

WELCOME

to Bethel Lutheran Church!

Sometimes life is unfair, unkind, and doles out unbelievable heartache.

Although we all have crosses to bear, we never bear them alone.

Our Savior, who bore all of our sin, helps us in our times of need and reminds us that fullness of life is found in Him.

May you find your strength, your joy, and your hope in Jesus!

We are glad you are with us today.

* You are invited to stand as you are able.

The Prelude: Organ improvisation on "O Day Full of Grace" James

The Welcome/Announcements

* Confession & Forgiveness

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration
of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You,
and worthily magnify Your Holy name,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: Amen.

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins,
God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection)

L: Most Merciful God...

**P: We confess that we are in bondage to sin
and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your Holy name. Amen.**

L: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us,
and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ,
and by His authority, I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name
of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

P: Amen.

*The Opening Hymn: "O Day Full of Grace" #627
(see insert for lyrics)

* The Pastoral Greeting:

Leader: We gather in the light and love of Jesus the Christ!

**People: We worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

* Today's Responsive Verses:

L: Lord, help us to understand our brokenness...

P: That we might find wholeness in You.

L: Help us to bear our pain and suffering...

P: That we might recognize and celebrate the joys in our lives.

L: Help us to see the way in which we cause destruction in our
lives and in others...

P: That we might find peace and new life with You.

L: Help us to confront our doubts...

P: That You might give us a pure and sustaining faith.

* The Prayer of the Day:

L: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord...

**P: In the midst of bearing the crosses in our lives, uplift us in
our attitudes, in our hope, and in our faith. Help us to
embrace life as the gift and the adventure it is, finding
beauty and grace even in difficult moments, because You
are our Lord and salvation. Amen.**

*Sharing God's Peace:

L: The peace of the Lord be with you, always.

P: And also with you!

The Children's Message: Pastor Kris Kurzejeski

Music Ministry "Seek ye the Lord"
J. Varley Roberts (1841-1920)
Margaret Jane Wray, alto; Mark Billy, baritone

The Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 15:15-21

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Lesson: Romans 12:14-18

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

*Gospel Acclamation: "How Firm a Foundation" ELW #796

Gospel Acclamation



How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,



is__ laid for your faith in his ex - cel-lent Word!



What more can he say than to you he has said



to__ you, who for re - fuge to Je - sus hath fled.

*The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:21-28

The Message: "In Search of Life"
Pastor Kris Kurzejeski

*The Hymn: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" #619
(vss 1-4)
(see insert for lyrics)

*The Apostles' Creed pg 105

*The Offering Prayer:

L: Generous Lord...

**P: You are a God of abundance. You provide us with abundant
blessings. You call us forward into abundant life. And you
desire that we share out of that abundance with others -
those in need, those who are hurting, those who have yet
to know Your gracious mercy. Guide us to live our faith in
ways that glorify You and show others Your goodness.
In Your name we pray. Amen.**

Giving our First and Best to God through our Offering

The Offering Music: James

*The Prayers of God's People:

L: Suffering Servant...

P: Hear our prayer.

*The 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.**

*The Closing Blessing

*The Closing Hymn: **"Abide with Me"** #629
(See insert for lyrics)

*The Sending:

L: Life is filled with beauty and hope ...

P: **We go out to seize the day that the Lord has given us, to
connect with one another, and to find His peace and joy
in all we do.**

Postlude: Improvisation on "Eventide" James

WE HOLD IN PRAYER

THOSE WHO ARE SICK, INJURED, AND IN NEED OF HEALING:

Carol Amdahl, Marlin Amdahl, Marlys Anderson, Jason Benson,
Pastor Bob Bipes, Jeff Bowers, Teresa Dickman, Paul Engebretson,
Sheryl Erickson, Marlys Fiedler, Patrick Gibbons, Jane Hanson,
Tyler Hanson, Sharon Haugo, Sam Head, Chuck Hildebrandt,
Barb Holt, Jackie Hugdahl, Joe Kinney, Ruth Lewis, Laura Lindahl,
Paul Martinson, Brent Myster, Mary Kay Nolan, Donna Offerdahl,
Bill Olson, Terri Pomeroy, Betty Seastedt, Sharon & Jon Sippel,
Joan Sorensen, Richard Thoenke, Dick Trende, Dorothy Vietor.

THOSE SERVING OR DEPLOYED IN THE MILITARY:

Scotty Krause, Charlie Richards, Peyton Massie,
Cheyanne Massie, Charles Kemper, Maija Agee, Tom Hitzke

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today are
Emma Rose Krusell, child of Briana & Jonathan Krusell,
Theodore Russell Corbett, child of Karen & James Corbett,
and Jackson Mark Paluch, child of Anna & Nicholas Paluch.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathies and prayers of comfort and strength
to Doug Clayton and family upon the death of his father, Clyde.
God bless and comfort these friends with the promise of Christ:
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Organ & Piano: Skip James

Song Leader: Tracey Jenkinson

Reader: Karen Pavlis

Technical Assistants: Bill Jenkinson & Ashley Dorr

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Grow, and Serve, Continues . . .

Ways to Give

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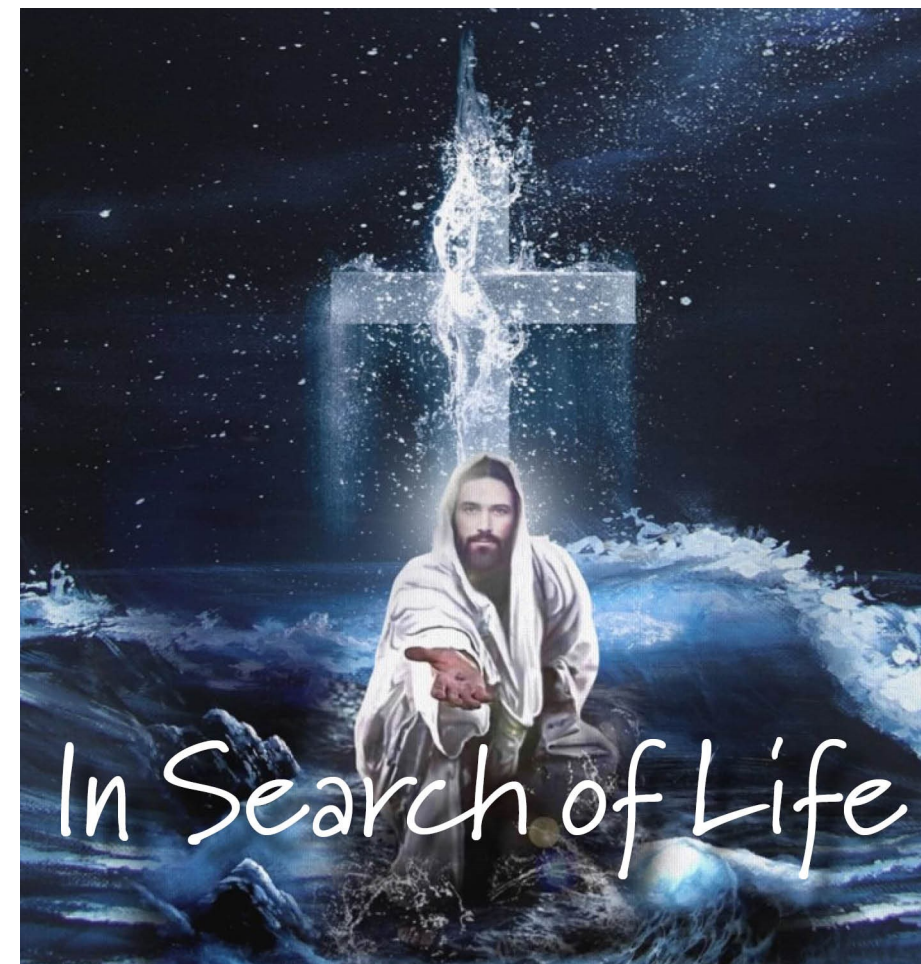
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Pastor Kris Kurzejeski, Preacher
Pastor John Lestock,
Worship Leader

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"Here is the world.
Beautiful and terrible things will happen.
Don't be afraid."

- Frederick Buechner