

Bethel Lutheran Church

SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2025 • ORDINARY TIME

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Preacher
Pastor Jon Dahl

Communion Servers
Connie Cecil
& Pat Johannes

Musician
Lois Dahl

Ushers
Laura Arne, Steve Medin,
& Kevin Strandberg
Audio/Visual Booth
Mike Erickson & Jeff Johnson

Acolytes
Jacob & Jilliah Skretvedt

Altar Group
Laura Arne, Debbie Friedlein,
Eunie Pearson,
& Dee VanNiejehuis

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun - September 7
9:15 am Worship
10:30 am Rally Day Fellowship &
Activities

Mon - September 8
9:30 am Women's Book Study

Tues - September 9
12:00 pm Box Elders @ Bethesda
5:00 pm Yoga

Wed - September 10
10:00 am Matins
10:30 am Fellowship Time
11:30 am Matins Movie
5:30 pm Confirmation @ Dahls'

Thurs - September 11
9:00 am Men's Bible Study
9:00 am Quilters
5:00 pm Yoga

Sat - September 13
8:00 am Yoga

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FARM FRESH FAITH

WORSHIP PRAYER LIST

Aleah Auge, Richard Kloth

BETHEL CHURCH NEWS

Bethel Sunday School... Sunday School (now offered for kids in preschool - 4th grades) is set to begin on Sunday, September 14th, in our Sunday School classroom on 2nd floor following worship from 10:30-11:15 am. We will be using our newly purchased Story Bible Holy Moly this year.

Faith Formation Update... We have configured a new format for our faith formation age groupings here at Bethel. Bethel's Sunday School kids (preschool age through 4th grades) will continue to have Sunday School following worship on Sundays. Our confirmation grades will now include 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades and will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings in Luther Hall. This year, both 5th & 6th graders will receive their student Bibles on Sunday, September 14th.

The following will stay the same:

5th graders will receive their First Communion in the spring of their 5th grade year.

6th graders will begin acolyting and receive training this fall.

Confirmation students will be confirmed in the fall of their 9th grade year.

Come All You People / Hymn Sing... It's time to sing again! Youth and adults are encouraged to be part of Come All You People – a time of worship & singing on Sunday, September 21st! If you wish to be part of the BEAGLE (Bethel & Eagle Lake) choir, we will meet in the choir loft from 4-6pm. Following rehearsal, EVERYONE is welcome to gather in Luther Hall for a meal. The Come All You People / Hymn Sing will begin at 7pm in the sanctuary.

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, 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFO

2025 Willmar Welcoming Week... Saturday, September 13th, 2-6 pm, at the corner of 6th St SW and Litchfield Ave SW in Downtown Willmar. This is an event where new ideas start, friendships are built, and cultures are celebrated. Event highlights include: Taste the World, Experience Willmar’s Global Cultures, and Finding Community Resources.

Family Promise of Kandiyohi County... Family Promise (the shelter where families live is in the northern portion of downtown Willmar) exists to serve homeless families in our area and help them stabilize their family, work life, and help them secure housing. Bethel is a sponsor church, and we partner with The Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus our Living Water to provide a week of food through grocery shopping and providing 3 hot meals every 10-12 weeks. Currently, Family Promise is serving: Family of 3 (Father 34, Daughter 12, Son 9), Family of 3 (Father 48, Mother 38, 4year old), Family of 2 (Husband 26 & Wife 25), Family of 4 (Mother 31, Daughter 10, Daughter 5, Daughter 3), Family of 3 (Mother 34, Son 8, Daughter 2), Family of 3 (Mother 33, Son 15, Daughter 9) Single Female 43. If you are interested in helping with or financially giving to this ministry, please contact Pastor Bob Dahl at rldahl1@charter.net or 320.262.5295.

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

Lois Dahl

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

Earth and All Stars, #731

**Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!**

**Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!**

**Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers! Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!**

**Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band! Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!**

**Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!**

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise and Thanksgiving, #689

Praise and thanksgiving, God we would offer for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown field, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you, harvesting, milling for daily bread.

Father, providing food for your children, by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing with us, all others may know your care.

Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people, freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger; your love sustaining showers the land.

TIME FOR YOUTH

SHARING OF PEACE

GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:25-33

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Jonathan Dahl

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lift High the Cross, #660

(refrain) **Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.**

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (refrain)

All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brows the seal of him who died. (refrain)

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. (refrain)

So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory! (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 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.

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me, #860

I'm so glad I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, halleluah! Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways, #772

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his statutes still!

Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!

Order my footsteps by your word and make my heart sincere;
let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.

Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep;
and should I e'er forget your way, restore your wand'ring sheep.

Make me to walk in your commands, 'tis a delightful road;
nor let my head or heart or hands offend against my God.

We Are Marching in the Light of God, #866

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching, we are marching in the light of God.

We are dancing...

We are praying...

We are singing...

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

Light Dawns on a Weary World, #726

Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.

Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes. (refrain)

(refrain) **The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!**

**We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.**

Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed.

Love grows in a weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes. (refrain)

Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn.

Hope blooms in a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes. (refrain)

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE