



# Bethel Lutheran Church

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Today at Bethel:  
Preacher: Pastor Jonathan Dahl  
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Musician: Jane Kochis

*April 7, 2019*

*9:15 a.m.*

**Welcome to Bethel! We are glad you are here!**

PRELUDE

*Near the Cross*

Jane Kochis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

#803

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Together we pray: **Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

TIME FOR YOUTH

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

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

READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

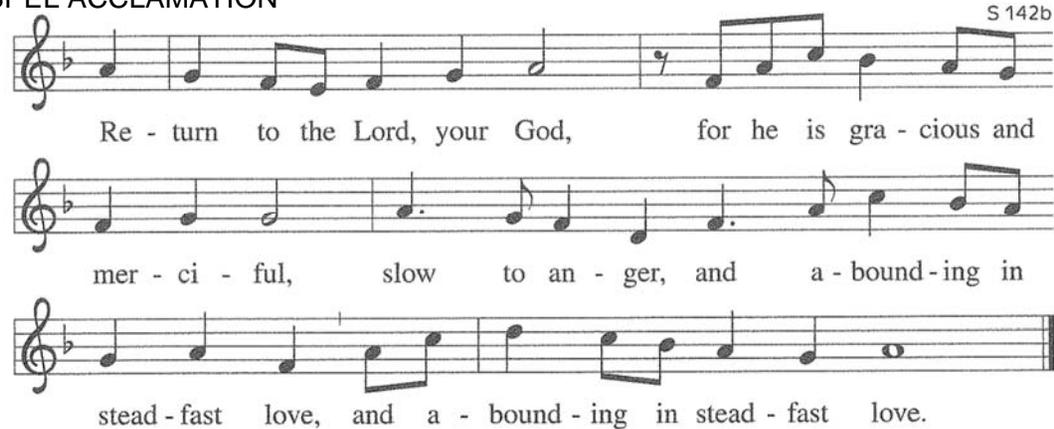
Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL

John 12:1-8

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

SERMON

Pastor Jonathan Dahl

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery*  
(vs. 1-3, Lent 5)

#334

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

(Currently supporting Community Basics, a newer Willmar-area non-profit that helps equip households in need with food, furnishings, and supplies.)

OFFERING    *More Precious*    Cathedral Choir

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.

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*                      #338  
*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*                      #632

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: **Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

BLESSING

God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, bless you and bring you to life everlasting. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

#836

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

*At the Cross*

Jane Kochis

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*Altar  
Flowers*

The beautiful flower arrangement for the altar was made by McKena Peterson,  
a junior in high school, who recently completed a floral design class.