



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.



LENT 4

MARCH 14, 2026

Bethel Lutheran Church - In-person and Online
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LENT 4

March 15, 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

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me" by David Cherwien

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

As we gather, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Investigate my life, O God, find out everything about me;

Cross-examine and test me, get a clear picture of what I'm about;

See for yourself whether I've done anything wrong — then guide me on the road to eternal life.

Acts 13 proclaims this: "My friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through Jesus everyone who believes is set free from every sin. You may now live life anew! **Amen.**"

Gathering Song

Assisting Minister

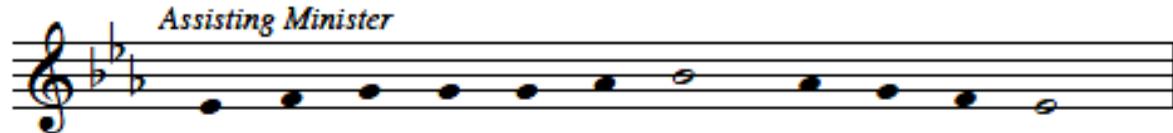


O ser-vants of God, let us sing our praise.



All

We bless your ho - ly name, O God.



Assisting Minister

From the ris - ing of the sun to its set - ting,



All

We bless your ho - ly name, O God.



Assisting Minister

You lift up the weak and hun - gry.



All

We bless your ho - ly name, O God.



Assisting Minister

All

And your glo - ry shines a - bove the heav - ens We



bless your ho - ly name, O God.

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 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 Gedenckclanck*, 1626

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Lord Christ, **you teach us to love our neighbors in ways that sometimes surprise us. Thank you for helping us know how to love, forgive, assist, and stand up for justice. Continue to teach us how to share your unconditional love with all people, without exception. In your name we pray. Amen.**

WORD

Lesson

John 9:1-23

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. The disciples asked, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When Jesus had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then the man born blind went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, **"Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?"** Some were saying, **"It is he."** Others were saying, **"No, but it is someone like him."** He kept saying, "I am he." But they kept asking him, **"Then how were your eyes opened?"** He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, **"Where is this man named Jesus?"** He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, **"This man is**

not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.” Others said, **“How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?”** And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, **“What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.”** He said, **“He is a prophet.”** The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, **“Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?”** His parents answered, **“We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.”** His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, **“He is of age; ask him.”**

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.

Gospel Acclamation



We do not live by bread a -



lone, but by ev-'ry word that comes from your mouth, O



Je - sus Christ, Son of the liv - ing God.

Gospel

John 9:24-41

The Gospel continues according to John, the ninth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

So for the second time the Pharisees called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, **"Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner."** He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, **"What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"** He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" The Pharisees reviled him, saying, **"You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from."** The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, **"You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?"** And they drove him out. Jesus heard that the Pharisees had driven him out, and when Jesus found him Jesus said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And the man worshiped Jesus. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to Jesus, **"Surely we are not blind, are we?"** Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 779

"Amazing Grace"



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Prayer Updates

Prayers of the People

In this moment, we open the doors of our lives to the call of our Creator, the God of all people, who invites us to become more than we can ask or imagine.

A brief silence.

Each petition ends with a response:

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

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident that you will turn to us and be gracious to us and all people, without exception. **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. O God, **maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider *All*

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

Detailed description: This block contains the first line of musical notation. It features a treble clef and a single staff. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. A bar line is placed after the second measure. The lyrics 'The Lord be with you.' are aligned under the first two measures, and 'And al - so with you.' are aligned under the remaining four measures.

Presider *All*

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

Detailed description: This block contains the second line of musical notation. It features a treble clef and a single staff. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. A bar line is placed after the second measure. The lyrics 'Lift up your hearts.' are aligned under the first two measures, and 'We lift them to the Lord.' are aligned under the remaining four measures.

Presider

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Detailed description: This block contains the third line of musical notation. It features a treble clef and a single staff. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' are aligned under the entire staff.

All

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Detailed description: This block contains the fourth line of musical notation. It features a treble clef and a single staff. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' are aligned under the entire staff.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

All

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It features a treble clef and a single staff. The time signature is 6/8. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. A double bar line is placed after the second measure. The lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,' are aligned under the remaining four measures.

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 the One who comes, who
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name,
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, 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, have mer-cy on us.



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn

"Come to the Table"

5
9
13
17

Come to the ta - ble, Come as you are!
Come as you're a - ble: see whose child you are. There is
room at the ta - ble of our God. Bring your
In the
bur - dens and your cares, take them to our God in prayer. In our
mer - cy that a - bounds and ac - cept - ing love we've found; with the
weak - ness God is there can't you see? When you
bless - ed tie we're bound as fa - mi - ly. Won't you

By Daniel Pederson

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 our salvation, **we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Help us become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation. Amen.**

SENDING

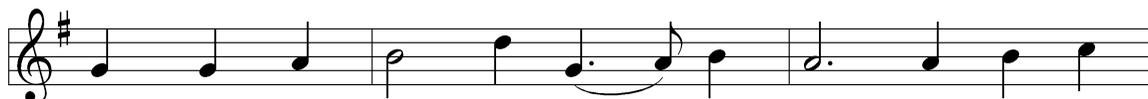
Benediction

God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, blesses you now and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn LBW 380

“O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True”



1 O Christ, our light, O Ra - diance true, shine forth on
2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the wan - d'ers
3 Lord, o - pen all re - luc - tant ears and take a -
4 Lord, let your mer - cy's gen - tle ray shine down on
5 Make theirs with ours a sin - gle voice up - lift - ed,



those es - tranged from you, and bring them to your home a -
lost in er - ror's maze. En - light - en those whose se - cret
way the child - ish fears of those who trem - ble to ex -
oth - ers strayed a - way. To those in con - science wound - ed
ev - er to re - joice with wond - 'ring grat - i - tude and



gain, where their de - light shall nev - er end.
minds some deep de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
press the faith their se - cret hearts con - fess.
sore show heav - en's wait - ing, o - pen door.
praise to you, O Lord, for bound - less grace.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. composite

Music: O JESU CHRISTE, WAHRES LICHT, *Gesang-Buch*, Nürnberg, 1676

Dismissal

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

Sending Music

“Caithness” by Healy Willan

Ministers:	All Believers	Musician:	Anne Phillips
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Brenda Froisland	Sacristy:	Clarice Lovstuen
Assisting Minister:	Kristin Cleary	Ushers:	Susan Johnson and Jerry Johnson
Lector:	Jerry Johnson	Live Streaming:	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
Cantor:	Janet Anderson	Hospitality:	Janet Anderson
Music Director:	Bernie Asher	Altar Guild:	Sharon Rodi and Grace Simons

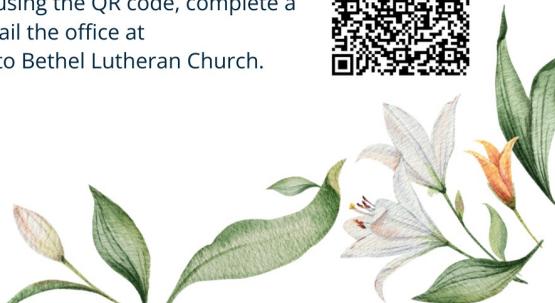
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Garden of Memories



**LILIES AND HYDRANGEAS WILL BE ORDERED
TO REMEMBER OUR LOVED ONES THIS EASTER.**

To add your loved ones to our list, please complete the form using the QR code, complete a Garden of Memories envelope before or after worship, or email the office at bethel@bethel-mpls.org. Checks for memorials can be made to Bethel Lutheran Church.



PRAYER list...

PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

Anna Olsen	Karen McBride
Barb Saunders	Laurel Jorgensen
Alice Evenson	Gloria Condon
Dave and Libby Krogh	Hundt Family
Hoover Family	Puckett Family
Leonard Phillips	Darrell Dahl
David and Sue	Walker Family
Dorumsgaard Ayers	Cannon Family
Joyce Hughes	Warwick Family
Gert Carlson	Pikkarainen Family

PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Beth (Dan Hauge's sister)
Vince and Carrie (Kelly Chilvers' friends)
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)
Kevin Johnson and family (Les' brother)
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)
Andrea (Mona Falk's daughter)

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)
Evan Harrison (Pr B's great nephew)

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
- ❖ Iglesia Evangelica Luz Alas Naciones