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.



ADVENT 1

NOVEMBER 29, 2026

Bethel Lutheran Church — In-person and Online
YouTube: @bethelmpls

ADVENT 1

November 29, 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 "My Lord, What a Morning" by Anne Krentz Organ

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candles

HOPE

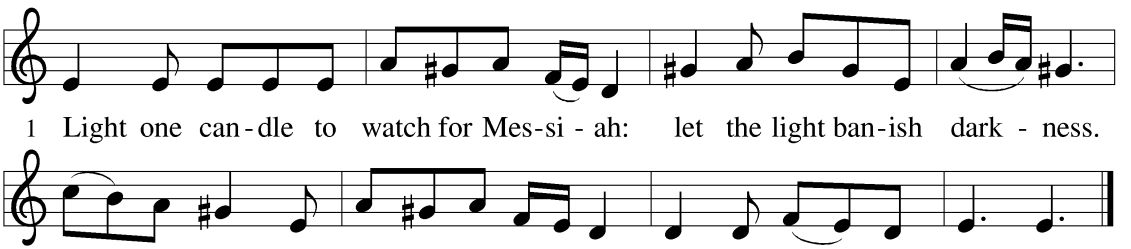
Advent begins in the dark, and it begins with a demand. "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down!"

We light this candle as a sign of hope.

Hope is not the same as optimism. Optimism expects things to improve. Hope keeps watch when there is no evidence yet, and refuses to go to sleep. "Keep awake," Jesus said, "because you do not know when the owner of the house will come."

Come, O God. We are waiting. We are awake.

ELW 240 "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" vs. 1



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Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune
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Let us pray. God of the torn-open heavens, **we are tired of waiting for a world that has not arrived yet. Do not let our tiredness become resignation. As this candle burns through the longest weeks of the year, keep us watchful, keep us restless, and keep us hopeful – not because things are fine, but because you are not finished. Amen.**

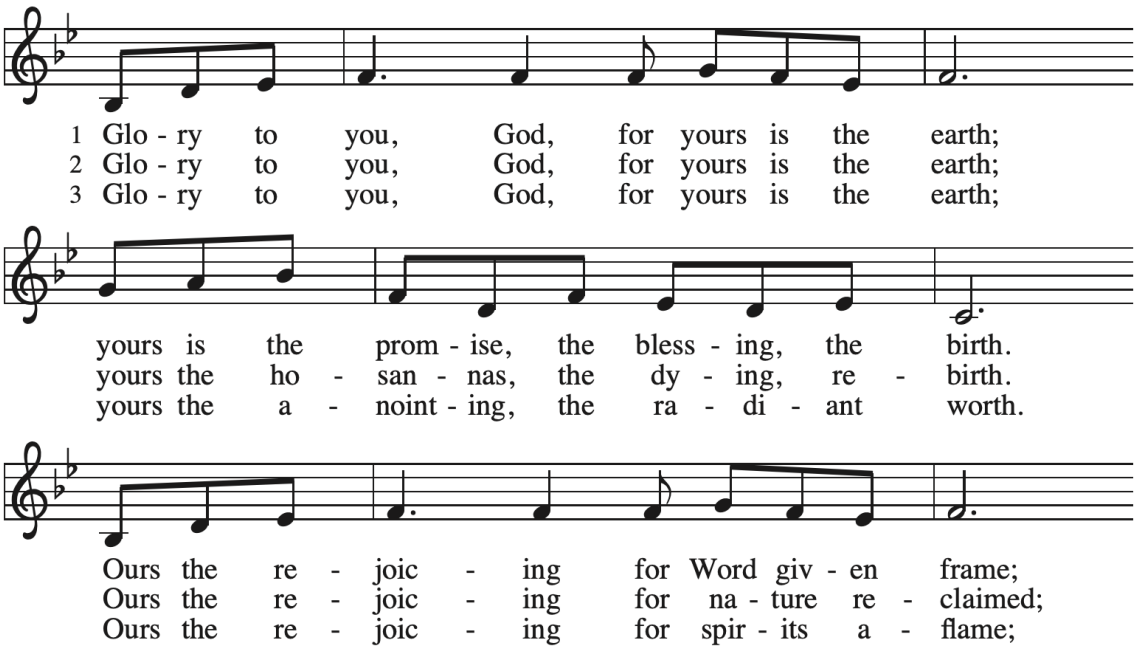
Opening Hymn "Come Light of Lights"

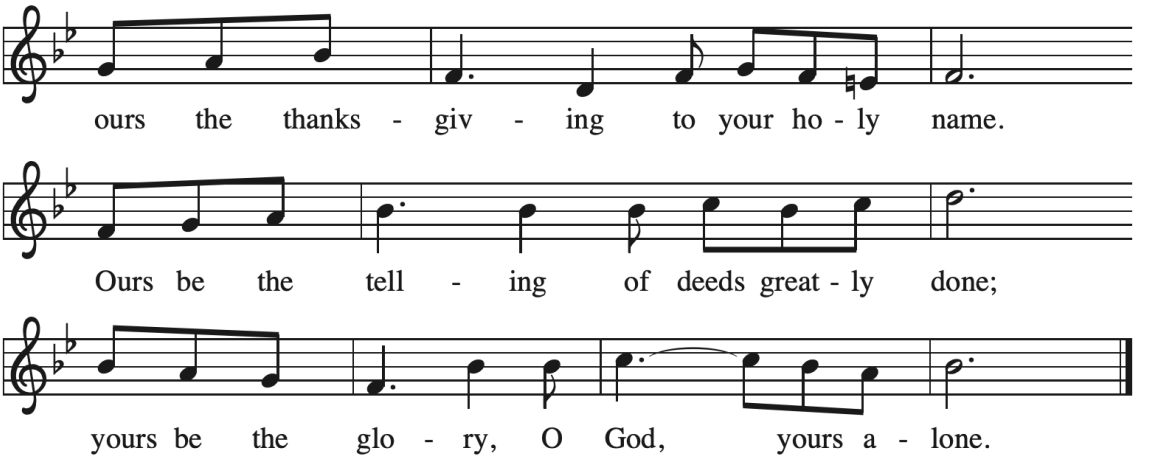
Led by Bernie

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Stir up your power, **Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Glory to You, God





WORD

Lesson Isaiah 64:1-9 NRSVUE

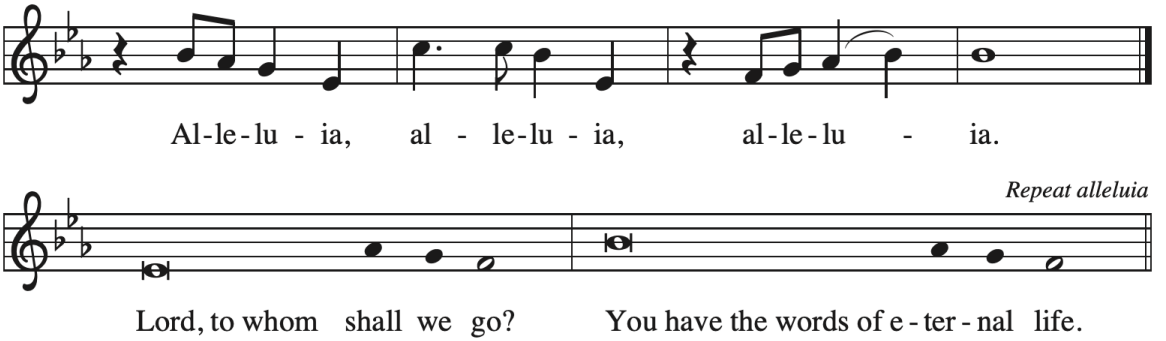
O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, **so that the mountains would quake at your presence**—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—**to make your name known to your adversaries**, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! **When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.** From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for God. **You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.** But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you, for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. **Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.** Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember our iniquity forever. **Now consider, we are all your people.**

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



Gospel Mark 13:28-37 NRSVUE

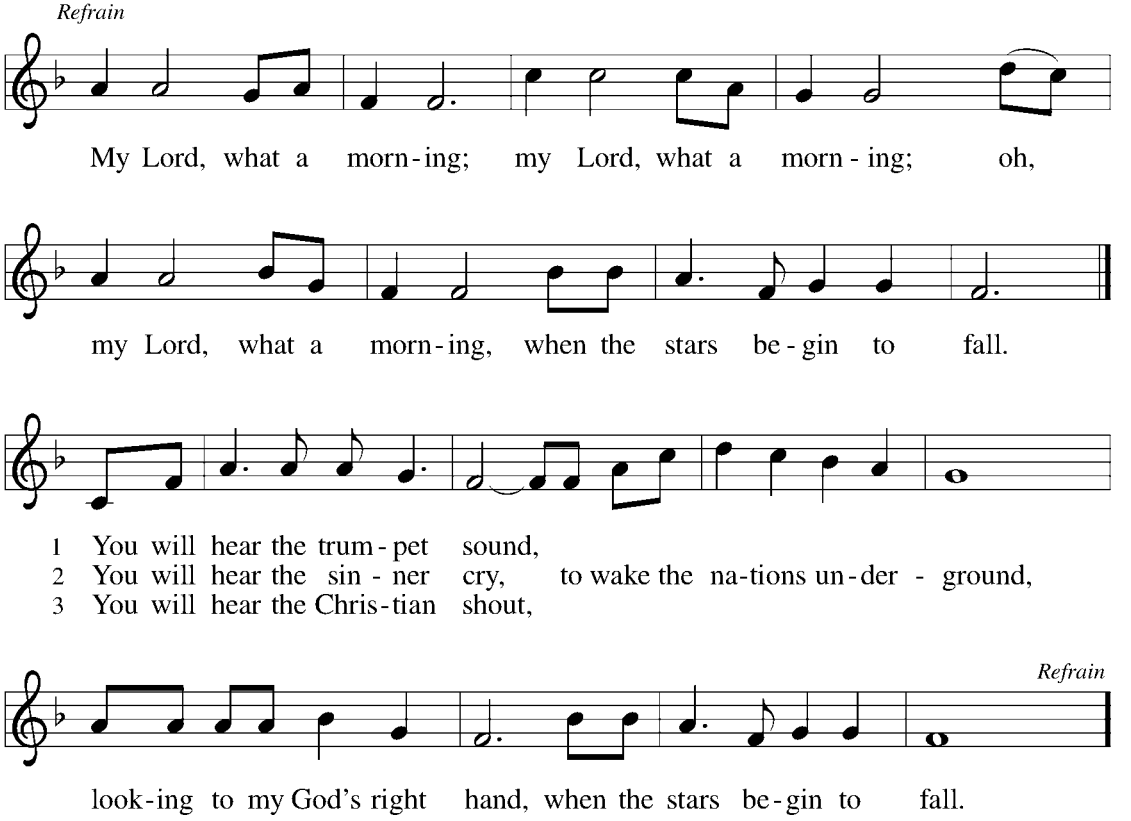
The Gospel according to Mark, the thirteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. **So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that God is near, at the very gates.** Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. **But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father.** Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. **Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.** And what I say to you I say to all: **Keep awake**."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 438 "My Lord, What a Morning"



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Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

Prayer Updates

Prayers of the People

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

A brief silence.

Each petition ends with a response:

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

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ. **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

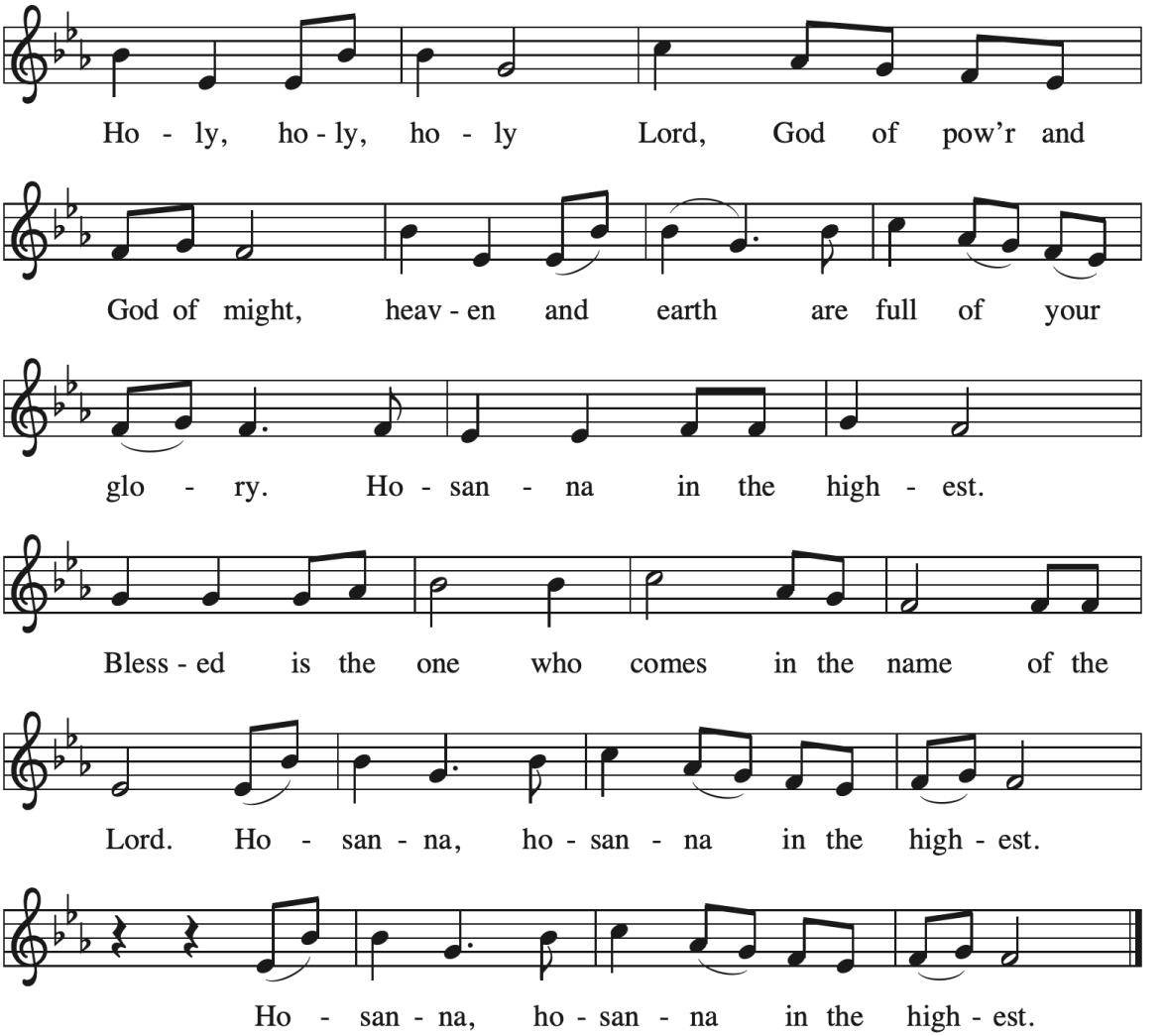
Let us pray. Creator God, **in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and your creation provides us with an abundance of what we need. Let our gifts of all kinds and our labor contribute to the building of a beloved community that welcomes all people, that sees all people, and that works for justice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

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

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



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.**

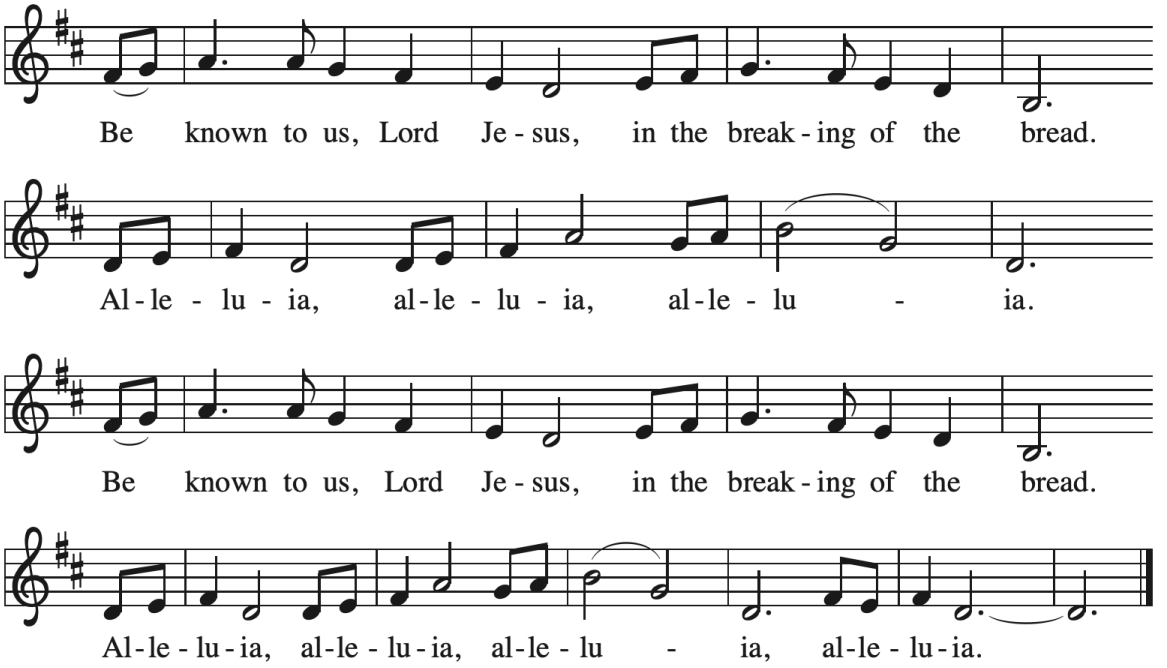
Lord's Prayer

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

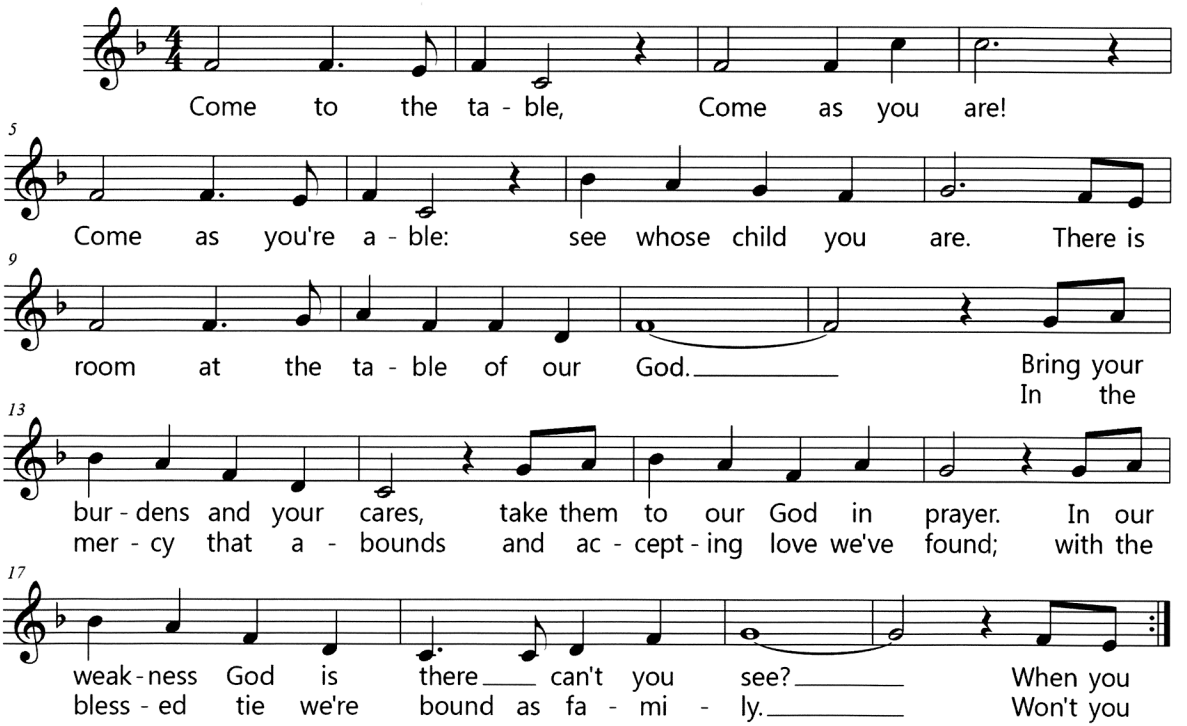
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God



Communion Hymn "Come to the Table"



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.**

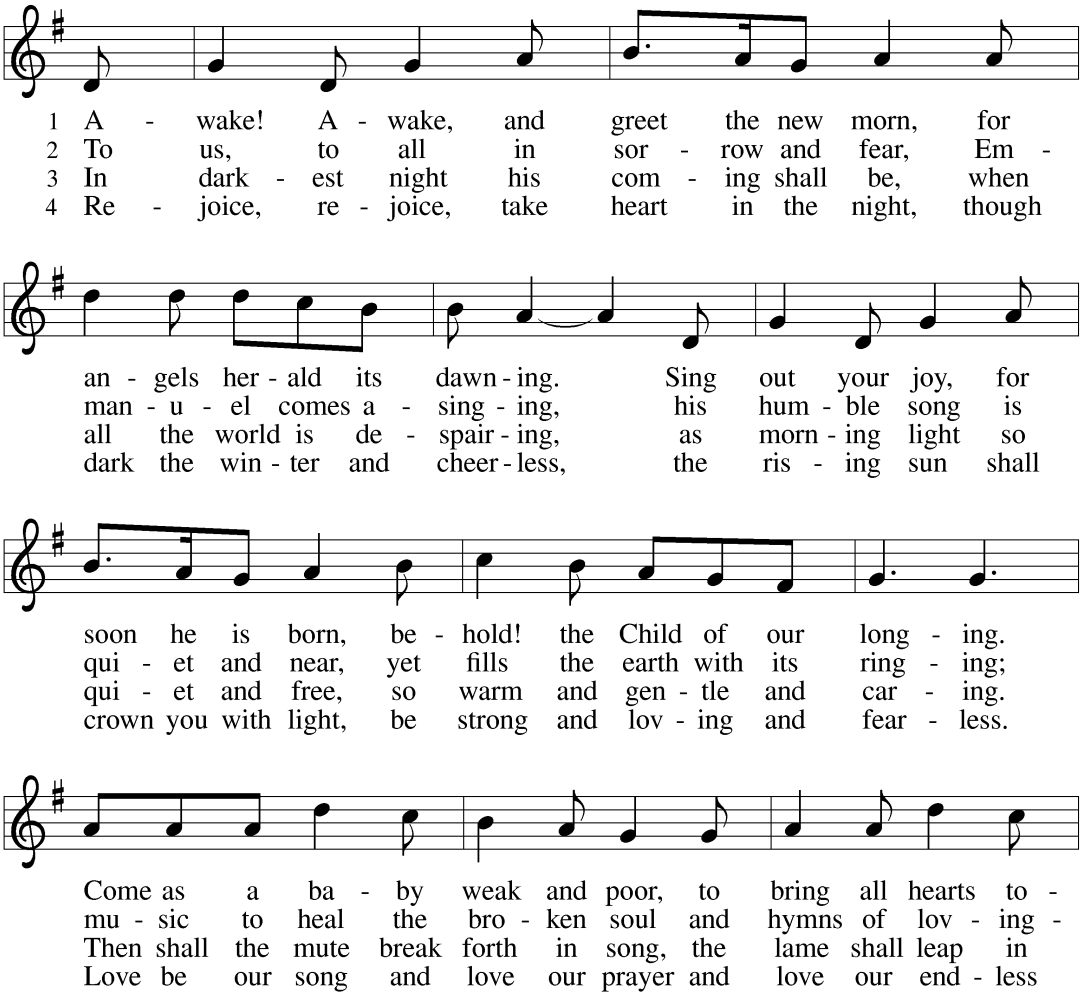
Post Communion Prayer

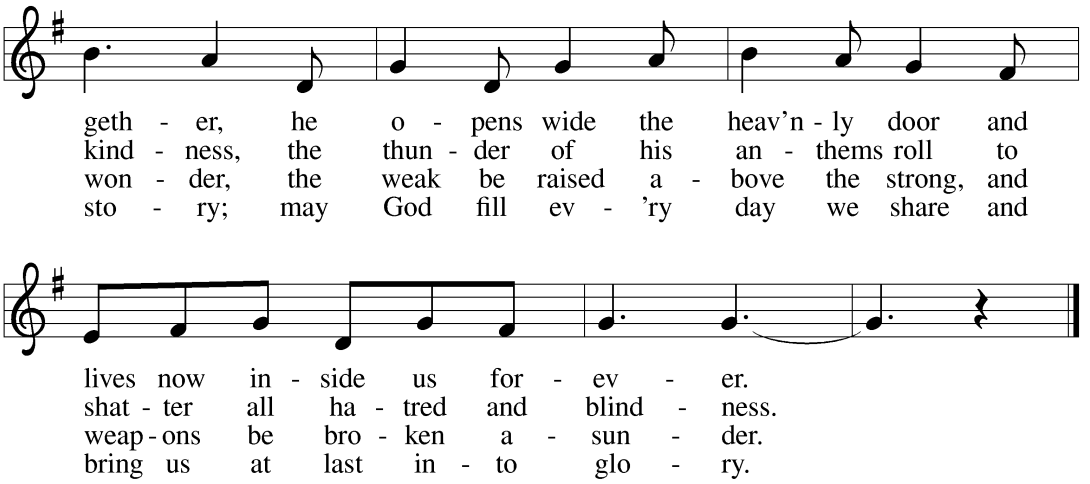
Let us pray. Holy God, **we give you thanks! For this meal that nourishes us in body and spirit. For a taste of your dreams. For the earth that gifts us these resources. And for these bodies of ours through which you take on flesh. May our gratitude produce faithfulness and our faithfulness produce justice. Amen.**

Benediction

As you leave this place, let your mouth speak of God's goodness, your arms hold those in need, your feet walk toward justice, your heart trust its worth, and your soul dance in God's grace. You are blessed in the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself. Go with courage, heart, and peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ELW 242 "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"





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Dismissal

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

Sending Music "Savior of the Nations, Come" by Johann Pachelbel

Ministers:	All Believers	**Musician:**	Anne Phillips
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Brenda Froisland	**Sacristy:**	Marilyn Newborg
Assisting Minister:	Susan Johnson	**Ushers:**	Don and Darlene Olson
Lector:	Ann Allison	**Live Streaming:**	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
Cantor:	Kristin Cleary	**Hospitality:**	Ann Allison
Music Director:	Bernie Asher	**Altar Guild:**	Sharon Rodi and Grace Simons

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Christmas
at Bethel
Worship:
December 24, 4pm
December 25, view a past service online only
BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH | 4120 17th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN | bethel-mpls.org

We are collecting coats, hats, scarves, and mittens for people experiencing homelessness!

Please drop them off at Bethel before December 31, 2026.





Holiday Cookie Kit

KIT PACKING EVENT

SUN. 11/29, 11:30AM

All are welcome to attend!

Join us as we put together Holiday Cookie Kits for our Little Free Pantry. The packed kits will be available in the pantry in December.

Join us for our free

COMMUNITY FUN NIGHT

DECEMBER FUN NIGHT

Thursday, Dec. 10, 5:30-7:30pm

Meal: Waffles

FREE

Activity: Make a Gift

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ANGELICA ENCORE CHOIR
DECEMBER 12, 2026, 3PM



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PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

Mary Rosby
Marilyn Newborg
Anna Olsen
Dave and Libby Krogh
Gert Carlson
Candy and Richard Hickenbotham
Margot Lair
David and Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers
Jan Walker
Christopher Rodi
Walker Family
Larissa Hoover
Laurel Jorgensen
Gloria Condon
Hundt Family
Puckett Family
Darrell Dahl
Warwick Family
Pikkarainen Family
Joyce Hughes
Leonard Phillips

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

Theresa (Pr B's sister)
Trent and Michelle (Norma's family)
Carol (Andrea Allie's friend)
Deb (Spencer Rodi's grandmother)
Barb Passow (Pr B's friend)
Ivy Potratz (Susan Johnson's stepmom)
Sherri Johnson (friend of Bethel)
Marvin (Bryan Mann-Entzel's father)
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)
Darlene (Jeff Alberts' mom)
Susan (Mike Condon's sister)
John (Kathy Hundt's brother-in-law)

Prayers of support for the family of Elaine Gates, who passed away earlier this month.

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❖Mpls Area Synod ❖Nokomis Healthy Seniors ❖CANMN
❖Iglesia Evangelica Luz Alas Naciones ❖Iglesia Evangelica La Voz de Dios
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