



# Bethel Lutheran Church

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Today at Bethel:  
Preacher: Pastor Kathy Hartley  
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Musician: Jane Kochis

*May 5, 2019*

*9:15 a.m.*

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

PRELUDE *Pie Jesu* Jane Kochis

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing* #389

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.**

EASTER LITANY

Wonderful the fingers that anointed blind eyes,  
the hands that gently touched lepers,  
the arms that embraced little children.

**Wonderful the smile that welcomed outcasts,  
the frown that rebuked the arrogant,  
the tongue that told parables of grace.**

Wonderful the courage that led to Jerusalem,  
the faith that agonized in Gethsemane,  
the love that suffered at Golgotha.

**Wonderful the lips that gave the Easter greeting,  
the mercy which restored ashamed disciples,  
the joy with which He filled them all.**

Wonderful is the Savior who has brought us here today,  
filled with wonder, love and praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Together we pray: **Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints, we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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

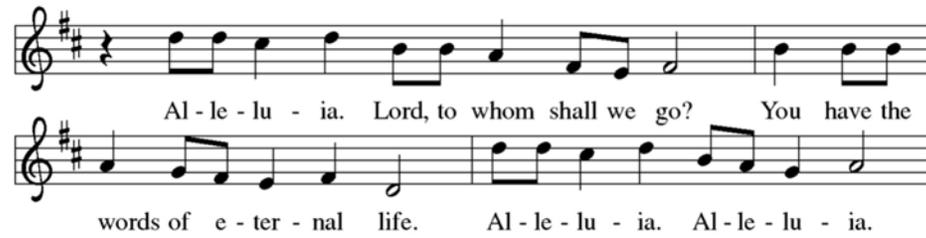
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

READING

Acts 9:1-20

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

John 21:1-9

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

SERMON

Pastor Kathy Hartley

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

#798

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

*Follow Him*

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.)

*You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore  
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*

#817  
#708

#### 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: **Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.**

#### BLESSING

The blessing of the living God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. **Amen.**

#### SENDING HYMN

*We Praise You, O God*

#870

#### DISMISSAL

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

#### POSTLUDE

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Jane Kochis

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*Altar  
Flowers*

In honor of Reuben and Cecil Berg's birthdays,  
which would have been April 26 and May 1,  
given by Allan and Carol Rambow.