

Bethel Lutheran Church

APRIL 27TH, 2025

THE EASTER SEASON

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun - April 27

9:15 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Time
10:30 am Sunday School

Mon - April 28

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

Tues - April 29

5:00 pm Yoga

Wed - April 30

10:00 am Matins
10:30 am Fellowship Time
4:45 pm JuBellant Ringers

Thurs - May 1

9:00 am Women's Bible
Study
9:00 am Men's Bible Study
5:00 pm Yoga

Sat - May 3

8:00 am Yoga
9:30 am First Communion
Class

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Preacher

Pastor Kathy Hartley

Assisting Minister

Pastor Jonathan Dahl

Musician

Jane Kochis

Acolytes

Sawyer Dahl & Izaiah Geer

Communion Servers

Alyssa Abrahamson & Kevin Dahl

Ushers

John Hartley, Roger Holmgren,
Jon Rambow, & Ron Werder

Altar Group

Teri Beyer, Corinne Dahl,
Karen Ochsendorf, & Darcy Roisum

Audio/Visual Booth

Jason & Katie Collins, & Jeff Johnson

Fellowship Time

Mike & Sandy Gardner

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WORSHIP PRAYER LIST

Aleah Auge, Greg Brandt, Joyce Dittman, Tammy Hanson, Sue Klavetter, Richard Kloth

BETHEL CHURCH NEWS

The Elevator Project has Begun! The Bethel elevator came into being in the 1970s and very little has been done to it since. This project, which is a mandatory “modernization” according to code that will include significant mechanical and electrical upgrades, will take approximately 10-15 workdays. Therefore, for the upcoming worships of today, Sunday, April 27, Wednesday, April 30, and possibly Sunday, May 4, and Wednesday, May 7, the elevator will be out of operation. We will have helpers available with navigating steps, but please plan accordingly. We apologize for this disruption – the project was originally slated for next fall, but the elevator company had open time, so we decided to proceed and get it completed now. The cost of the elevator code update is roughly \$125,000. Bethel will be using reserve funds and capital/beautification funds for the project. Any financial gift toward this effort would be welcomed to replenish our capital/beautification fund. Thank you.

“Forum Time” in Luther Hall Today! Pastor Jon will give a Bethel update on happenings and events, and you can “ask the pastor” anything!

Day camp... Vacation Bible School Day Camp will be available this summer for kids who have just completed grades K-5. The camp will be offered July 14-17 at Shores of St. Andrew. Register at gllm.org and use discount code “2025WILLMAR” to receive \$100 off the cost. With the discount, the cost is \$65 per camper.

A Better Conversation - Depolarizing Ourselves Workshop... Sunday, April 27th, 3-4:30 pm at Bethel. For people of faith, civil discourse begins in recognizing the image of God in our conversation partner. Since we are all children of God, our approach should involve mutual respect. Respect, not agreement, is an essential key for a healthy discussion. This workshop addresses how we may inadvertently be complicit in, or possibly even encourage, polarization. The Depolarizing Ourselves Introductory Workshop is designed to help you lessen the effects of polarization when you encounter them in your conversations. This is a group session that is approximately 1.5 hours long and is customized for faith communities. It is led by a volunteer Braver Angels Facilitator. Registration is required at evenbrite.com.

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 towards this month’s Noisy Coin designation, Wishes & More. 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 “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. 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

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), Family of 3 (Mother, Son 16, Son 9), Family of 4 (Father 34, Daughter 12, Son 9, Grandfather 60), Family of 2 (Mother 36, Son 2), Family of 3 (Father, Mother, Son 4), 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. ***Please consider signing up for one of the two routes per week covered by Bethel members.**

PRELUDE

Jane Kochis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! #377

(vs. 1-3)

Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! (refrain)

(refrain) **Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

Walking the way, Christ is the center telling the story to open our eyes;

breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. (refrain)

Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;

heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me. (refrain)

THANKSGIVING FOR EASTER - THANKSGIVING FOR SPRING

Here is water. Rushing water. Surging water. Pounding, crashing surf of water. Jesus, water of life. Wellspring of grace. Waters to wash us clean, to scrub away the guilt, the burden that clings, to wipe away the grime of archived fear.

We give you thanks, Creator God, for this water of life and wellspring of grace.

Here is water. Tumbling water. Streaming water. Jesus, water of life. Wellspring of grace. Bubbling fount to soothe our hearts, balm for the scars of angry division, salve for the wounds of ignorant pride.

We give you thanks, creative Word, for this water of life and wellspring of grace.

Here is water. Clear water. Cool water. Jesus, water of life. Wellspring of grace. Still waters to restore our spirits, source of hope, refreshment for the journey, sparkling with the promise of new life for today.

We give you thanks, creating Spirit, for this water of life and wellspring of grace. Amen.

HYMN

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! #377

(vs. 4-5)

Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent: death put asunder, and Easter is bright.

Cherubim sing: O grave, be open! Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. (refrain)

(refrain) **Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,

river of life, saints and archangels, sing with creation to God the I am! (refrain)

TIME FOR YOUTH

SHARING OF PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Joy of the Lord is My Strength and *K-K-Kazoo!* Sunday School Kids

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Kathy Hartley

HYMN OF THE DAY

Thine Is the Glory, #376

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.**
(refrain)

(refrain) **Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!**

**Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its
sting!** (refrain)

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy
home above.** (refrain)

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

David, Lacey, Madisen & Chase Ellingson, Luke Kompelien, Andrew & Emma Rogers,
and Dee Van Niejenhuis

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.

PRAYERS 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, Wishes & More.

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

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives! #380

Hallelujah! Jesus lives! He is now the Living One;
from the gloomy halls of death Christ, the conqueror, has gone,
bright forerunner to the skies of his people, yet to rise.

Jesus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mournful sigh?
Christ who died our brother here lives our brother still on high,
lives forever to bestow blessings on his church below.

Jesus lives! And thus, my soul, life eternal waits for you;
joined to Christ, your living head, where he is, you shall be too;
with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a victor you shall stand.

Jesus lives! Let all rejoice. Praise him ransomed of the earth.
Praise him in a nobler song, cherubim of heav'nly birth.
Praise the victor king, whose sway sin and death and hell obey.

Hallelujah! Angels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.
Let your chorus swell the strain which our feebler voices raise:
Glory to our God above and on earth his peace and love!

Day of Arising, #374

Day of arising, Christ on the roadway, unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him, as fades the first day, and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting our invitation: Stay, do not part.

Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken. This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
when the church gathers, when bread is broken, there Christ is with us in bread and wine.

Christ, our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.

BLESSING

May our resurrecting God light your way with spirited renewal and purpose, this day and into the week to come. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing, #389

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching ev'ry place and time.**

**In ev'ry insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.**

**Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and ev'ry age,
till earth and sky and oceans ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, remembering who God is so that we remember who we are! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE