

Bethel Lutheran Church

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Today at Bethel:
Preacher: Pastor Jonathan Dahl
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Musician: Lois Dahl

February 4, 2018

9:15 a.m.

Welcome to Bethel! We are glad you are here!

Bethel guests, please fill out the Connect Card in the pew and place it in the offering plate. Bethel members, please fill out the Connect Card if your contact information has changed. If you have a joy or prayer concern to share with the staff, remember to fill out the back of the Connect Card.

PRELUDE *I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light* Lois Dahl

CALL TO WORSHIP *Ivan Sings* Aly Peterson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* #858

GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER FOR MERCY *Christ Have Mercy* Setting Three, page 138

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

(refrain) **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.** (refrain)

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. (refrain)

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.** (refrain)

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

(final refrain) **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Together we pray: **Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

TIME FOR YOUTH

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

READING

Isaiah 40:21-31

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

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

SERMON

Pastor Jonathan Dahl

HYMN OF THE DAY *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

#843

CONFESSION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

OFFERINGS ARE RECEIVED

(In gratitude for what God has given us, we offer something of our lives to God and as part of our joyous service to the world.)

NOISY COIN OFFERING *This Little Light of Mine*

#677

OFFERING *You Are Mine*

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THE TABLE BLESSING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF PROMISE FOR THE MEAL OF HOLY COMMUNION

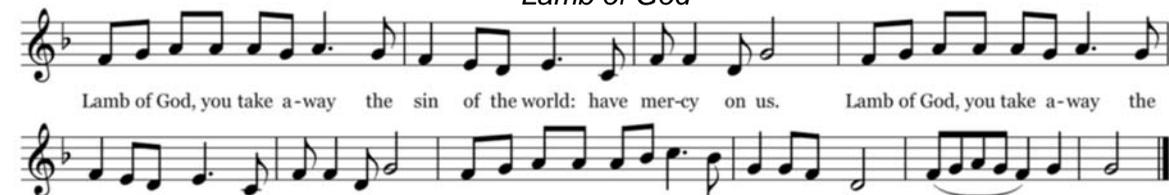
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

(Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table. Children receive a blessing. Please inform the pastor if you need a gluten-free communion wafer. The cups in the middle of the communion tray are grape juice. Upon returning to your seat, enjoy silent prayer or singing.)

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

On Eagle's Wings

#787

Bread of Life from Heaven

#474

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

Together we pray: **O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now - today, tomorrow, every day - that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me
(vs. 1-3, 1)

#860

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Jubilate

Lois Dahl