



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.



*Naomi*

# **LENT 1: BROKEN AND BELOVED**

**MARCH 9, 2025**

Bethel Lutheran Church, in-person and online  
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March 9, 2025, 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

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**Gathering Music** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" by Robert Buckley Farlee

### Welcome and Announcements

### Greeting

On this day we raise our eyes and our voices to praise our God and thank God for the unconditional love that is ours through Jesus. We gather in the name of our Creator, our Savior, and our Advocate. **Amen.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

**Let us confess our sins to God and to one another.**

*(Time for silent reflection)*

Gracious God, **we gather before you, acknowledging our human frailty and our need for your grace. We bring our full selves to you – in all our brokenness and beloved-ness, seeking your shalom. In this moment of confession, we bring our regrets, the actions we wish we could undo, the words we wish we could unsay. In your great mercy, Lord, forgive us. Heal the wounds of our past mistakes and free us from the burden of regret. Grant us the courage to seek reconciliation, and the wisdom to learn from our past. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Beloved Ones, your sins are forgiven and the shalom of God is within you. **Amen.**

## Opening Hymn ELW 524

## "What Is This Place"



1 What is this place where we are meet - ing? On - ly a house, the  
2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in  
3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,  
us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders  
liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,



win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives  
sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem-ber and speak  
we are each oth-er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re - ceive



when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.  
a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem-ing word.  
what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

Text: Huub Oosterhuis, b. 1933; tr. David Smith, b. 1933

Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedencklanck*, 1626

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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Dear Jesus, **thank you for always loving us. Loss and grief are hard. Sometimes we feel like keeping our feelings bottled up inside. Help us to name our feelings. Help us to share the sadness of others. When we are grieving, give us peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## WORD

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### Lesson

Ruth 1:1-18

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he with his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. **But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons.** These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. **When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.**

Then Naomi started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. So Naomi set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, **“Go back each of you to your mother’s house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.”** Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” But Naomi said, **“Turn back, my daughters. Why will you go with me?** Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your

husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a

husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. **Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.**

So Naomi said, "**Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.**" But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you, to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people and your God my God. Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, Naomi said no more to Ruth.

Word of God. **Word of life.**

### **Children's Message, then Sunday School**

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

### **Lesson**

Ruth 1:19-22

So then Naomi and Ruth went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them, and the women said, "Is this Naomi?" She said to them, "Call me no longer Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt bitterly with me. I went away full, but the LORD has brought me back empty; why call me Naomi when the LORD has dealt harshly with me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?" So Naomi returned together with Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, who came back with her from the country of Moab. They came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

Word of God. **Word of life.**

### **Sermon**

## Hymn of the Day ELW 419

“For All the Faithful Women”



1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in days of old,  
2 For Ruth who left her home - land and ven - tured forth in faith,  
3 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.  
who pledged to serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death,  
All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.  
we praise you, God of Is - rael, and pray for hearts set free  
With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your pow'r to save.  
to bind our-selves to oth - ers in love and loy - al - ty.  
we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

Text: Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: KING'S LYNN, English folk tune

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## Prayer Updates

## Prayers of the People

Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. *A brief silence.*

*Each petition ends with a response:*

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

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **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 PayPal scan the QR code.*

*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. Gracious Provider, **you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## MEAL

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### 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.**

### 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, have mer-cy on us.

world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Bethel Vocal Choir Anthem**

“Communion Prayer” by Allen Pote

**Communion Hymn ELW 616**

“Jesus, Remember Me”

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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## 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. Generous Host, **you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING

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### Benediction

Broken and Beloved, hear this truth. God our tender parent, God the crucified one, and God the reconciling Spirit blesses you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Sending Hymn ACS 987

"Guide My Feet"



1 Guide my feet  
2 Hold my hand  
3 Stand by me while I run this race.  
4 I'm your child  
5 Search my heart



Guide my feet  
Hold my hand  
Stand by me while I run this race.  
I'm your child  
Search my heart



Guide my feet  
 Hold my hand  
 Stand by me while I run this race,  
 I'm your child  
 Search my heart



for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: GUIDE MY FEET, African American spiritual

### Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, and believe in the truth. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sending Music** "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" by Anne Krentz Organ

<b>Ministers:</b>	All Believers	<b>Musicians:</b>	Anne Phillips, Bethel Vocal Choir
<b>Presiding Minister:</b>	Rev. Brenda Froisland	<b>Sacristy:</b>	Marilyn Newborg
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Sharon Rodi	<b>Ushers:</b>	Dean Anderson and Dave Sunde
<b>Lector:</b>	Jerry Johnson	<b>Live Streaming:</b>	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
<b>Cantor:</b>	Kristin Cleary	<b>Hospitality:</b>	Romell White
<b>Music Director:</b>	Bernie Asher	<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Sharon Rodi and Joyce Hughes

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# SAVE

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# DATE

## Bethel's Annual Meeting

## Sunday, March 16, 2025

*after worship*

# PRAYER list...

## PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

Anna Olsen	Karen McBride
Jerry Johnson	Sharon Phillips
Don and Darlene Olson	Laurel Jorgensen
Day/Hansen Family	Kevin Hoover
Leonard Phillips	Gloria Condon
Gert Carlson	Hundt Family
Jan Walker	Puckett Family
David and Sue	Doris Christianson
Dorumsgaard Ayers	Darrell Dahl
Larissa Hoover	Walker Family
Libby and Dave Krogh	Cannon Family
Warwick Family	Pikkarainen Family

## MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

- USAID workers around the world
- Victims of natural and human disasters
- People of Ukraine, Israeli 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 dying due to gun violence

## MEMBERS, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS IN THE SERVICE

Katrel Bishop (Pr B's nephew)  
Adam Froisland (Pr B's nephew)  
Evan Harrison (Pr B's great nephew)

## PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

The Family of Kay Saunders (Barb's sister-in-law)  
Amber (Kelly Chilver's friend)  
Zach (Barb and Bob Wandberg's grandson)  
Julian (Jan Walker's friend)  
Kevin and Sue Johnson (Les' brother and sister-in-law)  
Beth (Dan Hauge's sister)  
Kristian (Pr B's friend)  
Jane (Ann Allison's sister)  
Kathy (Krogh Family friend)  
Steve (Pr B's brother)  
Michael (Marilyn Newborg's brother)  
Donovan (Angel Cannon's father)  
Ian (Pr B's friend)  
Laura (Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers' friend)  
Rita (Sharon Phillip's friend)  
Calvin (Angel Cannon's godfather)  
Laura (Lisa Chovan Spence's sister)  
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)  
Andrea (Mona Falk's daughter)

## BETHEL'S MISSION PARTNERS

- ◆ Bancroft Neighborhood Association
- ◆ Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church (BOLD)
- ◆ ReconcilingWorks
- ◆ Casa de Oracion - Pentecostal
- ◆ Mpls Area Synod
- ◆ Nokomis Healthy Seniors
- ◆ CANMN