

WELCOME

to Bethel Lutheran Church!

Today, we are given a sliver of hope in a world of chaos. No matter what is going on around us, the Lord will give us the strength to endure when we feel the weight of the world on our shoulders. We are called not to lose hope, but also to examine our own lives, so that we might remain faithful, in the midst of the storm around us. We are glad to have you with us, as we worship together!

* You are invited to stand as you are able.

The Prelude: Improvisation on “Galilee” James

The Welcome/Announcements/Video

***The Opening Hymn: “Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult” #696**
(see insert for lyrics)

*The Pastoral Greeting:

Leader: We join together, wherever we are, united by the Lord of all!

People: We worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Today’s Responsive Reading:

L: Your people are stressed, Lord.

P: Please calm our hearts.

L: Your people are angry, Lord.

P: Please fill us with peace and the power to forgive.

L: Your people are hurting, Lord.

P: Please help us to carry our burdens.

L: Your people are divided, Lord.

P: Please unite us together in love and faith.

*The Prayer of the Day:

L: God of Love...

P: You never give up on us, not when we fight, not when we stray, not when we hurt one another. Don’t give up on us now, Lord! Help us to be more like You, gentle with others and humble in heart. In Your name, 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 Kris Kurzejeski

Music Ministry: “You’ll Never Walk Alone”
Rodgers & Hammerstein

Margaret Jane Wray, vocals; Skip James, piano

The First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-12

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

The Second Lesson: Romans 7:15-25a

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P: Thanks be to God!

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

Nikolai Grundtvig, 1783-1872

Martin Luther, "Ein feste Burg"

God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;
to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.
Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while
time shall last your church may hold it fast through out all ge-ne-ra - tions.

*The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The Message: “Divided, Disagreeable, Drained”
Pastor Kris Kurzejeski

***The Hymn: “When Troubled Oft, By Sin Oppressed”**
(See insert for lyrics)

*The Offering Prayer:

L: Lord of All...

P: May we reach inside of ourselves to think of others. Help us to care for our neighbor in need, to love those who feel unloved, and to listen to those with whom we disagree. May Your grace be exhibited through us, and through Your power, may we find a way to come together. Amen.

Giving our First and Best to God through our Offering

The Offering Music: Improvisation on “Solace” 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: This Holy Sacrament unites us to the Lord and to one another. It provides us His grace, that we might know forgiveness and life, and so that we might share that with others.

*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 with humble hearts to receive this gift, from our Gracious and Merciful Lord.

The Communion Hymn: “Where Charity and Love Prevail”
(vss 3-5)
(See insert for lyrics)

*The Communion Blessing

*The Prayers of God’s People:

L: God of Peace...

P: Hear our prayer.

*The Closing Blessing:

Music Ministry: “God Bless America” Irving Berlin
Margaret Jane Wray, vocals; Skip James, piano

*The Sending:

L: Go now, to make a positive difference in the world, showing grace and mercy to all that you meet.

P: Lord, help us to be peacemakers and change-makers, in our lives, and in the world!

Postlude: Improvisation on “God Bless America” James

WE HOLD IN PRAYER

THOSE WHO ARE SICK, INJURED AND IN NEED OF HEALING

Carol Amdahl, Marlin Amdahl, Jolene Baker, Jason Benson, Peter Bo, Jeff Bowers, Wallace Dachel, Teresa Dickman, 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, 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

CONGRATULATIONS to John and Janet Clymer on their 50th wedding anniversary. We appreciate their great example of committed love and faithfulness! May they celebrate many more years together!

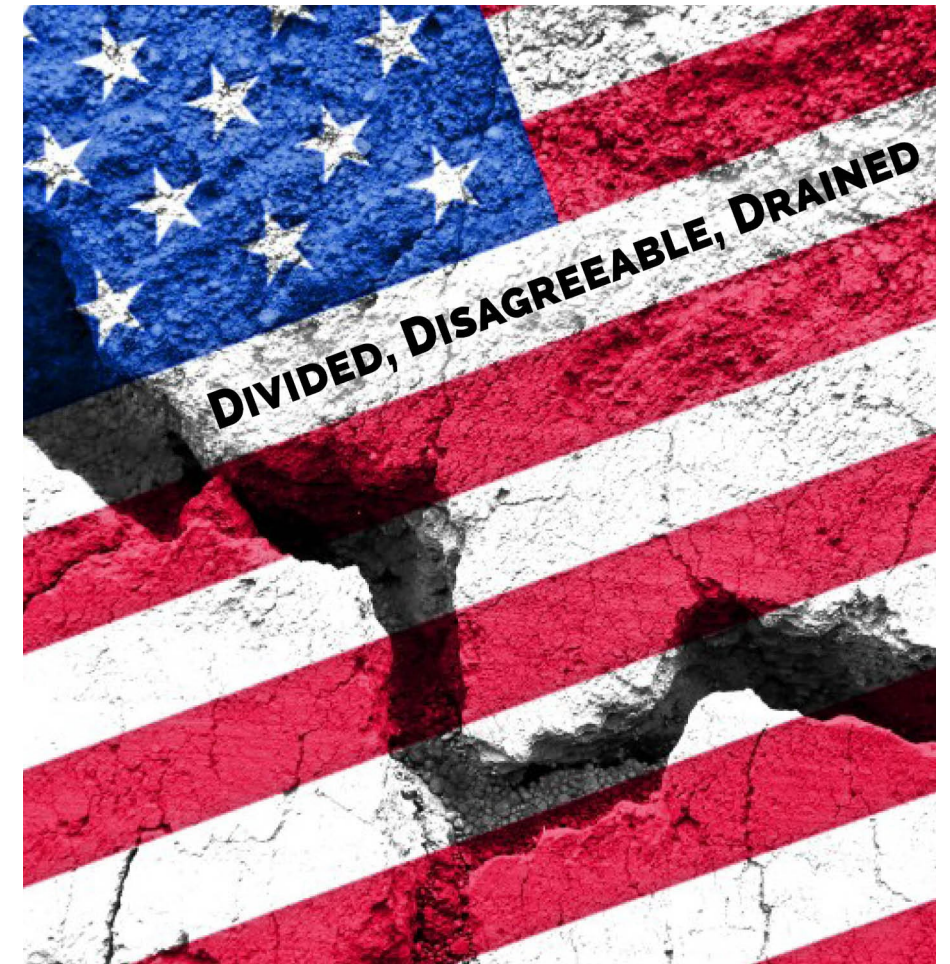
TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Piano: Skip James

Song Leader: Tracey Jenkinson

Reader: Barbara Ronningen

Technical Assistants: Bill Jenkinson & Garnett Strack



SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2020 | 8:00 AM WORSHIP
Downtown Campus

Radio: WEVR (1550 AM/106.3 FM)
Bethel's Facebook page (facebook.com/blchudson/)

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

"Sometimes the Lord rides out the storm with us.
And other times He calms the restless sea around us.
Most of all, He calms the storm inside us,
in our deepest inner soul."

—Lloyd John Ogilvie

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