

Bethel Lutheran Church

SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2025 • ORDINARY TIME

Preacher
Pastor Jon Dahl

Communion Servers
Kevin & Corinne Dahl

Fellowship Time
Kevin & Corinne Dahl

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ushers
Laura Arne, Steve Medin,
& Kevin Strandberg

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

Musician
Lois Dahl

Acolytes
Madisen Ellingson & Nathan Skalla

Audio/Visual Booth
Mike Erickson & Jeff Johnson

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun - September 14
9:15 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Time

Mon - September 15
9:30 am Women's Book Study
1:30 pm Knitters

Tues - September 16
5:00 pm Yoga

Wed - September 17
10:00 am Matins
10:30 am Fellowship Time
5:30 pm Confirmation Buddy Event

Thurs - September 18
9:00 am Men's Bible Study
9:00 am Women's Bible Study
5:00 pm Yoga

Sat - September 20
8:00 am Yoga

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WORSHIP PRAYER LIST

Aleah Auge, Richard Kloth, Rochelle Peterson, Judy Wetterling

BETHEL CHURCH NEWS

Bethel Buddies... The confirmation students and their Bethel buddies will be kicking off the year with their first “Buddy Night” this Wednesday, September 17th, from 5:30-7 pm in Luther Hall.

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, September 29th, at Ruff’s Wings and Sports Bar (E Hwy 12 next to The Green Mill) from 5:30pm – 7:00pm(ish). Further questions? Reach out to Pastor Jon at 320.441.9100 or jon@bethelwillmar.org. It would be great to see you there!

Save the date... “God’s Work, Our Hands” Food Packing Sunday at Bethel is Sunday morning, October 12th. This is our worship and fellowship for the day. Packing shifts will run from 8:30-9:15, 9:15-10:00, and 10:00-10:45am in Luther Hall with rolls and beverages served throughout the morning. Holy Communion will be available in the sanctuary from 9:00-10:00am. We look forward to another morning of packing some 20,000+ meals for people around our country and the world and having fun together in the basement of Bethel!

Interested in joining Bethel? A gathering for interested new members will be held on Wednesday, October 1st, from 7:00-7:45pm at Bethel. Enter through the south parking lot doors and Pastor Jon will be there to greet you. Any questions, contact Pastor Jon at 320.441.9100 or jon@bethelwillmar.org.

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 “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. 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 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 rdahl1@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 & Steve Friedlein

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

Alleluia! Love is Alive



1. Peo-ple of God, see the morn-ing is new; ♪ rise from your
2. Peo-ple of God, let your fear fall a - way. Your chains have been
3. Peo-ple of God now re - joic - ing in Christ, ♪ car - ry your



1. sleep-ing and run to the tomb. Come and see! Come and
2. bro - ken; a - ban - don your shame. Lift your hearts! Lift your
3. joy to the dark - ness of night. Tell the world! Tell the



1. see! He is a - live! ____ A grave that is emp - ty, a
2. hearts! He is a - live! ____ ♪ Here now is mer - cy em -
3. world! He is a - live! ____ ♪ Hear the good news of this



1. prom - ise ful - filled. God who was with us is here with us
2. brac - ing your soul; here the ful - fill - ment that once was fore -
3. glo - ri - ous day, ev - ery heart sing - ing as heav - en pro -



1. still. He is here! He is here! He is a - live! ____
2. told. It is true! It is true! He is a - live! ____
3. claims: He is Lord! He is Lord! He is a - live! ____

Refrain

Melody

Al - le - lu - ia! Love is a-live; _ con-quired the grave _

Harmony
(Alto and/or Tenor)

_ and de-feat - ed the night. _ Al - le - lu - ia!

Love is a-live! _ The Son has a - ris-en for all. Your

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peo-ple sing al - le - lu - ia!

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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.**

KYRIE

Setting Four, page 147

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Setting Four, page 148

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES AND ACOLYTE CROSSES

Leo Rambow

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Chase Ellingson

Jackson Lankenau

Gemma McCarthy

Mikko Mikkelsen

Leah Chan

Rosalie Dimler

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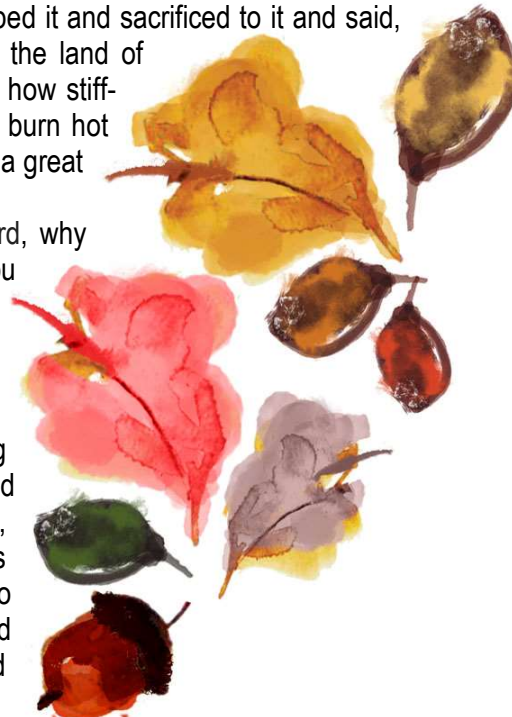
SHARING OF PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 32:7-14

⁷ The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " ⁹ The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " ¹⁴ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.



GOSPEL READING

Luke 15:1-10

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Jonathan Dahl

HYMN OF THE DAY

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound, #779

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**

**‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
‘tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

**When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.**

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.

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart, #484

(refrain) **You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.**

Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

**As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
so when you call your fam'ly, Lord, we follow and rejoice. (refrain)**

**With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude
that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav'nly food. (refrain)**

**Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord? (refrain)**

**The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. (refrain)**

**You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name in truth and charity. (refrain)**

When Peace Like a River, #785

**When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul. (refrain)**

(refrain) **It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul), it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.**

**He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!**

**Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul.**



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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, #807

**Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh , take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE