

WELCOME

to Bethel Lutheran Church!

We are so glad you are here with us for worship on this Father's Day Weekend. It is our mission here at Bethel to Connect, Grow, and Serve God and others. Today, through scripture, we are reminded that Christ came to lead people by example, not just by word.

As men of God and as children of God, we are called to use Jesus' example to lead others not simply by what we say, but what we do. During these unsettling times in our nation when racial injustices are exposed and policing authority is debated, may we help others see what it looks like to serve God by treating all people with kindness, respect, and dignity.

* You are invited to stand as you are able.

The Prelude: Improvisation on "Christe Sanctorum" James

The Welcome/Announcements/Video

***The Opening Hymn: "Father Most Holy" #415**
(see insert for lyrics)

*The Pastoral Greeting:

Leader: We gather this day, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: We gather in the name of the One who created us, saved us, and dwells within us. Amen.

*Today's Responsive Reading: (Modified from Discipleship Ministries)

L: Today, we think of fathers everywhere...

P: We think of those who have given us life and love and have taught us how to show respect and love to others.

L: Today, we think of fathers who have lost a child through death...

P: May their faith in God give them hope, and may their family and friends support and console them.

L: Today, we think of men who may or may not have children of their own, but have stepped up, to be a man of God to others...

P: We think of all the ways that they have cared for others by giving needed advice, support, nurturing, and love.

L: Today, we think of step-fathers and adoptive fathers, who have assumed that role, with love and joy...

P: Who have loved the children of another as their own and created a new family.

L: Today, we think of fathers who have been unable to be a source of strength for their children...

P: May they find ways to mend, that which has been broken.

L: Today, we think of all men who have shaped our lives without claim of family or kinship...

P: Today, we give God thanks for those who have taught us, guided us, shaped us, and molded us, into servants of Christ, our Lord.

*The Prayer of the Day:

L: Loving Father...

P: We give You thanks for Your unconditional love, that You lavish upon us. Help us to never forget, no matter our circumstances here on earth, that we have an amazing Father in heaven. Empower us to not just receive Your love, but to share this love with others. In the name of the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*Sharing God's Peace:

L: The peace of the Lord be with you, always.

P: And also with you!

The Children's Message: Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg

Music Ministry: "Father's Eyes" Chapman
Libby Orf, vocals; Tracey Jenkinson, piano

The First Lesson: Joshua 24:14-15

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:1-2

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

Father of Mercies 8686D

Anne Steele, 1760

Layton James, composed 6/8/2020
In memory of Michael James, d. 6/4/2020



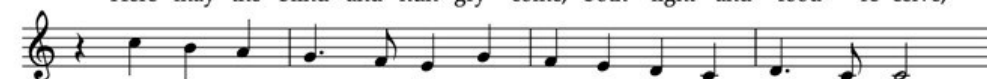
1. Fa - ther of mer - cies, in Your_ Word what end - less glo - ry shines!;
2. O, may these pag - es be my_ best and ev - er dear de - light;
3. Here, springs of con - so - la - tion_ rise to cheer the faint - ing mind;



For - ev - er be your Name a - dor'd for these ce - les - tial lines.
And still new beau - ties see, and_ still in - creas - ing wis - dom bright;
And thirst - y souls re - ceive sup - plies and sweet re - fresh - ment find;



Here, the Re - deem - er's wel - come voice spreads heav'n - ly peace a - round.
Di - vine In - struc - tor, gra - cious Lord, be Thou for - ev - er near;
Here may the blind and hun - gry come, both light and food re - ceive;



And life and ev - er - last - ing joys at - tend the bliss - ful sound!
Teach me to love your sa - cred Word, and touch my Sav - ior there.
Here, shall the mean - est guest have room, and taste, and see, and live!

*The Gospel Lesson: John 13:1-7

The Message: "Imitator"
Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg

***The Hymn: "Faith of Our Fathers" #812**
(See insert for lyrics)

*The Offering Prayer:

L: Sustaining God...

P: We can't thank You enough, for providing us with our time, talents, and treasures. Grant us eyes to see Your faithfulness and an attitude of gratitude. We pray this, in Christ's name. Amen!

Giving our First and Best to God through our Offering

The Offering Music: Improvisation on "St. Catherine" James

*The Great Thanksgiving:

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is good, that no matter where we are, whether at church or at home, that we come together as Christians to hear once again our redemption story. For it is in the bread and wine that we are reminded of the price Christ paid through His death, to forgive our sins. Therefore, as we eat this bread and drink this wine, we declare to ourselves and to all people, that through Christ alone, our sins are forgiven.

*The Words of Institution

*The 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.**

*The Invitation to Communion:

L: Come and join in this Holy Sacrament and remain united to the body of Christ and to our Lord Jesus.

The Communion Hymn: “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” #470
(See insert for lyrics)

*The Communion Blessing

*The Prayers of God’s People:

L: Ever-Present Father...

P: **Hear our every prayer.**

*The Closing Blessing:

***The Closing Hymn: “Our Father, By Whose Name” #640**
(See insert for lyrics)

*The Sending:

L: May we go this day, remembering God’s love...

P: **Sharing it with others, not just through our words, but also through our actions.**

Postlude: Improvisation on “Rhosymedre” James

WE HOLD IN PRAYER

THOSE WHO ARE SICK, INJURED AND IN NEED OF HEALING

Carol Amdahl, Marlin Amdahl, Jason Benson, Joelene Baker, Peter Bo, Jeff Bowers, Wallace Dachel, Teresa Dickman, Dale Drum, Paul Engebretson, Marlys Fiedler, Patrick Gibbons, Jane Hanson, Joy Hanson, Tyler Hanson, Sharon Haugo, Chuck Hildebrandt, Barb Holt, Jackie Hugdahl, Gary Jensen, Lee Jeska, Joe Kinney, Pat Larson, Ruth Lewis, Laura Lindahl, Bruce Miller, Brent Myster, Mary Kay Nolan, Donna Offerdahl, Bill Olson, Terri Pomeroy, Betty Seastedt, Joan Sorenson, Richard Thoemke, Dick Trende, Jim Webber

THOSE SERVING OR DEPLOYED IN THE MILITARY

Scotty Krause, Charlie Richards, Peyton Massie, Cheyanne Massie, Charles Kemper

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathies and prayers of comfort and strength, for the family and friends of Diane Warren, in the death of her father, Hugo Oja. God bless and comfort them with the promise of Christ: “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”

CONGRATULATIONS to Bette and Paul Vandersteen and Vi and Paul Engebretson on their 57th wedding anniversaries. We appreciate their great example of committed love and faithfulness! May they celebrate many more years together!

TODAY’S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Piano: Skip James

Song Leader: Tracey Jenkinson

Reader: Peggy Hale

Technical Assistants: Bill Jenkinson & Garnett Strack



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Downtown Campus

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Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg, Preacher
Pastor John Lestock,
Pastor Kris Kurzejeski,
Worship Leaders

“Words are from the lips, actions are from the heart.”

— Catherine Pulsifer

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