

# Bethel Lutheran Church

AUGUST 24TH, 2025 • ORDINARY TIME

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

<i>Preacher</i> Pastor Bob Dahl	<i>Assisting Minister</i> Pastor Jonathan Dahl
<i>Communion Servers</i> Doug Dockter & Nancy Geiger	<i>Musician</i> Jane Kochis
<i>Ushers</i> Dahl Family, Barb Enger, & Brian Kelp	<i>Acolytes</i> Annika Dahl & Sarah Kelp
<i>Fellowship Time</i> Benson & Johnson Families	<i>Altar Group</i> Pat Hagen, Jackie Payne, & Kathy Thonvold
<i>Audio/Visual Booth</i> Dahls & Jeff Johnson	

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<i>Sun - August 24</i> 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship Time	<i>Wed - August 27</i> 10:00 am Matins 10:30 am Fellowship Time
<i>Mon - August 25</i> 9:30 am Women's Book Study	<i>Thurs - August 28</i> 9:00 am Men's Bible Study 5:00 pm Yoga
<i>Tues - August 26</i> 5:00 pm Yoga	<i>Sat - August 30</i> 8:00 am Yoga

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## WORSHIP PRAYER LIST

Aleah Auge, Richard Kloth, Dan Hanson and family upon the death of Tammy

## BETHEL CHURCH NEWS

*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, August 25th, at Ruff's Wings and Sports Bar (E Hwy 12 next to The Green Mill) from 5:30pm – 7:00pm(ish). We anticipate this being a monthly event on the 4th (or 5th) Monday evening of every month where you are welcome as you can make it. No perfect attendance required whatsoever, and the faith component is the relational element of gathering. Further questions? Reach out to Pastor Jon at 320.441.9100 or [jon@bethelwillmar.org](mailto:jon@bethelwillmar.org). It would be great to see you there!

*Farm Fresh Faith Rally Sunday...* Howdy, partners in faith! Get ready to moo-ve your boots and harvest some joy at this year's Rally Day on Sunday, September 7th, following worship! Families, kids, big kids and adults are all welcome to gather in our north outdoor patio space to enjoy LuLu Bean's coffee, treats, activities, crafts and animals. Yes, Y'all - we said, "Animals!" Feel free to dress the part – strap on those bib overalls, tie that bandana or wear whatever farming flair you can find! Can't wait to see you – it should be a barn-load of fun!

*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.

*Bethel Trip to the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum...* Monday, September 8, 2025; cost is \$42/person. If you have any questions, please talk with Beverly Baseman.

*Come All You People / Hymn Sign...* 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.

*Birthday Celebration...* All are invited today following worship in Luther Hall, to celebrate and eat cake in honor of Phillip Johnson's and Kari Benson's birthdays.

*Dear Bethel,* Ron brought me to Bethel to be part of this Bethel family. How blessed we have been to be here together! You have shown the love of Jesus in so many ways to us and to our son, Phillip. We as a family want to thank you for all the caring and love shown in Ron's recent sickness and death. God's blessing to each of you as we serve God together. ~Jean Johnson (on behalf of all our family)

### 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 toward our Noisy Coin designation. This summer's Noisy Coin offering will be going to Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. They are amid a capital campaign of \$1.3 million to further update their sites and facilities including some of the main buildings at Shores of St. Andrew. Bethel has committed to a gift of \$25,000 over the next 18 months. Raising a small portion of that through our noisy coin is a great way to remember and give thanks for all the kids (and adults) who have been blessed by attending camp at Shores of St. Andrew or Green Lake Bible Camp and being excited about a continued future of camping ministry in our church! 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 "playground" 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.

## 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!**

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## TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

## TIME FOR YOUTH

## SHARING OF PEACE

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:10-17

<sup>10</sup> Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

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

## MESSAGE

Pastor Bob Dahl

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Healer of Our Every Ill, #612*

(refrain) **Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

**You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;**

**Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.**

(refrain)

**In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love. (refrain)**

**Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;**

**Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. (refrain)**

**You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing;**

**Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. (refrain)**

## 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, Green Lake Lutheran Ministries.

*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.

*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.**

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee, #697*

(refrain) **Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea;  
daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**I am weak but thou art strong: Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.** (refrain)

**Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.** (refrain)

**When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;  
guide me gently, safely o'er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.** (refrain)

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying, #752*

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

### PRAYER AND BLESSING

You have gathered us at the table, God, and we ate and drank of your Spirit. Now may God bless you in this way - may the love of God fill your body, may the grace of Jesus fill your heart; and may the flow of the Spirit move in your being to help fill a world in need. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing, #886*

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and king, the triumphs of his grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.**

**The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,  
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.**

**He speaks, and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.**

**Look unto him, your Savior own, O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!**

**To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.**

### DISMISSAL

Go forth with passion and purpose and renewed faith and hope! **Thanks be to God!**

### POSTLUDE



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