

Thank you for worshipping with
BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
January 16, 2022

Announcement Highlights

A forum to discuss proposed changes to our current bylaws will be held in Luther Hall after service beginning at 10:45 a.m.

The Bethel Annual Congregational Meeting will be held following service on January 23 in Luther Hall. Annual Reports will be available at the meeting. If you would like one ahead of time, they are available outside the church office.

These are today's worship participants:

PREACHER

Pastor Jonathan Dahl

ASSISTING MINISTER

Pastor Kathy Hartley

MUSICIAN

Lois Dahl

ACOLYTES

Conner Auge and
Jacob Skretvedt

COMMUNION SERVERS

Sally Carlson and
Sandy Gardner

AUDIO/VISUAL BOOTH

Jason Dougherty and
Jeff Johnson

USHERS

Kevin Dahl, Bruce Dexter,
Mike and Sandy Gardner, and
Dennis Pieske

ALTAR SET-UP

Barb Blomquist, Sally Carlson,
Sandy Gardner, and Linda Harris



Here are some things to know about our worship:

OFFERING

Offering plates are located in the narthex, outside of the Sanctuary. The gold plates are our general offering collection. This offering is brought to the front of the Sanctuary by our ushers during the worship. General offering can also be given via Venmo to @bethelwillmar. Our “Noisy Coin Offering,” which currently goes toward Lutheran Disaster Response, takes place during service when the children will come around and collect coins to be brought to the front of the church.

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, and as you come, gluten-free wafers are available and the wine is red and the juice is yellow.)

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 kids can play.

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 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.

Order of Service

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PRELUDE

Lois Dahl

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise, #310

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Manifest in making whole weakened body, fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, let us confess our longings, let us confess our hopes in the presence of God and of one another. (Silence is kept for reflection.)

Most merciful God, **we have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news: In Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, and you are loved into the household of Jesus where you are always an inheritor of eternal life. Live as a freed and forgiven person of God! And God's people said, "**Amen!**"

HOLY BAPTISM

Colter Wayne Reich

TIME FOR YOUTH

SHARING OF PEACE

HOLY READING

1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Jonathan Dahl

HYMN OF THE DAY

Bind Us Together, With One Voice, #748

(refrain) **Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord; bind us together in love.**

**There is only one God. There is only one King.
There is only one Body; that is why we can sing: (refrain)**

**You are the fam'ly of God. You are the promise divine.
You are God's chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine. (refrain)**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

OFFERING SONG

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

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song, #808

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey; I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
you alone are our life and our peace and our love. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey. May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.
For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.
And with all of the fam'ly you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

Day by Day, #790

Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord you send me draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, where at last I'll find eternal rest.

Day by day, I know you will provide me strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek your loving will to guide me o'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow, I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow till in glory I behold your face.

Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my burdens grow too great to bear;
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me, you will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.

BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in God's grace. And may the Lord who rejoices over you and who calls you by name, bless your going out and your coming in, today and forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ, #674

**Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.** (refrain)

(refrain) **Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.** (refrain)

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere!**

DISMISSAL

Go with God into a weary world and share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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BETHEL BEAM

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun - January 16

9:15 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:40 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Adult Ed

Mon - January 17

MLK day - Bethel is closed
2:00 p.m. Knitters @ Willmar
Middle Fork

Tues - January 18

5:00 p.m. Yoga

Wed - January 19

10:00 a.m. Matins
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
6:00 p.m. Notes of Praise

Thurs - January 20

9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Yoga

Fri - January 21

Sat - January 22

8:00 a.m. Yoga

Office Closed... Bethel will be closed on Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Weather Updates... If you are ever unsure about closures at Bethel due to weather conditions, please check Operation Snowdesk on the Lakeland Broadcasting website, or Bethel's Facebook page. We will also send out Bethel-wide emails with any updates. If you do not currently receive the Bethel emails and would like to, please contact Elizabeth in the church office.

Weather Updates VIA PHONE! If you do not have internet access, we would be glad to put you on the list to receive an automated phone call in case of cancellations at Bethel. Please call the church office to sign up.

WORSHIP PRAYER

LIST

Herm Van Niejenhuis,
Aleah Auge,
the family of Mark
Steffens upon his
death

