

SERMON NOTES



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**Bethel Lutheran Church**

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May 15th, 2022

Worship: 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM

Bethel Lutheran Church  
Fergus Falls | Battle Lake



**Welcome!** Thank you for worshipping with us today.

**Childcare & Nursery**

For children 0-3 years during 9:15 & 10:30 AM services. Nursing rooms are also available. Both are located to your left as you enter the foyer.

**Sermons & Website**

Video and audio of the sermons are available at [bethellutheran.church](http://bethellutheran.church). The service is broadcasted on Sundays at 11:00 AM on 97.7 FM.

**Hearing Aid Devices**

Hearing aid devices are available at the Connection Center.

**Lost & Found**

Lost & Found is located in the South Coat Room of the Foyer.

**Calendar Snapshot**

**Sunday Mornings**

Fergus Falls Campus	Worship	8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM
	Sunday School (May 22nd is the last day)	9:15 AM
Battle Lake Campus	Worship	9:00 & 10:30 AM
	Sunday School (May 22nd is the last day)	9:00 AM

**Looking Ahead | Both campuses are welcome to these events**

TODAY	Quarterly Business Meeting	@ Fergus Falls campus & via ZOOM	12:00 PM
5/22	Last Day of Sunday School	@ both campuses	
5/22	Senior Recognition Sunday	@ both campuses	10:30 Worship Service
5/24	Prime Time Coffee Fellowship	@ Fergus Falls campus	2:00 PM
6/12	"Day of Community" Outdoor Worship	@ New Bethel-BL Property	10:30 AM
6/12	"Day of Community" Lunch & Activities	@ Lions Park, Battle Lake	12:00 PM
6/14-16	Preschool VBS	@ Fergus Falls campus	9:00-11:00 AM
7/11-14	Day Camp - Bethel Battle Lake	@ Battle Lake campus	9:00 AM-3:00 PM
7/17-19	Sports Camp - Bethel Fergus Falls	@ Fergus Falls campus	6:00-8:30 PM
7/25-27	Sports Camp - Bethel Battle Lake	@ Battle Lake Public School	6:00-8:00 PM
8/8-11	Day Camp - Bethel Fergus Falls	@ Fergus Falls campus	9:00 AM-3:00 PM

**Bethel Children's Ministry**

Children's Ministry is for ages 2 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade

**Sunday School** *Sundays, 9:15 AM*

**MAGNIFY (Grades 4-6)** *Resumes in the Fall*

**More information:** [bethellutheran.church/kids](http://bethellutheran.church/kids)

**Bethel Youth & College Ministry**

**Youth Group** Wednesday  
Jr High: 3:45 PM / Sr High: 7:00 PM

**Confirmation** *Resumes in the Fall*

**College Age Group** Mon, 7:30 PM, Bethel Fergus Falls

**More information:** [bethellutheran.church/youth](http://bethellutheran.church/youth)

**Special Announcements**

**CUP OF BLESSING REPORT**

**The Cup of Blessing fundraiser that happened in March raised \$1,635.28!**

Cup of Blessing is a fundraiser by Women's Ministries to help National Women's Ministries (of the Church of the Lutheran Brethren) raise funds for various opportunities. Your generous gifts help support the CLB FOCUS Project, the annual SWEET Retreat (for Seminary women), missionary gifts, and other projects and ministry needs.

**COLSON FELLOWS**

Colson Fellows is a 10 month exploration of the Christian worldview with the fellowship of other believers. Visit the display in the foyer for more information.

**The Value of Public Worship as a Family**

Bring the kids to worship this summer! Sunday School concludes on May 22nd at both campuses- we want to encourage you to bring your kids with you to worship!

Here at Bethel, we value delighting in the Lord together as families in corporate worship. As a Faith@Home church, we believe that the primary discipling relationship is the family and that modeling is a key component of this discipling. Therefore, we hold the value that it is good for children to be with their parents in corporate worship. We know that kids have to grow into this skill- so we are committed to creating a culture where we see kids in worship as normal and good!

Here are a few of the reasons we value this:

1. When children are with their parents it allows them to learn from mom and dad's example- as mom and dad are listening and worshipping, children will value what they see mom and dad valuing.
2. Worshipping together allows the family to hear the same message. Children are amazingly able to pick up and learn much more than we can ever imagine. You will think they are not picking up what is happening, only to hear them repeat something they heard in a sermon later that week.
3. It encourages and invites children to be "drawn up" to the adult world rather than keeping them in a child centered world. How can we expect them to learn the language of faith if they are not hearing it?



They may not use words like righteousness, holiness, grace, repentance, belief and salvation in their normal conversation at age 5, but they can begin to hear/ learn the words.

4. It helps them develop the art of listening to a sermon. To listen to someone else speak is an important life skill, and one that will serve our children well.

5. It allows our children to see other people of all ages engaged and involved in public worship. It helps them build the fabric of connections as they watch others who model what it means to worship together as a church. It models inclusiveness.

Pastor Rich Iverson  
*Interim Battle Lake Campus Pastor*



Bethel Church's vision is to lead people to

**believe. belong. build faith@home.**

We invite you to join one of the prayer teams during Sunday morning worship services. **Interested?** Contact the Bethel Office at 218-736-5654 or [office@bethellutheran.church](mailto:office@bethellutheran.church)

**Prayer for Bethel Church**

Thank you Lord for the Sunday School teachers and helpers at both campuses who have taught your Word throughout this year. Thank you for their commitment to their class and their willingness to teach the truths of the Gospel each week.

**World Missions Prayer**

Pray for the Kittlesons and the Gospel LB church in Taiwan as they hold an evangelistic outreach in the park this week. Pray for good weather and attendance.