bock. Pastor Jon - jon@bethelwillmar.org; Church office - servantcoordinator@bethelwillmar.org; Mary Bock - marybock@hotmail.com. Thank you!

BETHEL CHURCH INFO

Interested in info about Bethel? Do you have any questions about the church? Would you like more explanation about anything you see or are experiencing at Bethel? Send Pastor Jon a message at jon@bethelwillmar.org or 320.441.9100 or scan the QR code to share some information with us. We will be glad to connect with you!



Volunteers/servants/sponsorships are needed in the days and weeks ahead. See the schedule and opportunities and sign up on our website, www.bethelwillmar.org or by scanning the QR code (you can sign up as you anticipate the start of worship!) or by emailing our Servant Coordinator, Barb Blomquist, at servantcoordinator@bethelwillmar.org.

Offering is collected by our kids during "Noisy Coin Offering." All checks (unless otherwise noted in the memo line) and cash in envelopes will go toward Bethel's general offering. Any loose cash or change will go toward our Noisy Coin designation. This month's Noisy Coin offering will be going to the food pantry at Willmar's LSS Youth Resource Center. Offerings can also be given to Bethel through Venmo: [@bethelwillmar](https://www.venmo.com/bethelwillmar), or through our website.

Children... We encourage all kids to participate in worship. You are welcome to enjoy our "praground" located near the pulpit at any time during the service. This area has quiet toys and crafts with which young children can play.

Holy Communion... Here at Bethel EVERYBODY is welcome to the Lord's Table to receive the meal of Holy Communion. Jesus fed and ate with all – making the meal of Holy Communion God's gift to us, meeting us where we are to renew and forgive and fill us in the ways God knows we need. Therefore, everyone is welcome to come and receive the meal regardless of what your past or current church participation has been or is or hasn't been! Come and be fed OR come and receive a blessing. We are very glad to have you be part of this meal of God's love for all here at Bethel. (An usher will invite you forward pew by pew; gluten-free wafers are available and the wine is red and the juice is yellow. If you are unable to receive communion at the altar, please inform the usher and the Pastor will come to you.)

Watch from Home... While we encourage in-person worshipping on Sundays, we realize this simply isn't possible for everyone. Our worship can be viewed live on Sunday mornings at facebook.com/bethelinwillmar. They are also kept on Facebook to be viewed at a later date or time. The Willmar Access Channel airs our worship on channel 180, Sundays at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. and Tuesdays at 9am and 6pm.

PRELUDE

Jane Kochis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

Kyrie Eleison, Dakota Road

Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way. Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day.
For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all.
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!

Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way. Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day.
That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor.
That we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!

Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way. Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day.
For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family.
For life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!

Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way. Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day.
For your spirit to guide, that you center our lives in the water and the word.
That you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord!

Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way. Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day.
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LITANY OF CONFESSION AND HOPE

We gather as we are to live – in the name of our maker God, our helper God, and our keeper God. **Amen.**
Trusting in God's mercy and care, let us confess our hearts and minds in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for reflection.)

To our God who listens to our voice, we proclaim: **we are your people, holy and mighty yet also stiff-necked and selfish. We graciously give to others and yet we also grumble greatly about your grace to others. Have mercy on us, forgive us, and rejoice over us and all people, easing tensions, lessening grumbling, and turning us to new ways of living and of being.**

God, you invite us to live generous lives, trusting that you have given us to each other to work together: in service to our neighbors, in love for all creation, and in proclamation of your good news for all. You proclaim to us forgiveness, you proclaim to us that you will fill us with a new spirit, that we might serve you, your people, and your created world in and through Bethel and all the places where we live and have our being. You are faithful. Give us a deeper scoop of that good faith today. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

The Journey of Praise, Dakota Road

We are all on a journey from the cradle to the grave.

We are given life through the price our Savior had to pay.

Oh let our hearts praise the Lord. Oh let our hands praise the Lord.

Oh let our voices praise the Lord. Oh let our lives praise the Lord.

We can feel suffering. There is someone near in need.

We are given choice, hearts, hands, voice. They are within our reach.

Oh let our hearts praise the Lord. Oh let our hands praise the Lord.

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TIME FOR YOUTH

SHARING OF PEACE

MUSICAL OFFERING

Fill My Cup and *Sanctuary*, Bethel Sunday School Kids

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:19-31

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house ²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Jonathan Dahl

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service, #712

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

We believe in God, the source of all life, wholeness, and love. We believe that God is revealed in Jesus Christ. We believe that in his life, Jesus reveals God in grace, mercy, forgiveness, and justice, and that in his death, Jesus reveals God's determined presence in the world even in the face of hatred, violence, and pain. We believe that in his resurrection, Jesus reveals God calling us to abundant life both now and forever; life beyond our fearful and fragile imaginations. We believe that God lives among us, within us, and through us by the power of the Holy Spirit. We believe that God moves us to be together in communities of faith, hope, and love. We believe these things not out of certainty but out of faith; as one who trusts in the reality of God revealed in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING SONG

All offering can be collected by the children at this time. All check and envelope offerings will go toward the Bethel General Fund unless otherwise indicated. Offerings can also be given to Bethel through Venmo: @bethelwillmar, or through our website. Any loose cash or change will go towards this month's Noisy Coin designation, the food pantry at Willmar's LSS Youth Resource Center.

This Little Light of Mine, #677

This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine; ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

WORDS OF PROMISE FOR THE MEAL OF HOLY COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE MEAL

If you are unable to receive communion at the altar, inform the usher and the Pastor will come to you.

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts, #658

O Jesus, joy of loving hearts, the fount of life, the light of all:
from ev'ry bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.

We taste you, ever-living bread, and long to feast upon you still;
we drink of you, the fountainhead; our thirsting souls from you we fill.

For you our restless spirits yearn, where'er our changing lot is cast;
glad, when your smile on us you turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay! Make all our moments fair and bright!
Oh, chase the night of sin away! Shed o'er the world your holy light.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell, #883

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell; come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make.
We are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

Oh, enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good: his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

To Gather, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heav'n and earth adore,
from us and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore.

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises, #535

(refrain-sing twice) Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness.

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Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger.

Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger. (refrain)

Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel.

Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel. (refrain)

BLESSING

Now may the meal of Holy Communion that is in you be a source of strength, forgiveness, and belonging. For you are part of the circle of God – Creator, Redeemer, and Keeper. Now go and make the circle of God larger this week. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness, #765

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**Lord, of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

