



In gratitude, Bethel Lutheran Church amplifies God's grace, nourishes all creation, reaches out, and builds community.

- We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.
- Why a Public Church? To impact and enhance the community so that everyone feels a sense of love and belonging.



**SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 5, 2026**

Bethel Lutheran Church - In-person and Online
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July 5, 2026, 10:00AM

We welcome to the Lord's Table all people, without exception, who desire to receive the blessings of Christ's body and blood in this sacramental meal of bread and wine. If you are online, please prepare your own table with bread, wine, and/or a treat for anyone not receiving communion.

Boldface font indicates congregational response.

Worship leaders will indicate when to stand and sit, as you are able.

GATHERING

Gathering Music

"Adagio from Sonata I" by Felix Mendelssohn

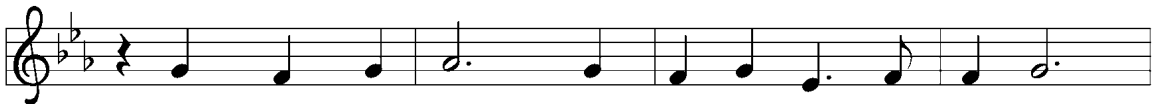
Welcome and Announcements

Greeting

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe that God meets us here. We gather in the name of the Creator, and of the Savior, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn ELW 887

"This Is my Song"



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

Text: Lloyd Stone, 1912–1993, sts. 1–2; Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, st. 3

Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. You are great, O God, **and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

This is the Feast



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all crea - tion:

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

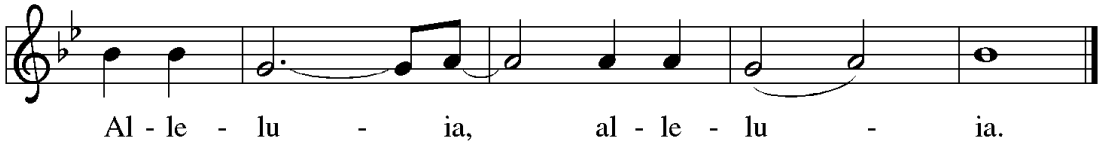
3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. *Final refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



WORD

Lesson

Psalm 145:8-14 *First Nations*

Grandfather is kind, merciful, and slow to anger. His greatness is shown by his love, which remains faithful and true. Grandfather is good to all. His kindness covers all of creation like a warm blanket. All creation gives thanks to you, Grandfather. Your people who walk in a sacred manner speak well of you. They speak of the beauty and shining-greatness of your good road and tell stories of your power. They will make known to all human beings the powerful things you have done and your shining-greatness as you lead us down the path of your good road. Your good road goes on and on, guiding people from generation to generation. Grandfather's path of life never fades away, and his love remains faithful and true toward all he has made. Grandfather takes hold of all who fall and lifts all who are bent low.

Word of God. **Word of Life.**

Children's Message

Children and the young at heart are invited to the front of the sanctuary.

Gospel Acclamation



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah;
He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan;

hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.
he - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30 *First Nations*

The Gospel according to Matthew, the eleventh chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus turned his eyes to the sky and sent his voice to the Great Spirit. "I honor you, O Great Father, Maker of earth and sky," he prayed, "for you have hidden these things from the ones who are wise in their own eyes but have shown them to the humble of heart. Yes, my Father, it has made your heart glad to see this day come." Then Jesus turned to the ones who walked the road with him. "My Father has put everything into my hands," he said with a solemn voice. "Only the Father knows the Son and only the Son knows the Father. No one can know the Father in his fullness unless the Son makes him known." Then Jesus lifted his eyes to the horizon as if he were speaking to all the world. "Come close to my side, you whose hearts are on the ground, you who are pushed down and worn out, and I will refresh you. Follow my teachings and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest from your troubled thoughts. Walk side by side with me and I will share in your heavy load and make it light."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 608

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain



watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909
Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

Prayer Updates

Prayers of the People

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

Each petition ends with a response:

Lord, receive our prayer, **and in your love, answer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Jesus is with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering

For checks and cash offerings, please place them in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. For members, if you are making a cash donation, place it in an envelope with your name on it. For online giving through Square, scan the QR code. To pay with PayPal, please visit our website: Bethel-mpls.org.

*Online worshipers, please send checks directly to:
Bethel Lutheran 4120 17th Ave S, Mpls, MN 55407
Thank you for your generosity!*



Offering Prayer

Let us pray: Creator God, **in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and your creation provides us with an abundance of what we need. May our gifts of all kinds and our labor contribute to the building of a beloved community which welcomes all people, that sees all people, and that works for justice for all people. Amen.**

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

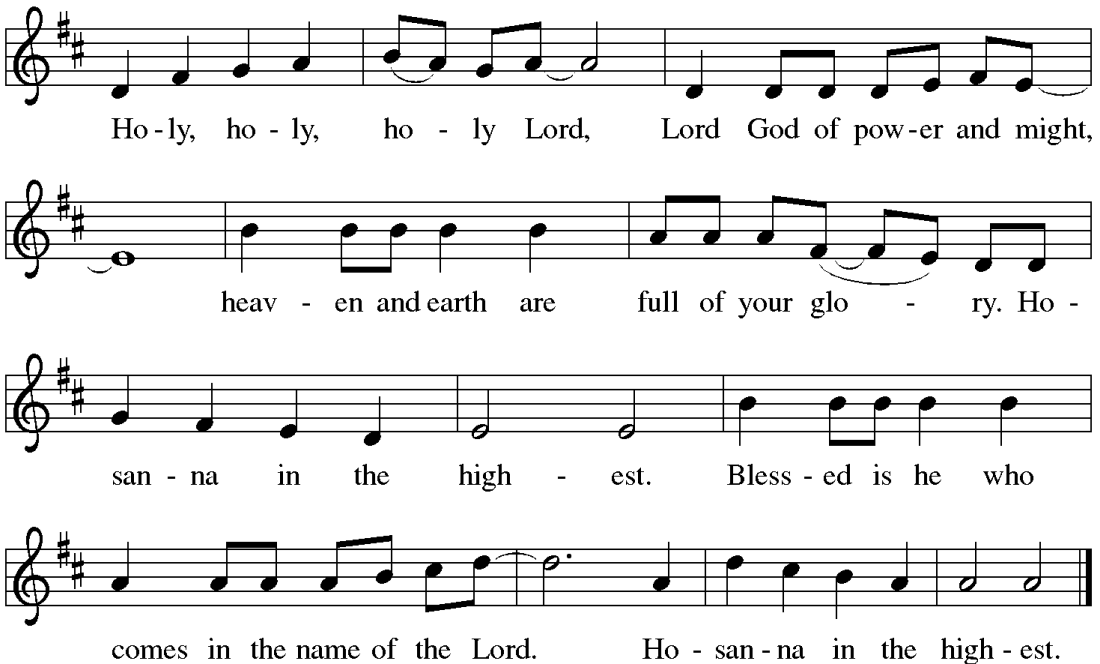
Let us give thanks to our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith, that **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn ELW 726

"Light Dawns on a Weary World"



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthens you in faith, holds you in God's grace, forgives your sins, and empowers you to love all others.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray. God of all queerness, **you gathered us into one through this holy meal. Grant that we might go out into the world filled with your grace and love so that we might serve others. In your many names we pray. Amen.**

SENDING


Benediction

The love of God abounds in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fills your hearts; and the life of the Spirit blesses you and gives you peace. **Amen.**


Sending Hymn ELW 697

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Refrain



Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;



dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



- 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
- 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
- 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

Refrain



I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Text: North American traditional

Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

Dismissal

Go forth with courage, loving God and serving neighbors. **Thanks be to God!**

Sending Music

"Closer Walk" by Michael Hassell

Ministers:	All Believers	Musician:	Anne Phillips
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Brenda Froisland	Sacristy:	Stephanie Johnson
Assisting Minister:	Anna Olsen	Ushers:	Norris Lovstuen and Jay Winger
Lector:	Darlene Olson	Live Streaming:	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
Cantor:	Kristin Cleary	Hospitality:	Clarice Lovstuen
Music Director:	Bernie Asher	Altar Guild:	Sharon Rodi and Grace Simons

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Join us for our free

COMMUNITY FUN NIGHT



FREE

DINNER AND DANCE NIGHT

Thursday, July 9, 5:30pm-7:30pm

5:30pm Picnic BBQ Dinner

6:15pm Dance Lesson



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PRAYER

list...

PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

Alice Evenson	Laurel Jorgensen
Anna Wohnoutka	Gloria Condon
Mike Wohnoutka	Hundt Family
Stella Warwick	Puckett Family
Christopher Rodi	Darrell Dahl
Dave and Libby Krogh	Walker Family
Barb Saunders	Warwick Family
Hoover Family	Pikkarainen Family
Leonard Phillips	Gert Carlson
David and Sue	Joyce Hughes
Dorumsgaard Ayers	

PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Kris Hayes (Ann Allison's sister)
Marvin (Bryan Mann-Entzel's father)
Virginia (Jerry Johnson's mom)
Bill (Barb Wandberg's brother)
Lennon (Cole and Bryan's niece)
Beth (Dan Hauge's sister)
Andrea and Sage (Candy Hickenbotham's family)
Ethylmae Ross (Gloria Condon's aunt)
Ian (Pr B's friend)
Eric (Pr B's and Mary's family friend)
Julian (Jan Walker's friend)
Kristian (Pr B's friend)
Steve (Pr B's brother)
Michael (Marilyn Newborg's brother)
Donovan (Angel Cannon's father)
Rita (Sharon Phillips' friend)
Calvin (Angel Cannon's godfather)
Wayne (Karen Warwick's dad)
Trent and Michelle (Norma's family)
Darlene (Jeff Alberts' mom)
Susan (Mike Condon's sister)
John (Kathy Hundt's brother-in-law)

MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

- People struggling with mental illness and their loved ones
- Victims of natural and human disasters
- People of Ukraine, Israeli Citizens, Iranian Citizens, and Palestinians in Gaza
- All of us regarding COVID, RSV, Flu, Mpox
- Black, Brown, Indigenous, and Asian Lives
- People without homes
- Refugees, Migrants and Asylum Seekers
- People affected by gun violence

MEMBERS, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS IN THE SERVICE

Katrel Bishop (Pr B's nephew)
Adam Froisland (Pr B's nephew)

BETHEL'S MISSION PARTNERS

- ◆ReconcilingWorks ◆Casa de Oracion - Pentecostal
- ◆Mpls Area Synod ◆Nokomis Healthy Seniors ◆CANMN
- ◆Iglesia Evangelica Luz Alas Naciones ◆Iglesia Evangelica La Voz de Dios
- ◆Bancroft Neighborhood Association ◆Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church (BOLD)