



In gratitude, Bethel Lutheran Church amplifies God's grace, nourishes all creation, reaches out, and builds community.

- *We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.*
- *Bethel Children, Youth & Family Ministry bridges generations to model, equip, and encourage a foundation of trust in God's story.*

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least



of these siblings of mine, you did for me." *Matthew 25:40*

Feast of Christ
November 22, 2020 **10:30 AM**
Virtually on YouTube

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GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in front of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live as the hands, feet, and heart of our Creator, Savior, and Guide. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn # 669

Rise Up, O Saints of God!"



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| 1 | Rise up, O saints of God! | From vain am - bi - tions turn; |
| 2 | Speak out, O saints of God! | De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame; |
| 3 | Rise up, O saints of God! | The king - dom's task em - brace; |
| 4 | Give heed, O saints of God! | Cre - a - tion cries in pain; |
| 5 | Com - mit your hearts to seek | the paths which Christ has trod; |

(continues)



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893
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Greeting

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe that God meets you here. We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Gloria



Glo-ry to God in the highest and peace to God's peo-ple on



earth. We praise you, we bless and we glo-ri-fy, we



give you great thanks for your glo - ry.



Lord, Je - sus Christ, O Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world. Have mer-cy on us, re - cieve our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, and you the Lord most
 high. Je - sus Christ with the Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A - men, a - men.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God of power and might, **your Son shows us the way of service, and so we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

WORD

Lesson Psalm 95:1-7a (NRSV)

Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.** For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods. **In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.** The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land. **Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.** For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God**

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, o - pen our ears, O Lord.

Lis - ten and live out your word. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

(Inclusive)

The gospel of Matthew, the 25th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

“At the appointed time the Promised One will come in glory, escorted by all the angels of heaven, and will sit upon the royal throne, with all the nations assembled below. Then the Promised One will separate them from one another, as a shepherd divides the sheep from the goats. The sheep will be placed on the right hand, the goats on the left.

“The ruler will say to those on the right, ‘Come, you blessed of my Abba God! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world! For I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me; naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me; in prison and you came to visit me’. Then these just will ask, **‘When did we see you hungry and feed you, or see you thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you as a stranger and invite you in, or clothe you in your nakedness? When did we see you ill or in prison and come to visit you?’** The ruler will answer them, ‘The truth is, every time you did this for the least of my siblings, you did it for me.’

“Then the ruler will say to those on the left, ‘Out of my sight, you accursed ones! Into that everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and the fallen angels! I was hungry and you gave me no food; I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink. I was a stranger and you gave me no welcome; naked and you gave me no clothing. I was ill and in prison and you did not come to visit me.’

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Then they in turn will ask, ‘When did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or homeless or naked, or ill or in prison and not take care of you?’ The answer will come, ‘The truth is, as often as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.’ They will go off to eternal punishment, and the just will go off to eternal life.”

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day # 2760

“O Christ the Same”

Vs 1 & 3

1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es,
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
 3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide,
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main,

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
 the marks of love, in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en,
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

(continues)

who spread the skies, and set the stars a - blaze,
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing pow'r,
 for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en,
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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Prayer Updates

Prayers of the People

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

brief silence

Each petition ends with: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Jesus be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering

Please send checks directly to Bethel Lutheran,
 4120 17th Ave S, Mpls, MN 55407.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of all goodness, **generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made. Amen.**

MEAL

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.

Sanctus

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 whenever 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, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn #693

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.

(continues)



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.
Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

Post Communion Prayer

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.**

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, **in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.**

Lighting the Candles

SENDING

Benediction

The peace of God the Creator is in your heart. The grace of God the Savior is in your words. The love of God the Spirit is in your hands. The joy of God Triune is in your soul and in the song that your life sings. **Amen**

Sending Hymn #840

"Now Thank We All Our God"



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

(continues)



who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re-joic-es;
with ev-er joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spir-it blest, who reign in high-est heav-en,



who, from our moth-ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
the one e-ter-nal God, whom earth and heav'n a-dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev-er-more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sending Music

Ministers:	All Believers
Presiding Minister:	Pastor Brenda
Engagement Coor:	Dr. Jen Kilps
Assisting Ministers:	Gene Rodi
Director of Music:	Phil Radtke
Audio:	Ted Allison
Video:	Phil Radtke

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Liturgy written by Phil Radtke.

Join us for

Thanksgiving Eve Joint Worship Service

Wednesday, Nov 25, at 7:00 PM on YouTube

Then join the Zoom

Bethel Thanksgiving Fellowship

Following worship at 8:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85989040185>

*Happy
Thanksgiving!*

I thank my God every
time I remember you. NIV
Philippians 1:3



TODAY!

Bethel Book Group:

The Faith Club:

A Muslim, A Christian,

A Jew Three Women Search for Understanding

Read this book and join the discussion.

SUNDAY, Nov 22 at 12:30 PM on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86123548211>



THE FAITH CLUB



RANYA IDLIBY, SUZANNE OLIVER,
AND PRISCILLA WARNER

NOTE: You can join any Zoom meeting via your phone.
Simply dial: 1 312 626 6799. (This is the same number for all zoom calls.
Then enter the Meeting ID (the last 11 digits in the zoom link).
This allows you to participate even though you have no video.

JOIN US THIS WEEK:

Sunday	10:00 AM	Sunday School Story
	10:30 AM	Virtual Worship Service
Sunday	11:30 AM	Fellowship
		https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85032958485
	12:30 PM	Bethel Book Group: The Faith Club
		https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86123548211
Tuesday	7:00 PM	BSA Troop Meeting
	TBD	Worship Taping
Wednesday	11:00 AM	Bible Study
		https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88223223100
	1 - 3 PM	Phone & Call Hours for Pr Brenda
		651-270-4960
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Eve Worship (Virtual)
	8:00 PM	Bethel Thanksgiving Fellowship
		https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85989040185
Thursday & Friday		Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving
Saturday	9:00 AM	Cub Scout Meeting
Sunday	10:00 AM	Sunday School Story
	10:30 AM	Virtual Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Fellowship
		https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85032958485



PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Judy Day	Dave & Libby
Anna Olsen	Krogh
Simons/McDaniel's Family	Hundt Family
Henry Warwick	Marilyn Romsaas
Laurel Jorgensen	Tom Keating
Sharon Rodi	Sharon Warwick
Mike Simons	Sheila Nelson
Ted Allison	Bresina Family
Dr. Jen's family	Karen McBride
Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers	Ryan Summer
Rosie Smith & Family	Elaine Vogel
John Dahl	Teondre Martinez
Mark & Jan Walker	Crystal Vaughn
Gloria Condon	Lynn Vaughn
Pikkarainen Family	Audrey Campbell
Warwick Family	Jeff Fossum
Paige Best	Mel Olson
Trudy (Gert) Carlson	Joan Dahlman
Larissa Hoover	Puckett Family
Shirley Elavsky	Andy Martinson
Marjorie Hauge	Doris Christianson

RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Susan (Mike Condon's sister)
 Steve (Pr B's brother)
 Kathelina (Angel Cantu's mom)
 Anya (Candy Hickenbotham's granddaughter)
 Cherril (Candy Hickenbotham's friend)
 Kristian (Pr B's bestie)
 Susan & Dale (Wendy Ledesma's parents)
 Sue & Wayne (Karen Warwick's parents)
 Gretchen (Larissa Hoover's mom)
 Sam Cheaney (Sheila Nelson's friend)
 Rhonda (Sheila Nelson's friend)
 Kevin (Sheila Nelson's friend)
 Joni (Sheila Nelson's cousin)
 Rosy Fieker (Libby Krogh's sister)
 Rev. Ron Schuette (Dave's father)
 Steve Elavsky (Shirley Elavsky's son)
 Denann Karels (Jan & Mark Walker's friend)
 Joanne Wilberg (Marge Hauge's sister)
 Keith Shaubach (Jan Walker's brother)
 Jean Phillips (Chris Phillips' mom)
 Pamela Christi (Sharon Phillips' sister)
 Gabe Ness (Julie Hundt's husband)
 John Hundt (Kathy Hundt's brother-in-law)
 Paula Morgan (Romell White's sister)
 Cheryl (Karen McBride's sister)
 Ann Baskett (Crystal Vaughn's grandmother)
 Claire Tarr (Margaret Johnson's godchild)
 Andrea (Mona Falk's daughter)

MEMBERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS IN THE SERVICE

Robert Hundt
 Katrell Bishop (Pr Brenda's nephew)
 Adam Froisland (Pr Brenda's nephew)
 Dwana Froisland (Pr Brenda's niece)
 Brian Hansen (Kaka Day's husband)
 Aaron Larson (Rosie Smith's grandson)
 Sean Young (Pr Brenda's godson)

OUR MISSION PARTNERS

- ❖ Bancroft Neighborhood Association
- ❖ Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church BOLD
 - ❖ Casa de Oracion - MN
 - ❖ Casa de Oracion - Pentecostal
 - ❖ Every Meal ❖ Mpls Area Synod
 - ❖ Nokomis Healthy Seniors
 - ❖ ReconcilingWorks

MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

All of Us regarding Covid-19
 Indigenous Lives
 Black and Brown Lives
 People of the Twin Cities
 Medical Workers, Essential Workers
 Government Leaders, Supply Drivers
 Migrants & Asylum seekers
 Victims and survivors of fires, floods, hurricanes, and division