

CHRIST
IS OUR
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Corner  **Bethel**
Lutheran Church



**BE IN IT
BUT NOT OF IT
(JOHN 17:16)**

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A member congregation of the *Church of the Lutheran Confession*

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Pre-Service Meditation – Psalm 25:1-10

¹ To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. ² O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph over me. ³ Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause. ⁴ Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. ⁵ Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day. ⁶ Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old. ⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD. ⁸ Good and upright is the LORD; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way. ⁹ The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way. ¹⁰ All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

Hymn #660 – I'm But a Stranger Here

Invocation – p. 5

[We invoke (call upon) the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit]

Confession & Absolution – pp. 5-6

[We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness]

Introit – Ps. 100; antiphon: Isa. 6:1; Rev. 19:6

[Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.]

- P** I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up,
- C** **and the train of His robe filled the temple.**
- P** And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, saying,
- C** **“Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!**
- P** Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!
- C** **Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.**
- P** Know that the LORD, He is God;
- C** **It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.**
- P** Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise.
- C** **Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.**

- P** For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting,
C **And His truth endures to all generations.**
P I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up,
C **and the train of His robe filled the temple.**
P And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, saying,
C **“Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!”**

Gloria Patri – p. 6

[Latin for “Glory to the Father” ~ We glorify the Triune God]

The Kyrie – p. 7

[Greek for “O Lord” ~ We approach our Lord with a cry for help and mercy]

Gloria in Excelsis (Hymn #237 v. 1)

[Latin for “Glory in the Highest” ~ A hymn glorifying and praising our God]

All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended!
To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended;
God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again;
Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

The Collect for the Day – p. 9

[The main thoughts for the day are “collected” together in this prayer]

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 1

¹ Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
² But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he
meditates day and night. ³ He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers
of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall
not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. ⁴ The ungodly are not
so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away. ⁵ Therefore the
ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the
congregation of the righteous. ⁶ For the LORD knows the way of the
righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Epistle Reading – Hebrews 13:12-17

¹² Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His
own blood, suffered outside the gate. ¹³ Therefore let us go forth to
Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. ¹⁴ For here we have no
continuing city, but we seek the one to come. ¹⁵ Therefore by Him let
us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of
our lips, giving thanks to His name. ¹⁶ But do not forget to do good
and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. ¹⁷ Obey
those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for
your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy
and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

The Gradual – Psalm 72:18, 3; 100:1-2a

[A liturgical response of Scripture verses.]

P Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel,

C **Who only does wondrous things!**

P The mountains will bring peace to the people,

C **And the little hills, by righteousness.**

P Alleluia. Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!

C **Serve the LORD with gladness. Alleluia.**

Triple Hallelujah – p. 10

[Hebrew for “Praise the Lord” - We Praise God for giving us His Word.]

Gospel Reading – John 15:18-19

¹⁸ “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. ¹⁹ “If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

Confession of Faith - Apostle’s Creed p. 12

[We boldly confess what we believe]

Hymn #409 – Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Sermon Text – John 17:14-18

¹⁴ “I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ “I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ “They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. ¹⁸ “As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

Sermon – Two Kingdoms: Christians are in the World but not of the World

I. We see how this truth played out in the days of the Reformation.

II. We see how this truth plays out today.

Offertory – p. 12

[In this prayer we offer God our hearts, asking Him for the best of all gifts: the Holy Spirit]

Offering of Thankful Hearts

[With thankful hearts, we offer our gifts to God]

General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

[We offer our petitions and thanks to God]

Hymn #430 (1-4) – What Is the World to Me

Prayer for the Church – p. 14

[We ask God to bless what we have heard and learned today]

The Benediction – p. 14

[We receive God's blessing for another week]

Hymn #430 (5-6) – What Is the World to Me

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✠ Announcements ✠

Thank You – Thank you to Pastor David Baker for bringing us the Word of God today. He is pastor of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Red Wing. Pastor John Hein of Grace Lutheran in Fridley will be with us next week as we continue our Reformation series with a study of the Means of Grace. For more information on our Reformation series, see the information sheet on the bulletin board.

Midweek Bible Class – Our Midweek Bible Class continues Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Our topic is "St. Paul, His Life and His Letters." Come join us at the parsonage or online on our youtube site: <https://www.youtube.com/user/BethelLutheranCLC/live>.

Fall Clean-up – Our fall church clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 28. The plan is to start around 9:00 am.

Joint Worship - The Minnesota Area CLC Reformation Festival for the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation will be held at 4 pm on October 29 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mankato, MN. The theme will be "Celebrating God's Grace." A fellowship meal will be served following the service. Guests planning on attending the meal afterwards are being asked to bring a dessert of any kind to share. Those who wish to participate in the joint choir are invited to a 3 pm rehearsal, singing "This is My Word," "Luther's Evening Prayer," and "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." Music for the service is available from Pastor Sauers. As we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, let us take the time to join together with our fellow CLC brothers and sisters in Christ here in Minnesota to support and encourage one another with God's grace in Christ Jesus and with our Biblical Lutheran heritage in these last days.

2018 CLC Mission Helper Trip to Africa – Applications are being accepted for the 2018 Mission Helper Trip to Africa. You can find more information and apply online at: www.mht.lutheranmissions.org/

Nominations for ILC President - The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. The current term of Professor Steven Sippert concludes on June 30, 2018. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2018. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight December 15, 2017 (letters postmarked December 1, 2017) to: Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck; 23 SE 240 Rd.; Warrensburg, MO 64093; email: danschierenbeck@gmail.com.

CLC News – Rev. David Schaller of Redeemer Lutheran in Dowagiac, MI has returned the call to be co-pastor of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN. † The installation of Rev. Mark Weis as pastor of St. Luke’s Lutheran in Lemmon, SD is scheduled for Nov. 12 at 5:00 pm.

Fruits of Faith: 10/15/17
Worship Attendance: 22
Bethel Home: \$715.00

