

# • Bethel Lutheran Church •

NOVEMBER 24TH, 2024 • CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### *Sun - November 24*

9:15 am Worship  
10:30 am Fellowship  
10:30 am Sunday School  
11:15 am Beagle Bells  
Practice

### *Mon - November 25*

9:30 am Women's  
Book Study  
5:30 pm Unit Meeting

### *Tues - November 26*

5:00 pm Yoga

### *Wed - November 27*

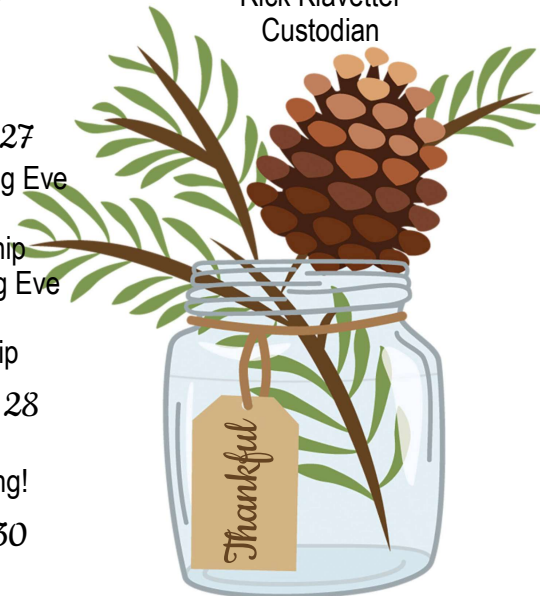
10:00 am Thanksgiving Eve  
Service  
10:30 am Fellowship  
7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve  
Service  
8:00 pm Fellowship

### *Thurs - November 28*

Bethel is closed  
Happy Thanksgiving!

### *Sat - November 30*

8:00 am Yoga



## BETHEL CHURCH NEWS

*A Collaborative Thanksgiving Eve Worship* between Bethel and Eagle Lake will be held on Wednesday, November 27th, at 7:00 pm at Bethel. Bells, choirs, singing, scripture, and prayer will all be part of worship. The traditional Bethel Thanksgiving Service will be held at 10:00 am in the Chapel. Pie and fellowship following each service in Luther Hall. Sign up to bring a pie outside the church office.

*Mark Your Calendars* for the beginning of Advent on Sunday, December 1st. Worship at 9:15 am with a short Sunday School time following. Additionally, after worship, we will hold our annual “decorate the church” for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Many hands make light work. Get in the spirit as we get Bethel ready for the upcoming holiday season. New decorators are invited to join seasoned decorators to put forth some traditional and new flairs of Bethel “all dressed up” for Advent and Christmas. We are typically finished by 11:15-11:30 with the decorating.

*Adult/Youth Choir Rehearsals* for the Christmas Program are scheduled for Sunday, December 1st, following worship, and Wednesday, December 4th, from 7:15-8:15 pm. All rehearsals will be in the sanctuary choir loft.

*Ukraine Solar Light Project...* we have reached our community goal of raising \$12,500 to assemble and ship 100 solar power packs/lights to Ukraine. Bethel raised \$4,306.11 and some gave their financial gift in honor of a special someone. The assembly date for these lights is now scheduled for Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30pm at Vinje Lutheran. Thank you for your support of this “be the light” project.

*The Bethel Christmas Program*, “Light of the World” will be held on Sunday, December 8th, at 10:30 a.m. This will be the worship time for that day! Following the program, you are invited downstairs for the Scandinavian Meal sponsored by our Bethel Youth that will begin at approximately 11:30 a.m. The menu includes Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, dinner roll, corn, dessert, and beverages. You can sign up and pay starting today in Luther Hall, in the church office during the week, or online at [bethelwillmar.org](http://bethelwillmar.org) under Offering/Payments. We’re asking that you please sign up and pay by Wednesday, December 4th. Adult tickets (ages 12 & up) \$15, child tickets (ages 6-11) \$10, and immediate family cap of \$50.

*Bethel Mid-Week Advent Worship...* join in the beautiful music and worship of “Holden Evening Prayer” on the Wednesdays of December 11 and 18 at 6:30pm in the Bethel Chapel. This 30-minute worship will deepen our anticipation for the hope and joy of Christmas.

*Lucia Day...* will be celebrated on Sunday, December 15th following our Sunday worship. Fellowship and delicious goodies will be served in Luther Hall beginning at approximately 10:30 a.m. with the Lucia program slated for 10:50 a.m. A signup for bringing cookies/goodies and/or volunteering on the 15th or the 12th (with decorating) is located on the bulletin board outside the church office.

*Christmas Services* will be held Christmas Eve at 4:00 and 10:00 pm, and Christmas Day at 10:00 am.

## 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 designation, ELCA World Hunger. 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.)

*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 Bethel’s worship on channel 180 on Sundays at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. as well as Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

## COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFO

*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, Daughter 3, Daughter 4), Single Female 60, Family of 2 (Mother, Daughter 9), Single Female 59, Family of 3 (Mother, Son 16, Son 9 Mother has them on the weekends), Family of 4 (Father 34, Daughter 12, Son 9, Grandfather 60). Bethel’s next week of providing food/meals is Nov 4-10, 2024. If you are interested in helping with or financially giving to this ministry, please contact Pastor Bob Dahl at [rldahl@charter.net](mailto:rldahl@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 10:30-11:00am and are typically completed within one hour.

## PRELUDE

Jane Kochis

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING HYMN

*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)

### A TIME OF CONFESSING AND FORGIVING

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 promises to make all things new (silence is kept for reflection).

Eternal One, **we confess that there are many things that take hold of us and we are complicit to their power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the water of rebirth, that we may live substantial and purposeful lives for the good of your world and to the care of your neighbors, following in the servant and humble way of Jesus. Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true: Jesus went to the cross and endured death that we might know what God intends life to be. And then God shares with us and puts in us the gifts of this life: grace, forgiveness, and love. Let our hearts and spirit be filled with this good news and this good way. **Amen.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*, #632

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home;**

**Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.**

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.

## TIME FOR YOUTH

## SHARING OF PEACE

## SCRIPTURE READING

John 18:33-37

<sup>33</sup> Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup> Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup> Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

## MESSAGE

Pastor Kathy Hartley

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Shine, Jesus, Shine, #671*

(refrain) **Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

**Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me: (refrain)**

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me: (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

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## 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, ELCA World Hunger.

*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

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*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.

*We Walk by Faith, #635*

We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."

We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;  
but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound  
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:

For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine:  
beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.

And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light  
may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

*Jesus, Remember Me, #616*

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

## BLESSING

May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy, and may the Lord always look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less, #596*

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. (refrain)**

(refrain) **On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. (refrain)**

**His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood;  
when all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay. (refrain)**

**When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,  
clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne! (refrain)**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace and follow Jesus! **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

