



# Bethel Lutheran Church

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Today at Bethel:  
Preacher: Pastor Jonathan Dahl  
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*April 8, 2018*

*9:15 a.m.*

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

PRELUDE *Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross with* Jane Kochis  
*In The Cross of Christ I Glory*

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *Now the Green Blade Rises* #379

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

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord...

**Refrain**

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

*to Verses*

mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord... **(refrain)**

For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the Lord... **(refrain)**

*Assistant:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O

*Congregation:*

God. A - men.

SONG OF PRAISE

*Now the Feast and Celebration*

#167

(refrain) **Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory forevermore!**

**Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,  
whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God. (refrain)  
Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. (refrain)  
For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God;  
to make all things new. (refrain)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Together we pray: **Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's  
resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the  
resurrection in all that we say and do, through 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

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

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

SERMON

Pastor Jonathan Dahl

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Shepherd Me, O God*

#780

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

(Our noisy coin offering goes to Bible Camp Ministry.)

OFFERING

*Good Christians All Rejoice with Thine Is the Glory* JuBellant Ringers

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, mer - cy on us,  
you break the chans of ha-tred and fear:  
you are the way of jus-tice and peace:  
you are the way of mer-cy and love.



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the



world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Voices Raised to You*

#845

*Here Is Bread*

#483

## 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: **Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*Thine Is the Glory*

#376

### DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*The Strife Is O'er, The Battle Done*

Jane Kochis

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