

BETHEL'S rally sunday

SEPTEMBER 13, 2025



BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
IN-PERSON AND ONLINE
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RALLY SUNDAY

September 13, 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

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 ACS 978

"God Welcomes All"

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

This musical score is written for a two-part setting in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "God's love is strong and it nev - er ends." The music features a simple, hymn-like style with a final double bar line and repeat dots.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: AMEN THEMBA, South African traditional; transc. and arr. John L. Bell.

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Prayer of the Day

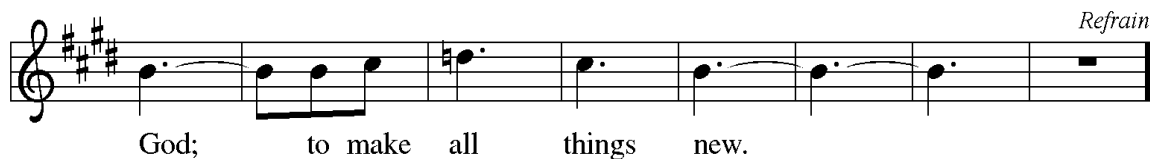
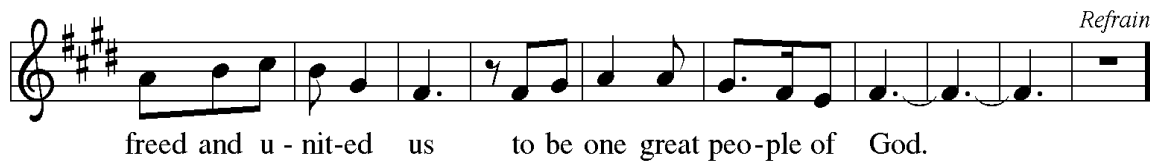
Let us pray. Gracious God, **give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us a mind to meditate on you; eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word; a heart to love you; and a life to proclaim you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Now the Feast and Celebration ELW 167

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

This musical score is for the refrain of the hymn "Now the Feast and Celebration" (ELW 167). It is written in G major (three sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef. The lyrics are: "Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom; praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!" The music features a simple, hymn-like style with a final double bar line.



Text and music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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WORD

Lesson

Psalm 103:1-7

Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise God's holy name.

Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, **who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion**, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. **The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.** The Lord made known God's ways to Moses, and deeds to the people of Israel.

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

Children's Message

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

Lesson

Psalm 103:8-13

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

The LORD will not always accuse, nor will God harbor anger forever; God does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. **For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear the LORD;** as far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us. **As a parent has compassion on all children,** so the LORD has compassion on those who fear God.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 595

"Jesus Loves Me!"

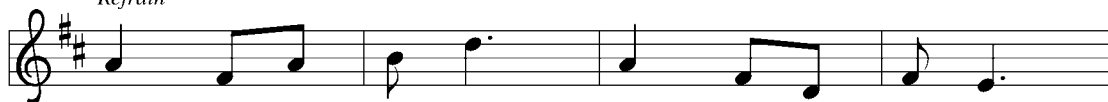


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves you



yes, Je - sus loves us, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.
Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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:
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Thank you for your generosity!*



Bethel Choir

"Down in the River to Pray"

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. Let our gifts of all kinds and our labor contribute to the building of a beloved community that welcomes all people, that sees all people, and that works for justice for all people. Amen.**

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: All:

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Leader: All:

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: *All:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of hosts.

Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho-sa-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is the

one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - sa - 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,
break the chains of ha - tred and fear:
are the way of jus - tice and peace:
are the way of mer - cy and love

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mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

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world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace..

Communion Hymn ELW 523

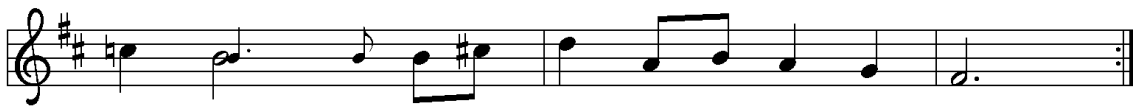
"Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"



Refrain / Estribillo

Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the

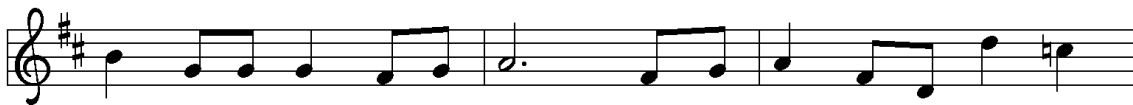
me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie-ne un pues - to yu - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

Refrain / Estribillo

Communion Hymn TFF 123

"Let Us Break Bread Together"



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

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, **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. Please continue to support our homebound members, as well as our communion visitors who share this meal so freely. In your many names we pray. Amen.**

SENDING

Benediction

Our Mother of Compassion nourishes your soul. Feel the deep, unfailing love of Christ, who bears you as a mother bears her child. Go now in the grace and comfort of her spirit's eternal embrace. **Amen.**

(From Julian of Norwich)

Sending Hymn ELW 540

"Go, Make Disciples"

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them." The second staff continues: "Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time." The third staff: "Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world." The fourth staff: "Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're" The fifth staff: "serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples." The score ends with a double bar line.

"Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.

Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.

Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.

Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're

serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples."

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GO, MAKE DISCIPLES, Handt Hanson

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Dismissal

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

Sending Music

Ministers:	All Believers	Musicians:	Anne Phillips, Bethel Choir
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Brenda Froisland	Sacristy:	Marilyn Newborg
Assisting Minister:	Anna Olsen	Ushers:	Susan and Jerry Johnson
Lector:	Ann Allison	Live Streaming:	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
Cantor:	Sarah Berke	Hospitality:	Rally Sunday Volunteers
Music Director:	Bernie Asher	Altar Guild:	Laurie Hauge and Anna Wohnoutka

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

JOIN US FOR TODAY
AFTER WORSHIP FOR:

• FREE BBQ PICNIC

• SERVICE PROJECTS

• YARD GAMES

• SHAVED ICE

Help us put together school bags
filled with school supplies for
Lutheran World Relief to distribute.

This event is FREE and open to the public.
ALL ARE WELCOME!



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Sunday School

**AT BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAYS AT 10:15AM — STARTING SEPTEMBER 20, 2026**



Bethel's Sunday School will be held during worship — kids will leave worship at 10:15am.

Our Faith Trek Sunday School program is open to everyone. You do not need to be a member and you do not need to attend worship to participate in Sunday School.

**REGISTER
HERE:**



Registration is preferred, but not required. By registering, we will be able to communicate with you in the event of any changes to the schedule.



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balance the budget

BINGO

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, November 19, 2026



JOIN BETHEL'S

Handbell and Vocal Choirs



ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!

We want you to:

- Sing in the choir
- Play handbells
- Play an instrument during worship

Handbell Rehearsals — Mondays, 7pm starting 8/24

Choir Rehearsals — Wednesdays, 7pm starting 8/26

If you are interested in singing in the choir, playing in the handbell choir, or if you would like to play another instrument during worship, contact Bernie at music2023@bethel-mpls.org

PRAYER

list...

PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

Margot Lair	Laurel Jorgensen
Mason Cannon	Gloria Condon
Jan Walker	Hundt Family
Marilyn Newborg	Puckett Family
Stella Warwick	Darrell Dahl
Christopher Rodi	Walker Family
Dave and Libby Krogh	Warwick Family
Larissa Hoover	Pikkarainen Family
Leonard Phillips	Gert Carlson
David and Sue	Joyce Hughes
Dorumsgaard Ayers	

MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

- People struggling with mental illness and their loved ones
- Victims of natural and human disasters
- People in war-torn places
- 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)

PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Barb Passow (Pr B's friend)
Ivy Potratz (Susan Johnson's stepmom)
Sherri Johnson (friend of Bethel)
Kris Hayes (Ann Allison's sister)
Marvin (Bryan Mann-Entzel's father)
Virginia (Jerry Johnson's mom)
Bill (Barb Wandberg's brother)
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)
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)

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)