

# WELCOME

## to Bethel Lutheran Church!

We are so glad you are with us for worship. It is our mission at Bethel to Connect, Grow, and Serve God and others. On this fourth Sunday in Lent, we are reminded through the story of the Prodigal Son that the One who named us and claimed us in baptism never stops seeking us, even when we turn away. It is our hope and prayer that through this worship service you experience God meeting you with His arms wide open.

\*You are invited to stand, as you are able.

*All who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome and encouraged to join us for communion, regardless of church membership or denomination.*

The Gathering Music: “Redeemed”  
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The Welcome

Special Music “Just Like a Mustard Seed”  
K thru 5 Sunday School Students

The Children’s Message: Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg

**\*The Opening Song: “This Is Amazing Grace”**  
Josh Farro, Jeremy Riddle, & Phil Wickham  
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\*The Greeting:

Leader: We gather together to be reminded that, no matter how far we have wandered, God meets us with open arms.

**People: We come to receive God’s mercy and love.**

\*The Responsive Reading:

L: Come, all who feel distant from God—whether by fear, doubt, or anger.

**P: We come, longing to be found, hoping for mercy.**

L: God does not turn away but runs toward us in love.

**P: We come to receive grace greater than our failures.**

L: Let us rejoice, for the lost are found, and the broken are made whole.

**P: In gratitude and hope, we worship the God of forgiveness and restoration!**

\*The Prayer:

L: Loving and steadfast God,

**P: You know the ways we turn from You—whether in fear that we are beyond Your grace or in anger that You have not acted as we expected. Yet, You are the Father who runs to us, the Shepherd who seeks us, the Savior who welcomes us home. Soften our hearts today. Help us to trust in Your forgiveness, to rest in Your love, and to rejoice in Your presence. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

The Reading: Luke 15:11b-32

The Message: “He Went” Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg

The Song: “Home Tonight”  
Chris Rice  
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\*The Offering Prayer:

L: Faithful God,

**P: You give us everything—Your love, Your grace, Your very Son. Even when we stray, You do not withhold Your goodness from us. As we offer these gifts, may they be signs of our trust in You and our commitment to share Your mercy with the world. Use them to bring hope to the lost and healing to the broken. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

Giving our First and Best to God through our Offering

\*The Great Thanksgiving:

L: The Lord is with you.

**P: The Lord is with you, too.**

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: We come to this table not because we are worthy but because Christ has made us welcome. Though we have wandered, God gathers us in. Though we have sinned, God forgives us.

\*The Breaking of the Bread/Sharing of the Wine

\*The Lord’s Prayer:

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth, as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.**

\*The Invitation to Communion:

L: Come to this table, you who have turned away and you who have stayed near. Come, not because you must, but because you may. This is the feast of God’s grace, freely given to all. Come and be renewed in Christ’s love.

**The Song: “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”**

John Newton, Chris Tomlin & Louie Giglio  
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\*The Communion Blessing

\*The Prayer

\*The Closing Blessing

**\*The Closing Song: “We Give Thanks”**  
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\*The Sending:

L: You have encountered the love of God, who welcomes you home no matter how far you have wandered. Go now with the assurance that nothing can separate you from the love of Christ.

**P: We go, forgiven, restored, and ready to share God’s grace!**

# WORSHIP NOTES

## WE HOLD IN PRAYER

### THOSE WHO ARE SICK, INJURED AND IN NEED OF HEALING:

Missy Austreng, Pastor Bob Bipes, Leslie Camarata, Dave Dressen, Vi Engebretson, Bonnie Federation, Lori Gunderson, Greg Hojem, Patty Johnson, Missy Lien, Mary Martin, Paul Meyer, Bob Monette, David Robson, Butch Stinedurf, Dorothy Vietor, Margaret Jane Wray

### THOSE SERVING OR DEPLOYED IN THE MILITARY:

Isabelle & Sam Rick

### TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

**Greeters:** Becky & Darrel Schoeberlein

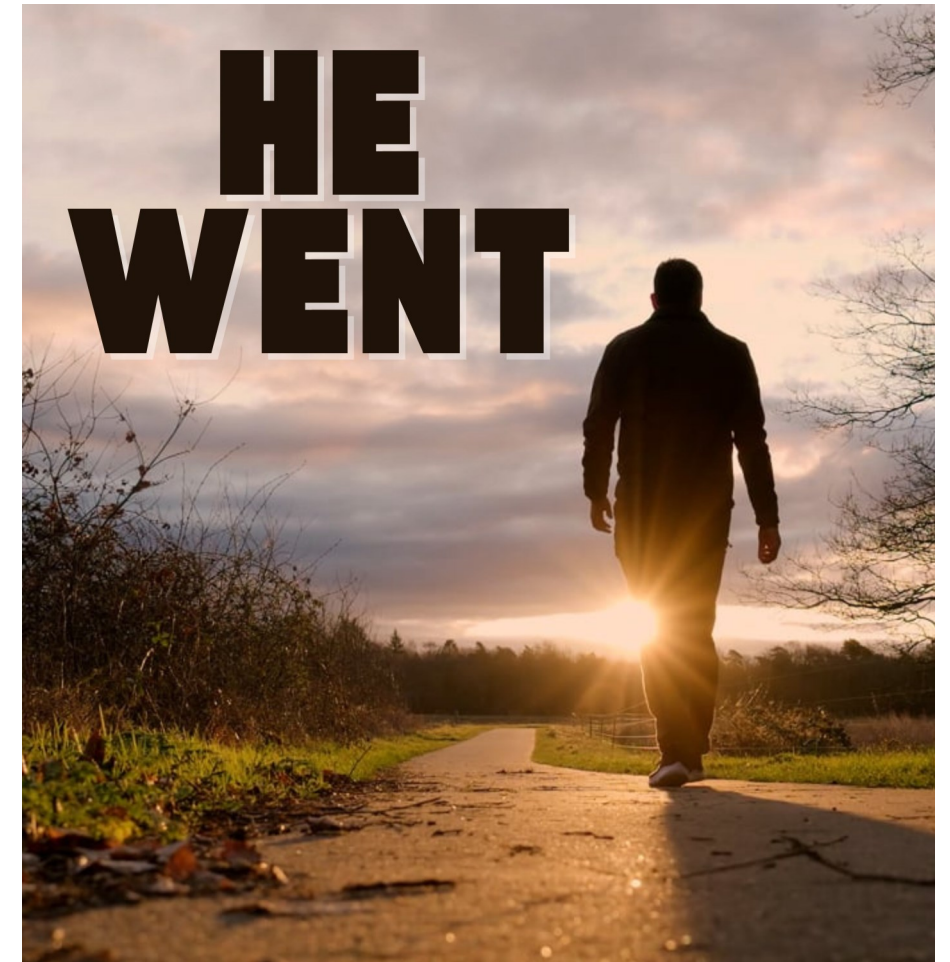
**Worship Support:** Jan & Jim Orf, Bill Swanson, Heather Hilke, Ron & Sheila Johnson, John Olson, Susan Erickson

**Hospitality:** Diane Nehring

**Technical Assistants:** Tom Prestin, Patrick Wilson, Larry Quam, Ricky Lien

### IN SYMPATHY:

We offer our sympathies and prayers of comfort and strength for Don & Karen Evers, family and friends, on the death of their nephew, Mark Evers. God bless and comfort these friends with the promise of Christ: *"Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted."*



SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025  
9:00 AM WORSHIP | HIGHLANDS CAMPUS

Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg, Preacher  
Pastor Kris Kurzejeski, Worship Leader

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and Thursday at 7:00am.



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### New Song Band

<b>Vocalists:</b> Katie Possehl Calla Jenkinson Craig Koehnen Paul Gavic	<b>Piano:</b> Craig Koehnen <b>Drums:</b> Nancy Long <b>Guitar:</b> Paul Gavic <b>Bass:</b> Sam Chapman
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"The difference between mercy and grace? Mercy gave the prodigal son a second chance. Grace gave him a feast."

—Max Lucado

Bethel's Mission to Connect,  
Grow, and Serve, Continues...

### WAYS TO GIVE

#### Give via Text Message:

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In the message line type "Bethel"  
then follow the prompts

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