

# Bethel Lutheran Church

## NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2025 • CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

#### *Preacher*

Pastor Jonathan Dahl

#### *Musician*

Jane Kochis

#### *Acolytes*

Taylah & Tegan Sobkowiak

#### *Communion Servers*

Jason Collins & Doug Dockter

#### *Audio/Visual Booth*

Justin DeLeeuw & Jeff Johnson

#### *Ushers*

Dale & Shannon Becker,  
Matt Gottwald, &  
Mac Habicht

#### *Fellowship Time Servers*

Annika & Hattie Dahl, and  
Charlotte & Rosie Dimler

### WORSHIP PRAYER LIST

Aleah Auge, Karen Buschel,  
Howard Jensen, Pat Johannes,  
Karen Nelson, Judy Wetterling

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### *Sun - November 23*

9:15 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Time

10:30 am Sunday School

#### *Mon - November 24*

9:30 am Women's Book Study

5:30 pm Unit Meeting (online)

#### *Tues - November 25*

5:00 pm Yoga

#### *Wed - November 26*

10:00 am Thanksgiving Eve Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Time

7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship

8:00 pm Fellowship Time

#### *Thurs - November 27*

Thanksgiving  
Bethel is Closed

#### *Sat - November 29*

8:00 am Yoga

### BETHEL STAFF

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## BETHEL CHURCH NEWS

*Bethel Financial Update* (Through October 31)

General Fund Income YTD: \$392,877

Budgeted YTD: \$431,375

General Fund Expense YTD: \$430,163

Budgeted YTD: \$431,375

Net Income YTD: -\$37,286

Building and Grounds Fund (Capital/ Beautification) Balance: \$63,419

\*Thank you for your continued financial support of Bethel's ministry and mission! We believe that, together, we are a sparkplug of love, a sparkplug of hope, and a sparkplug of God's caring and redeeming ways to our community and the greater world!

*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 food, appetizers, and beverages? Join in with the next Bethel Guys Gathering on Monday, November 24th 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!

*A Collaborative Thanksgiving Eve Worship* with Bethel, Eagle Lake, Ebenezer, First Presbyterian, and Tripolis will be held on Wednesday, November 26th, at 7:00 pm at Bethel. Pie and fellowship following the Thanksgiving Eve worship in Luther Hall. Sign up to bring a pie outside the church office. Thanksgiving Eve Matins worship will also be held at 10:00 am in the chapel on Nov 26th.

*Christmas Lunch...* All are invited to a Christmas lunch on December 17th following the 11:00 am Advent Holden Prayer service. A meal from McMillians will be served in Luther Hall. Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased by December 10th. Sign up outside the office.

## *Save the Dates For the Holiday Season:*

\*Sunday, November 30th – First Sunday in Advent; Church Decorating following Worship

\*Wednesday, December 10th – Advent Holden Prayer Worship at 6:30 pm in the Chapel

\*Saturday, December 13th – Sunday School Program Practice at 10:00 am

\*Sunday, December 14th – Bethel Christmas Program at 9:15 am followed by our Lucia Day Celebration and Fellowship in Luther Hall

\*Wednesday, December 17th – Advent Holden Prayer at 11:00 am in the Chapel followed by a Christmas Dinner in Luther Hall

\*Wednesday, December 24th – Christmas Eve Worship at 4:00 pm and 10:00 pm

\*Wednesday, December 31st – New Year's Eve Matins Worship at 10:00 am in the Chapel followed by Fellowship

## *Christmas Program Singing Opportunity...*

Bethel's Christmas Program is fast approaching and we need YOU to help out as a singer! Youth (Grades 5-12) and adults are invited to be a part of the choir. We plan to rehearse on Wednesday, December 3rd and Wednesday, December 10th at 7:00 pm in the choir loft. If needed, we will schedule a third rehearsal for Saturday, December 13th at 11:00 am. Those who would like to participate in singing the traditional Lucia song at the Christmas Program will practice on December 10th at 5:50 pm.

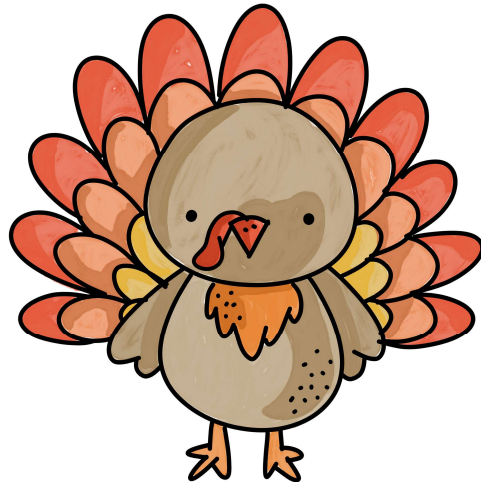
*Noisy Coin...* For the month of November, our Noisy Coin offering will be split three ways with 1/3 going to the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf, 1/3 going to the Good Samaritan Fund of the Willmar Area Community Foundation, and 1/3 going to United Community Action Agency. The Noisy Coin will be counted each week and \$500 will be added to the total every week from Bethel's Community Outreach Fund for the five Sundays of November. **For the third week of November, \$1,129.81 was sent to each of these entities for a total of \$3,389.43, plus \$1000 given specifically for the food shelf.** Thank you for your participation in this effort! We give thanks that the federal government is running once again.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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 towards this month's Noisy Coin designations, the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf, Good Samaritan Fund, and United Community Action Agency. 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 "prayground" 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](https://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.

## COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFO

*Lutheran Social Services of MN...* Bethel is the Willmar hub for LSS' Meals on Wheels program. Four routes bring meals to approximately 40-50 units on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Routes depart between 10:30-11:00 am and are typically completed within one hour.

## PRELUDE

Jane Kochis

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING HYMN

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives! #619*

(vs. 1-4)

**I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my ever-living head!**

**He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save;  
he lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.**

**He lives to grant me rich supply; he lives to guide me with his eye;  
he lives to comfort me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's complaint.**

**He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears;  
he lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives all blessings to impart.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We gather as we are to live – in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Drawn to this providing and life-giving God, let us confess our hearts and minds – our love, our shortcoming, our hopes, hurts, and dreams...

**Mighty yet merciful God, You are our shepherd, and yet we want. We lie down when we could act, we stir the pot when we could offer peace, we wander tempting paths instead of following you. We seek courage and comfort in things rather than in you. We refuse to break bread with too many, we see scarcity even when you offer abundance and enough. We pray for forgiveness, for your goodness and mercy, so that we might dwell in You, in your grace, forever. Amen.**

Hear the good news: there is abundance upon this earth. There is abundance in you. There is enough in you. You are created in the wonderful image of God, and so is everyone else, and so is all of creation. God says this: "This day, like all days, you are made anew. You are created for a time such as this. Join me in the gift of stewardship – the gift of risking and sharing ourselves for the sake of love and care for all that which surrounds us." **Amen.**

## TIME FOR YOUTH

## SHARING OF PEACE

### GOSPEL READING

Luke 23:33-43

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

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

### MESSAGE

Pastor Jonathan Dahl

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Shepherd Me, O God, #780*

(refrain) **Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.**

**God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows, of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. (refrain)**

**Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. (refrain)**

**Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side,  
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. (refrain)**

**You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,  
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. (refrain)**

**Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of God forevermore. (refrain)**

## 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 designations, the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf, Good Samaritan Fund, and United Community Action Agency.

*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.

*For the Fruit of All Creation, #679*

**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor, God's will is done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

*Beautiful Savior, #838*

**Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!**

*We Are an Offering, #692*

(sung twice through)

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.  
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.**

## PRAYER AND BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace, now and forevermore. And may God grant you, from our worship together today, a faithful and courageous heart for the week ahead. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives! #619*

(vs. 5-8)

**He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.**

**He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; he lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!**

**He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.**

**He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
What joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your harvest. **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

