

# WELCOME

## to Bethel Lutheran Church!

We are blessed to be able to gather together to worship the Creator, the Savior, and the Holy Spirit of God. May we marvel at His power, feel His immense love, and experience His gracious mercy in our lives.

We are glad you are with us today!

*\* 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.  
Children are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

The Prelude: "Down Ampney" James

The Welcome/Announcements

**\*The Opening Hymn: "Come Down, O Love Divine" #804**

\*The Confession and 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 and self-examination.*

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 Pastoral Greeting:**

L: In humility and gratitude, we gather to honor our Holy Lord.

**P: We praise our God, whose gracious mercy surrounds us daily.**

\*Today's Responsive Reading:

L: May we be Your vessels...

**P: That Your glory may shine through us.**

L: May we exhibit humility...

**P: That others may see Your mighty hand.**

L: May our weakness serve Your will...

**P: That Your strength may be revealed in us.**

L: May we share the Gospel in how we speak and how we live...

**P: That every tongue may acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord!**

\*The Prayer of the Day:

L: Lord of grace and glory...

**P: Through humble obedience, You showed us the path to walk, loving others and being kind and gentle. Help us to make room for You to work within us so that we might fulfill the purposes You have for our lives and we may live in contentment and joy. Amen.**

\*The Sharing of 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: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Lanier  
Denny McGinn, horn; Skip James, piano

The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 57:15

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

The New Testament Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**\*The Gospel Acclamation: "O God Of Light" (vs. 1) #507**

\*The Gospel Lesson: Luke 14:8-11

The Message: "Ordinary But Extraordinary"  
Pastor Kris Kurzejeski

**\*The Hymn: "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus" #802**

\*The Offering Prayer:

L: Merciful Savior...

**P: You have given us so much, and You continue to give freely, that we might see Your goodness and the many gifts You bestow among us. Help us to live in gratitude, sharing from our blessings, so that others might know Your goodness, too. In Your name we pray. Amen.**

Offering Music: "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" Lanier  
Denny McGinn, horn; Skip James, piano

Giving Our First and Best to God Through Our Offering

\*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!**

L: It is good and right for us to gather together to share in this Holy Sacrament. Through this meal, we receive forgiveness of sins, and are united in love to our brothers and sisters in Christ. We receive this meal with humility and hope.

\*The Words of Institution

\*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 Invitation to Communion:

L: The meal is prepared. Come and share in this Holy gift,  
given to us first by Christ, our Lord!

**\*The Communion Hymn: "Break Now The Bread Of Life" #515**

\*The Communion Blessing:

\*The Prayers of God's People:

L: Faithful Lord...

**P: Hear our prayer.**

\*The Closing Blessing

**\*The Closing Hymn: "Lead On, O King Eternal" #805**

\*The Sending:

L: Every day may we remind ourselves that Christ lives  
within us...

**P: So that we might reveal Christ to the world!**

The Postlude: Improvisation on "Lancashire" James

## Worship Notes

## WE HOLD IN PRAYER

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

Carol Amdahl, Barry Anderson, Roger Becker, Jason Benson, Jeff Bowers, Edna Bowman, Lillian Chukel, Pam Danielson, Jerry Ellefson, Lee Felter, Patrick Gibbons, Oscar Grothaus, Betty Hansen, Jane Hanson, Jerry Hedtke, Bobbe Henderson, Jan Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Joe Kinney, Ruth Lewis, Ruby Mockler, Penny Moran, Duane Peterson, Jerry Shurb, Sharon Sippel, Jeff Thorson, Paul Vandersteen, Karl Vielhaber, Eli Wiggs, Benet Winberg.

### THOSE SERVING OR DEPLOYED IN THE MILITARY

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

### TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

**Piano:** Skip James

**Song Leader:** Tracey Jenkinson

**Worship Support:** Sonja & Jeff Maki

**Scripture Reader:** Jeff Maki

**Technical Assistants:** Ashley Dorr & Jonas Andrews

### IN SYMPATHY:

We offer our sympathy and prayers for comfort and strength to Ron & Heidi (Taavola) Bronner, in the death of their son, Ethan. May they find strength, peace, and hope through Jesus' promise of resurrection and new life.

"To share your weakness is to make yourself vulnerable; to make yourself vulnerable is to show your strength."

- Criss Jami

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Downtown Campus

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**Pastor Kris Kurzejeski, Preaching**  
**Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg,**  
Worship Leader



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