



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.



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 12, 2026

Bethel Lutheran Church - In-person and Online
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July 12, 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

"Sweet By and By" by Richard Kingsmore

"He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother" by Bobby Scott, Bob Russell

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.**

Confession of Sins

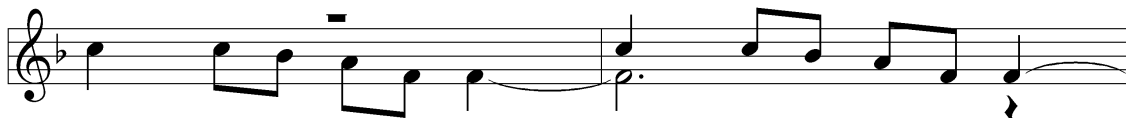
Baptized into Christ, **let us confess our sin.** *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God, **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn DATH 2

"Come, Let Us Worship God"



1	Come,	let	us	wor - ship	God ...	Come,	let	us	wor - ship	God ...
2	Rest	for	the	wea - ry	...	Rest	for	the	wea - ry	...
3	Food	for	the	hun - gry	...	Food	for	the	hun - gry	...
4	Hope	for	the	chil - dren	...	Hope	for	the	chil - dren	...



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Food	for	the	hun - gry	...	Food	for	the	hun - gry	...
Hope	for	the	chil - dren	...	Hope	for	the	chil - dren	...



Wel - come	ev - 'ry	one ...	Wel - come	ev - 'ry	one ...
Wel - come	ev - 'ry	one ...	Wel - come	ev - 'ry	one ...
Wel - come	ev - 'ry	one ...	Wel - come	ev - 'ry	one ...
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To the	love of	God ...	To the	love of	God ...
To the	love of	God ...	To the	love of	God ...
To the	love of	God ...	To the	love of	God ...
To the	love of	God ...	To the	love of	God ...

Text: Ray Makeever
 Music: GOD GIVE US LIFE, Ray Makeever

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, **we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

This is the Feast

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*



WORD

Lesson

Matthew 13:1-9 *First Nations*

Later that same day Jesus left that place and found a quiet spot to sit by Lake Gennesaret. Once again, people began to gather around Jesus. The number of people was so great that he sat down in a canoe and pushed out a little ways from the shore. The people gathered at the shoreline on the water's edge and sat down to listen to Jesus. *[The Great Storyteller began to tell his stories, teaching people about Creator's good road.]* Here is one of the many stories Jesus told them: "Listen!" he said. "A seed planter went to plant some seeds and began to scatter them about on the ground. **Some seeds fell on the village pathway,** and the winged ones pecked at the seeds and ate them all. **Some of the seeds fell on the rocks** where there was only a little dirt. The plants sprouted up quickly, but when the sun came out, they dried up because they had no roots. **Other seeds fell into the weeds,** and thistles sprouted around the seeds and choked the life out of them. **But some seeds fell on good ground,** grew strong, and gave a harvest. Some gave one hundred times what was planted, some sixty, and others thirty. The ones who have ears, let them hear and understand!"

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

Children's Message

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

Gospel Acclamation



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah;
He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan;

hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.
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Gospel

Matthew 13:18-23 *First Nations*

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

“So then,” Jesus said to the followers, **“listen with your hearts and I will tell you the meaning of the story of the seed planter.** The seed in this story is the message from the Great Spirit about the good road. The seed planted on the village pathway represents the ones who hear but do not understand the message. **The evil trickster sneaks up and snatches it from their hearts.** The rocky ground represents the ones who hear and receive the message with a glad heart, but because they have no roots, their faith is shallow and does not last. **As soon as the message brings them trouble or opposition, they stumble and fall away.** The seed planted among the weeds and thistles represents the ones who have heard the message, but they are too busy worrying about their earthly existence. **The desire for more and more possessions leads them down a false path, and they never grow into a mature human.** The good ground represents the ones who, when they hear the message **understand it and let it grow in their hearts to produce a harvest,** some one hundred times as much, some sixty, and some thirty.”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 512

"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson

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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:
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. May our gifts of all kinds and our labor contribute to the building of a beloved community which 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.

Lift up your hearts.

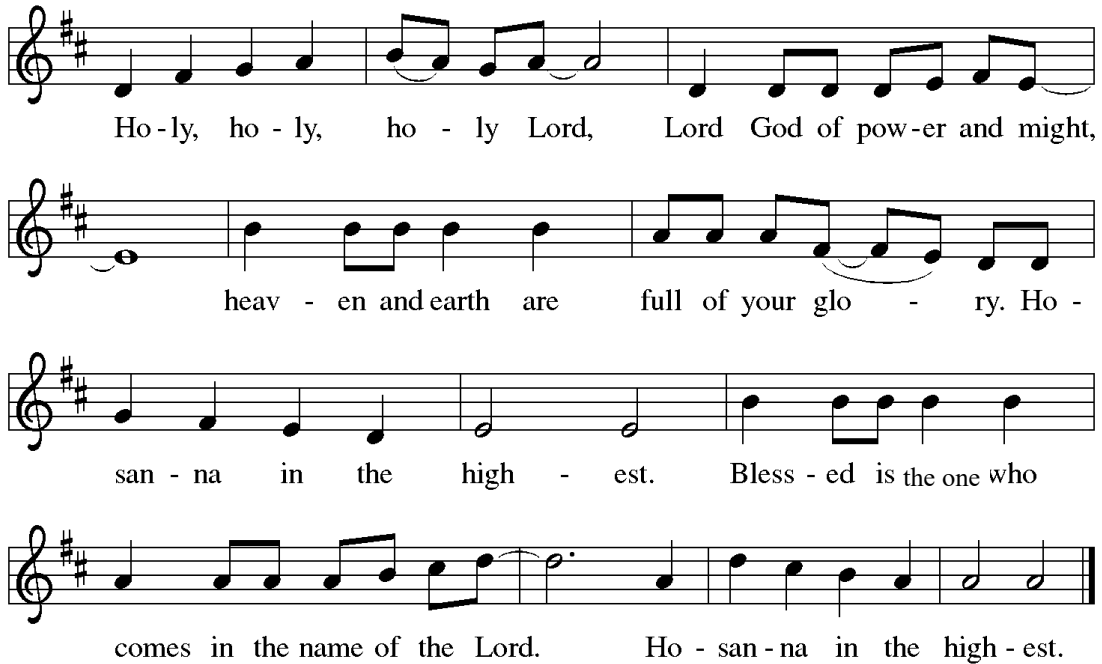
Let us give thanks to our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord 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 in the name of the Lord. 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. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn ELW 465

"As the Grains of Wheat"

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
 2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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Communion Hymn ELW 496

"One Bread, One Body"

Refrain



One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless - ing which we bless, and we, though man - y



through - out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
 3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,

Refrain

wom - an or man, no more.
 one in the Lord of all.
 gath - ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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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. In your many names we pray. Amen.**

SENDING

Benediction

The love of God abounds in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fills your hearts; and the life of the Spirit blesses you and gives you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ELW 547

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
 our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
 em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to give work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Dismissal

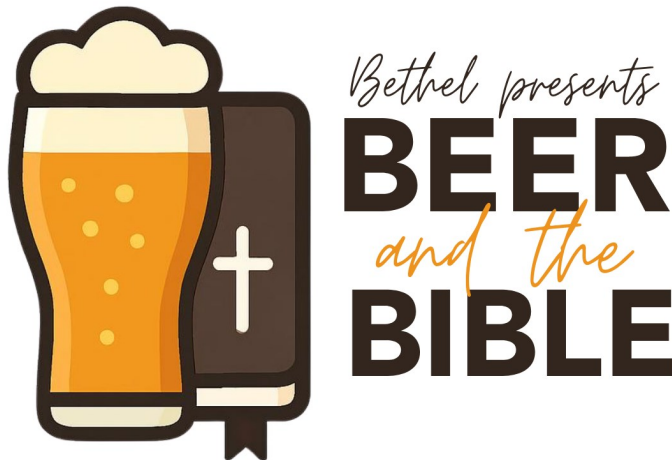
Go forth with courage, loving God and serving neighbors. **Thanks be to God!**

Sending Music

“Let All Things Now Living” by Larry Shackley

Ministers:	All Believers	Musician:	Barbara Brooks
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Brenda Froisland	Sacristy:	Marilyn Newborg
Assisting Minister:	Susan Johnson	Ushers:	Jayson and Grayson Spence
Lector:	Don Olson	Live Streaming:	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
Cantor:	Sarah Berke	Hospitality:	Romell White
Music Director:	Bernie Asher	Altar Guild:	Sharon Rodi and Grace Simons

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July 8, 22, August 12, 26
6:30-8:00pm

Buster's on 28th Avenue
4204 South 28th Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55407

PRAYER

list...

PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

Marilyn Newborg	Laurel Jorgensen
Alice Evenson	Gloria Condon
Stella Warwick	Hundt Family
Christopher Rodi	Puckett Family
Dave and Libby Krogh	Darrell Dahl
Barb Saunders	Walker Family
Hoover Family	Warwick Family
Leonard Phillips	Pikkarainen Family
David and Sue	Gert Carlson
Dorumsgaard Ayers	Joyce Hughes

PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Sheri 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)
Lennon (Cole and Bryan's niece)
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)
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)

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)

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)