

WELCOME

to Bethel Lutheran Church!

We’re so glad you’re with us today. At Bethel, our mission is to Connect, Grow, and Serve God and others. As we gather on this Fourth of July weekend, we give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy and the many sacrifices that have made them possible. We also remember that true freedom is found in Christ, who invites us to lay down our burdens and walk alongside Him. May we discover the freedom, rest, and purpose that come from being yoked to Jesus.

*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: “Come As You Are”
David Crowder, Matt Maher & Ben Glover
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The Welcome/Announcements

The Children’s Message: Pastor Keith Ruehlow

*The Opening Song: “Forever”
Chris Tomlin
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*The Responsive Reading:
Leader: We give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy.
People: And for those who have sacrificed to protect them.
L: Yet true freedom is found in Christ.
P: For His yoke is easy and His burden is light.
L: Jesus invites us to walk beside Him.
P: Sharing His work, His purpose, His love,
L: we do not carry life's burdens alone.
All: Christ walks with us and gives us rest.

*The Prayer:
L: Gracious God...
P: We thank You for the freedoms we enjoy, and for the many blessings You have given us. As we celebrate this holiday weekend, remind us that true freedom is found in Christ alone. Help us lay down the burdens we carry, and take upon ourselves the yoke of Your Son. Teach us to walk in Your ways, serve our neighbors with love, and trust in Your promises. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

The Message: “Yoked for Life” Pastor Keith Ruehlow

The Song: “Word of God Speak”
Bart Millard & Pete Kipley
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*The Offering Prayer:
L: Generous God...
P: Thank You for the gifts You have entrusted to us. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude, and use them to bring hope, healing, and freedom to those in need. Help us to serve faithfully as partners in Your mission. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Giving our First and Best to God through our Offering

*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: This is Christ's table, where weary hearts find rest, and burdened souls find grace. Come and receive the forgiveness, strength, and peace Christ freely offers. Come, for all is ready.

The Song: “Softly and Tenderly”
Amy Grant, arr. Will Lamartine Thompson
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*The Communion Blessing

*The Prayer

*The Closing Blessing

*The Closing Song: “Trading My Sorrows”
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*The Sending:
L: Go in peace and walk with Christ.
P: We will take His yoke upon us and learn from Him.
L: Go in freedom, serving God and neighbor.
P: We will share Christ's love wherever He leads us. Thanks be to God.

Worship Notes

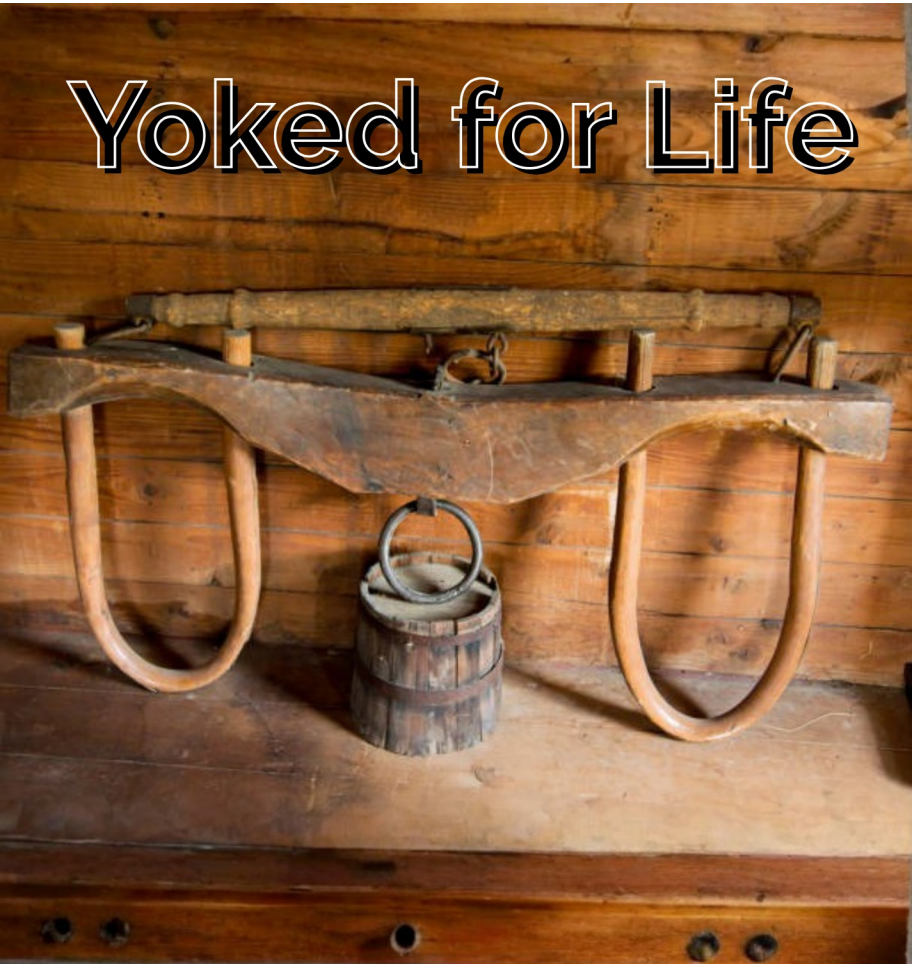
WE HOLD IN PRAYER

THOSE WHO ARE SICK, INJURED AND IN NEED OF HEALING:
David Babcock, Pastor Bob Bipes, Pattee Carey, Leslee Camarata, Brenda DeLong, Don Evers, Don & Linda Flatt, Becki Fuhrman, Sharon Haugo, Trina Hilke, Greg Hojem, Ed Hustad, Andrew Janisch, Don Jorgenson, John Kannall, Jennifer Kapaun, Jackie Krebsback, Susan Kroll, Edith Lampman, Mary Martin, Kay Monroe, Gail Nolan, Dorothy Vietor

THOSE SERVING OR DEPLOYED IN THE MILITARY:
Evan Hojem, Isabelle & Sam Rick

TODAY’S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:
Greeters: Cindy & Ron Smith
Worship Support: Patti Thacker, Jim & Jan Orf, Bill Swanson
Hospitality: Darlene & Rick Gangl
Technical Assistants: Patrick Willson, Larry Quam, Roger Nilsson, Sean Hanner

IN SYMPATHY:
We offer our sympathies and prayers of comfort and strength for the family and friends, of Jake Wagner on his death. God bless and comfort these friends with the promise of Christ: *“Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.”*



SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026
9:00 AM WORSHIP | HIGHLANDS CAMPUS

Pastor Keith Ruehlow, Preacher
Mary Gerzmehle, Worship Leader

Bethel service’s are livestreamed on Bethel’s website, Bethel’s YouTube page, and are broadcast on River Channel 15, Wednesday at 7:00pm & 9:00pm and Thursday at 7:00am.

New Song Band			
Vocals:	Heidi Selander	Drums:	Kelli Rae Tubbs
	Katie Possehl		Guitar & Vocals:
Piano & Vocals:	Paul Gavic	Bass:	Chris Boston
	Craig Koehnen		

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

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“The yoke that Jesus offers is a shared burden, and it is light because Jesus is the one who carries it with you and for you.”

—Kathryn M. Schifferdecker