



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.



**BAPTISM SUNDAY**

**JANUARY 11, 2026**

Bethel Lutheran Church - In-person and Online  
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# BAPTISM SUNDAY

January 11, 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**

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**Gathering Music** "Children of the Heavenly Father and Baptized and Set Free"

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

### **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**

"To the Bath and the Table" by Mark Howe

*(Led by Bernie and the Bethel Choir)*

#### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. Holy One, **at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed Jesus as your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ remain faithful to their calling to be your children, and empower us all with your Spirit. Amen**

## Gloria



¡Glo-ria, glo-ria, glo-ria  
Glo-ria, glo-ria, glo-ria,  
en las al-tu-ras a Dios!  
glo-ry to God . . . on high!



¡Glo-ria, glo-ria, glo-ria  
Glo-ria, glo-ria, glo-ria,  
en las al-tu-ras a Dios!  
glo-ry to God . . . on high!



Y en la tie-rra paz pa-ra-a-que-llos que\_a-ma\_el Se-ñor.  
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo-ry to God.



Y en la tie-rra paz pa-ra-a-que-llos que\_a-ma\_el Se-ñor.  
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo-ry to God.

## WORD

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### Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how

Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that Jesus did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised Jesus on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. Jesus commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about Jesus that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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**

The musical notation is arranged in three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of four sharps (F major). The first two staves are identical, while the third staff begins with a different rhythm pattern.

**Staff 1:**

*jA - le - lu - ya,*      *a - le - lu - ya,*      *a - le - lu - ya!*  
*Al - le - lu - ia,*      *al - le - lu - ia,*      *al - le - lu - ia!*

**Staff 2:**

*jA - le - lu - ya,*      *a - le - lu - ya,*      *a - le - lu - ya!*  
*Al - le - lu - ia,*      *al - le - lu - ia,*      *al - le - lu - ia!*

**Staff 3:**

*jA - - le - - lu - - ya,*      *a - - le - - lu - - ya,*  
*Al - - le - - lu - - ia,*      *al - - le - - lu - - ia,*

**Final Chorus:**

*a - - le - - lu - - ya!*      *jA - - le - - lu - - ya!*  
*al - - le - - lu - - ia!*      *Al - - le - - lu - - ia!*

## **Gospel**

Matthew 3:13-17

The Gospel of the Lord from Matthew, the third chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by John. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness." Then John consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and Jesus saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Jesus. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day**

"Bambelela" (*Never Give Up*)

### **A New Creed**

**We are not alone. We live in God's world.**

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect to Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

A New Creed is an affirmation of faith adopted at the 23<sup>rd</sup> General Council, United Church of Canada in 1968. Used as property of public domain

## Prayer Updates

### Prayers of the People

With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who await God's day of restoration.

*A brief silence.*

*Each petition ends with a response:*

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

Listen to these and all our prayers, O God of hosts, and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy. **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. Holy God, **you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true Savior. Amen.**

## MEAL

### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

### Holy, Holy, Holy

The musical notation consists of five staves of music. Each staff begins with a G clef and a 4/4 time signature. The first staff contains the lyrics "San - to, san - to, san - toes el Se - ñor, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God," with the last word "God" on a single note. The second staff contains "Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - toes el Se - ñor. God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord." The third staff contains "San - to, san - to, san - to, san - toes el Se - ñor, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God," with the last word "God" on a single note. The fourth staff contains "Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - toes el Se - ñor. God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord." The fifth staff contains "Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on." The lyrics are in Spanish, with some words in English, and the music is simple with mostly quarter and eighth notes.

tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el  
 earth. . . . Blest is the one who comes in the  
 nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el  
 name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -  
 high - est, ho - san - na here on earth. . . .  
 di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.  
 Blest is the one who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

## 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

## Communion Hymn ELW 423

## "Shall We Gather at the River"



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,  
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,  
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;  
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

*Refrain*



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

## 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. Radiant God, **we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING

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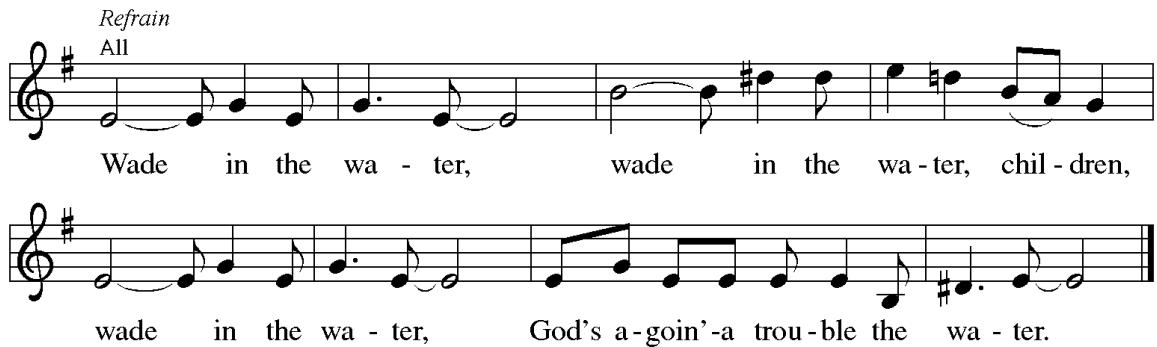
### Benediction

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, blesses you now and forever. **Amen.**

### Sending Hymn ELW 459

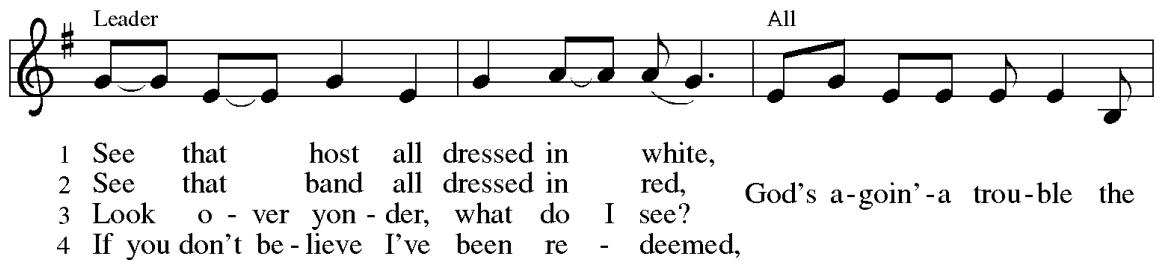
"Wade in the Water "

*Refrain*  
All



Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,  
wade in the wa - ter, God's a-goin'-a trou - ble the wa - ter.

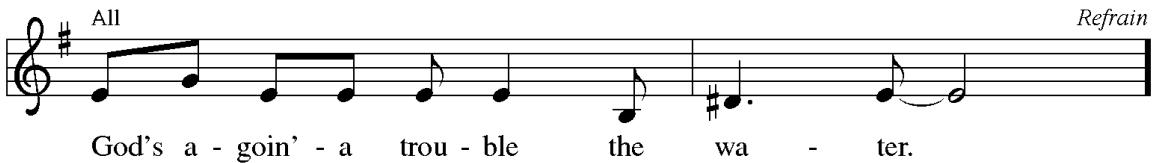
Leader



1 See that host all dressed in white,  
2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a-goin'-a trou - ble the  
3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?  
4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,



wa - ter. the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.  
 looks like the band that . . . Mo - ses led.  
 the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me.  
 just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.



God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - - ter.

*Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: WADE IN THE WATER, African American spiritual

## Dismissal

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

## Sending Music

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" by Paul Tate

<b>Ministers:</b>	All Believers	<b>Musicians:</b>	Anne Phillips, Bernie Asher, Bethel Choir
<b>Presiding Minister:</b>	Rev. Brenda Froiland	<b>Sacristy:</b>	Marilyn Newborg
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Ann Allison	<b>Ushers:</b>	Dean Anderson, Susan and Jerry Johnson
<b>Lector:</b>	Dan Hauge	<b>Live Streaming:</b>	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
<b>Cantor:</b>	Sarah Berke	<b>Hospitality:</b>	Romell White
<b>Music Director:</b>	Bernie Asher	<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Laurie Hauge and Anna Wohlnoutka

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# PRAYER list...

## PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

The Family of Sharon Phillips	Karen McBride
Matt Psick	Laurel Jorgensen
Sarah Psick	Gloria Condon
Alice Evenson	Hundt Family
Dave and Libby Krogh	Puckett Family
Hoover Family	Darrell Dahl
Leonard Phillips	Walker Family
David and Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers	Cannon Family
Joyce Hughes	Warwick Family
Jerry Johnson	Pikkarainen Family
	Gert Carlson

## PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Vince and Carrie (Kelly Chilvers friends)  
Martha Christensen (Sarah Psick's sister)  
Andrea and Sage (Candy Hickenbotham's family)  
Ethylmae Ross (Gloria Condon's aunt)  
The family of Nick (Ann Allison's nephew)  
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)  
Beth (Dan Hauge's sister)  
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)  
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)

## MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

- Renee Nicole Good's family, friends, and community members
- 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