

WELCOME

to Bethel Lutheran Church!

We're glad you're here this morning! Today we remember the life and ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. His life as a modern day prophet is an inspiring testimony to what God can and will do through courageous and obedient disciples. Thanks for being with us today and may you be challenged, inspired, and uplifted through this service.

** You are invited to stand, as you are able.*

All who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome and encouraged to join us for communion, regardless of church membership or denomination.

Gathering Music: "Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly" New Song Band
Pat Barrett, Jason Ingram and Chris Tomlin
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Opening Music: "Joshua Fit The Battle" Jearlyn Steele

Welcome/Announcements

The Children's Message Pastor John Lestock

***The Song: "Lift Every Voice and Sing" #841**
James Weldon Johnson & J. Rosamond Johnson

**1) Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
Let it resound, loud as the rolling sea!**

**Sing a song, full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song, full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun, of our new day begun,
Let us march on, till victory is won!**

**2) Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,
Come to the place on which our parents sighed?**

We have come, over a way that with tears has been watered.

**We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.**

**3) God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever on the path, we pray**

**Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee,
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land!**

* The Pastoral Greeting:

Leader: We begin our worship in the name of the Creator, the Savior, and the Sustainer of all life!

People: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, come to us again today, and may our worship be acceptable to You. Amen!

* Today's Litany:

L: Lord, when we feel threatened by those that are different than us...

P: Help us to remember that You love all Your children and revel in our differences!

L: When we become fearful and suspicious of others...

P: Give us Your love that casts out all fears!

L: When others slander us and speak evil of us...

P: Help us to speak only the best about them!

L: When we are tempted to hurt others and lash out in revenge...

P: Help us to restrain our bitterness and to live and love as You did!

L: And even when it is difficult to stand up and speak out for what we know is right...

P: Give us the courage and conviction to rise up and be true to Your Word!

* The Prayer of the Day:

L: Lord of compassion, understanding and love...

P: Send Your Holy Spirit to transform our human tendencies. Change our hearts and minds to live and work for the good of others, even our competitors, adversaries, and enemies. Make us more like Jesus. Amen!

Special Music: "Jehovah Sabaoth" Jearlyn Steele

The Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 12:1-13

The Message: "Speaking Truth to Power" Pastor John Lestock

* The Offering Prayer:

L: Our Great and Generous Giver...

P: Give us the courage, the wisdom, and the grace to share what we have been given. May our generosity make a difference in time and eternity. In Your name and Spirit we pray. Amen!

Giving our First and Best to God through our Offering

Offering Music: "Just A Closer Walk" Jearlyn Steele

* The Great Thanksgiving:

L: The Lord is with you.

P: The Lord is with you, too!

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

* Breaking the Bread/Sharing the Wine

* The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come, Your will be done,

on earth, as in heaven.

Give us today, our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those, who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

*The Invitation to Communion:

L: The table is set, the meal is ready, the Host is here!
Come and receive!

*The Communion Blessing

Special Music: "Shed A Little Light" Jearlyn Steele

* The Prayers of God's People:

L: Lord of all people...

P: Hear our prayer!

* The Closing Blessing

***SONG: "Battle Hymn Of The Republic"**

William Steffe and Julia Ward Howe
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**1) Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored,
He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword,
His truth is marching on!**

**(CHORUS:) Glory, Glory, Hallelujah! (x3)
His truth is marching on!**

**2) I have seen Him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps,
They have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps,
I can read his righteous sentence, by the dim and flaring lamps,
His day is marching on! (CHORUS)**

**3) He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat,
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat,
O be swift my soul to answer Him, be jubilant my feet,
Our God is marching on! (CHORUS)**

**4) In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom, that transfigures you and me!
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
While God is marching on! (CHORUS)**

* The Sending:

L: Now go as agents of peace, justice, and truth...

P: We go to make a difference for Jesus in this world!

Sending Music: "How I Got Over"
Jearlyn and New Song Band

New Song Band

Vocalists: Heidi Selander **Drums:** Steve Jerlow
Tracey Jenkinson **Guitar:** Paul Gavic
Craig Koehnen Sam Chapman
Katie Possehl **Bass:** Will Suit
Piano: Craig Koehnen
Keyboard: Tracey Jenkinson

"Called to be moral guardians of the community, at times the church has preserved that which is immoral and unethical. Called to combat evil, it has remained silent behind stained glass windows."

-Martin Luther King Jr.

WE HOLD IN PRAYER

Those Who Are Sick, Injured and in Need of Healing

Jayne Bahneman, Roger Becker, Darlene Berglund, Mark Billy, Ken Bipes, Jeff Bowers, Edna Bowman, Pam Danielson, Linda Flatt, Patrick Gibbons, Jerry Hedtke, Jan Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Pat Kell, Missy Lien, Vern Nagel, Aimee Nalley, Roland Olson, Pete Peterson, JoeAnn Schwantz, Paul Vandersteen, Karl Vielhaber, Eli Wiggs, Benet Winberg, Vera Yndestad.

Those Serving or Deployed in the Military

Scotty Krause, Charlie Anderson, Charlie Richards, Peyton Massie, Cheyanne Massie, Charles Kemper, Tom Hitzke, Caleb Nagel.

Today's Worship Assistants

9:30 am Service

Worship Support: Patti Thacker, Bill Swanson, Oscar Grothaus, Nick Hirsch, Evan Hojem, Jackson Ouellette, Aidan Randolph, Gavin Reetz

Greeters: Marty & Natalie Haefner

Technical Support: Tom Prestin, Patrick Willson, Sean Hanner

Childcare: Alesha, Cianna & Tovah Butterfass

11:00 am Service

Worship Support: Kelle, Chris, Mitch & Nate Anderson

Technical Support: Tom Prestin, Patrick Willson, Sean Hanner

Baptism Announcement

The baptism of Maverick Lawrence Orf took place Saturday January 15, 2022.

Faith Milestone

Today we pray for all the 1st graders and their parents who are taking part in the Lord's Prayer Faith Milestone. May the words Christ taught us continue to comfort, guide, and strengthen these kids in all the days to come.

In Sympathy

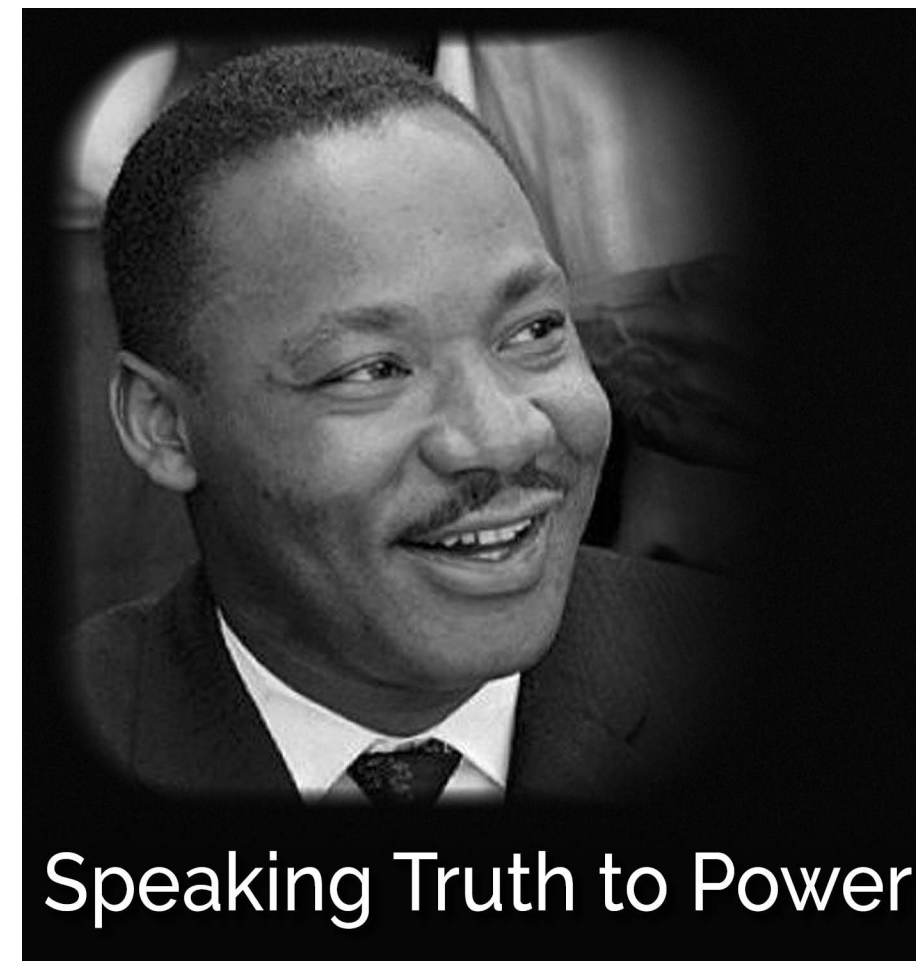
We offer our sympathies and prayers of comfort and strength for Jean Krauss, on the death of her sister, Margie. We also offer sympathies and prayers of comfort and strength for Rayna Delaney on the death of her husband Paul. We ask God to bless and comfort these friends with the promise of Christ: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are from Ruth Ziemann's family to honor her 95th birthday!

We warmly welcome back our friend and musical guest, Jearlyn Steele this morning! We are privileged to have her at Bethel to share the wonderful gift of music.

Piano: Brian Ziemniak



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022 | 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM
HIGHLANDS CAMPUS

Pastor John Lestock, Preacher
Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg &

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