



Bethel Lutheran Church

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Today at Bethel:
Preacher: Pastor Kathy Hartley
Worship Leader: Pastor Jonathan Dahl
Lector: Caroline Becker
Musician: Jane Kochis

October 8, 2017

9:15 a.m.

PRELUDE *Where He Leads Me* Jane Kochis

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #834

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
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

to Verses

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
God. A - men.

Congregation:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Together we pray: **Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, 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

Philippians 3:4b-14

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

Matthew 21:33-46

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

SERMON

Pastor Kathy Hartley

HYMN OF THE DAY

Blest Are They

#728

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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

NOISY COIN OFFERING

This Little Light of Mine

#677

OFFERING

Jesus Loves Me

JuBellant Ringers

Bradbury/arr. K. Larson & S. Rierson

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.

BLESSING

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising to new life; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening your way: almighty God, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

SENDING SONG

Stop, Go, Watch

Notes of Praise

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

God Will Take Care of You

Jane Kochis

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*Altar
Flowers*

The altar flowers have been placed in memory of Dale Baseman by his family.