



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.



GOD'S
Grace
RELEASE | RESTORE

RELEASE AND REFORMATION

OCTOBER 26, 2025

Bethel Lutheran Church - In-person and Online

YouTube: @bethelmpls

RELEASE AND REFORMATION

October 26, 2025, 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

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.**

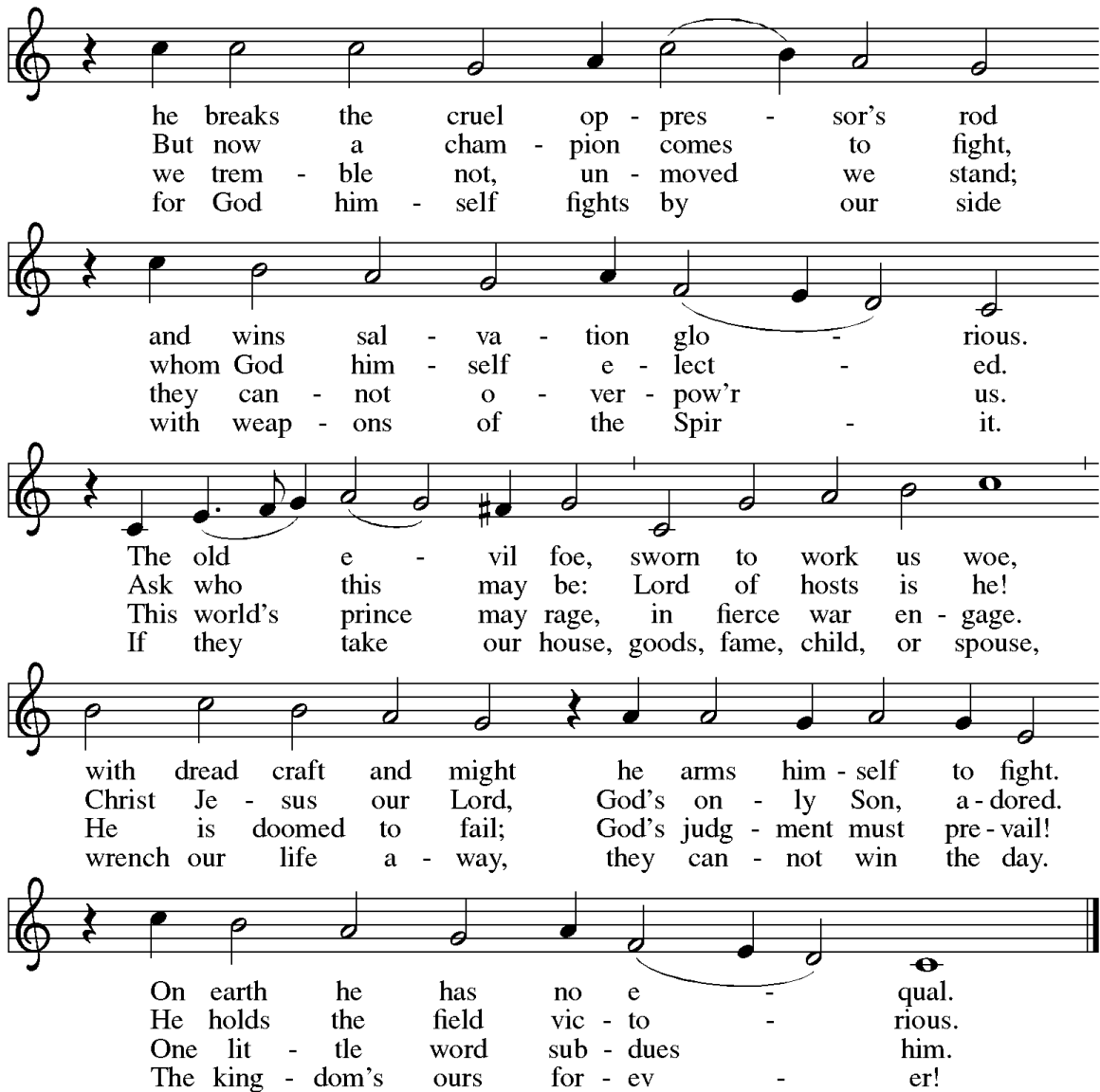
Opening Hymn ELW 503

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
2 No strength of ours can match his might!
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bid,

a sword and shield vic - to - rious;
We would be lost, re - ject ed.
all threat - 'ning to de - vour us,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;



he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod
 But now a cham - pion comes to fight,
 we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand;
 for God him - self fights by our side

and wins sal - va - tion glo - rious.
 whom God him - self e - lect ed.
 they can - not o - ver - pow'r us.
 with weap - ons of the Spir - it.

The old e - vil foe, sworn to work us woe,
 Ask who this may be: Lord of hosts is he!
 This world's prince may rage, in fierce war en - gage.
 If they take our house, goods, fame, child, or spouse,

with dread craft and might he arms him - self to fight.
 Christ Je - sus our Lord, God's on - ly Son, a - dored.
 He is doomed to fail; God's judg - ment must pre - vail!
 wrench our life a - way, they can - not win the day.

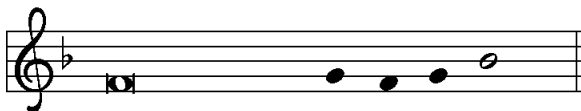
On earth he has no e - qual.
 He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther
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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Gracious God, **we release our hearts to you. Allow our hearts to return to their original resting place - in sync with you, and with this whole and wild creation. We release our hearts to you. Please move in them, stir us awake, speak to us, and help us to listen and respond. Amen.**

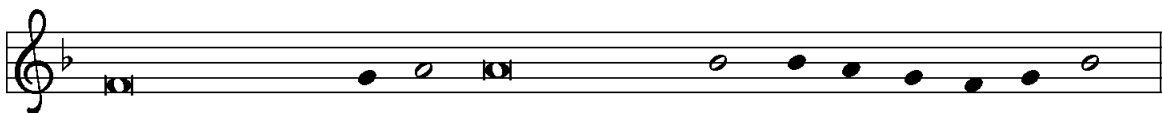
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



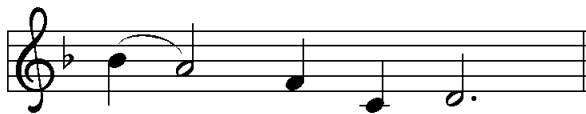
Lord, have mer - cy.



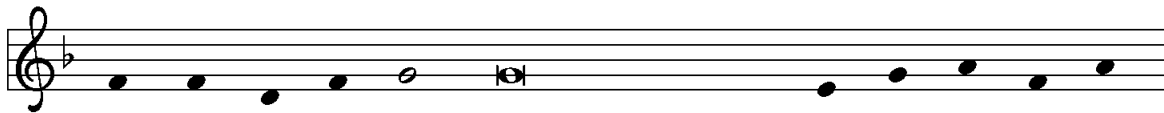
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



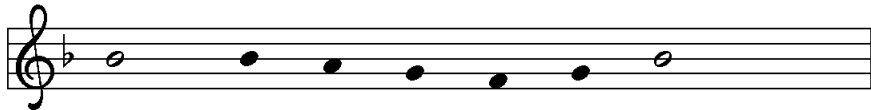
God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



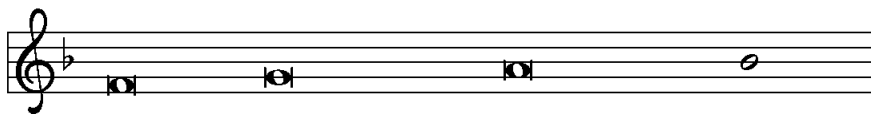
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

WORD

Poem

“But First”

Children's Message, then Sunday School

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

Lesson

Deuteronomy 15:1-11

Every seventh year you shall grant a remission of debts. And this is the manner of the remission: every creditor shall remit the claim that is held against a neighbor, not exacting it from a neighbor who is a member of the community, because the LORD's remission has been proclaimed. From a foreigner you may exact it, but you must remit your claim on whatever any member of your community owes you. There will, however, be no one in need among you, because the LORD is sure to bless you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you as a possession to occupy, if only you will obey the LORD your God by diligently observing this entire commandment that I command you today. When the LORD your God has blessed you, as he promised you, you will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow; you will rule over many nations, but they will not rule over you. If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted towards your needy neighbor. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, 'The seventh year, the year of remission, is near', and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to the LORD against you, and you would incur guilt. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.'

The Word of God. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Sermon



1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,
 2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
 3 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days.
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon-ey, some of these days.
 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.



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Text: African American spiritual

Music: WELCOME TABLE, African American spiritual

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

**Who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.**

**Who suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

**On the third day Christ rose again,
ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God.**

Christ will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

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!



Bethel Vocal Choir

"How Can I Keep from Singing?" by Jay Althouse

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Risen One, **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.

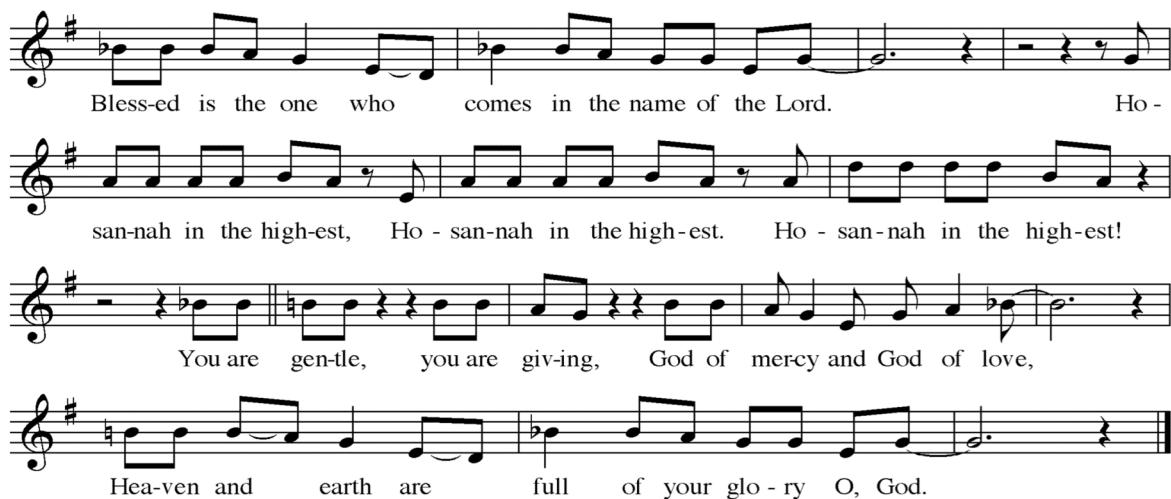
We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly. God of pow-er and God of might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry O, God. You are
fi-re you are wa-ter, God of jus-tice and God of peace,
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry O, God.



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

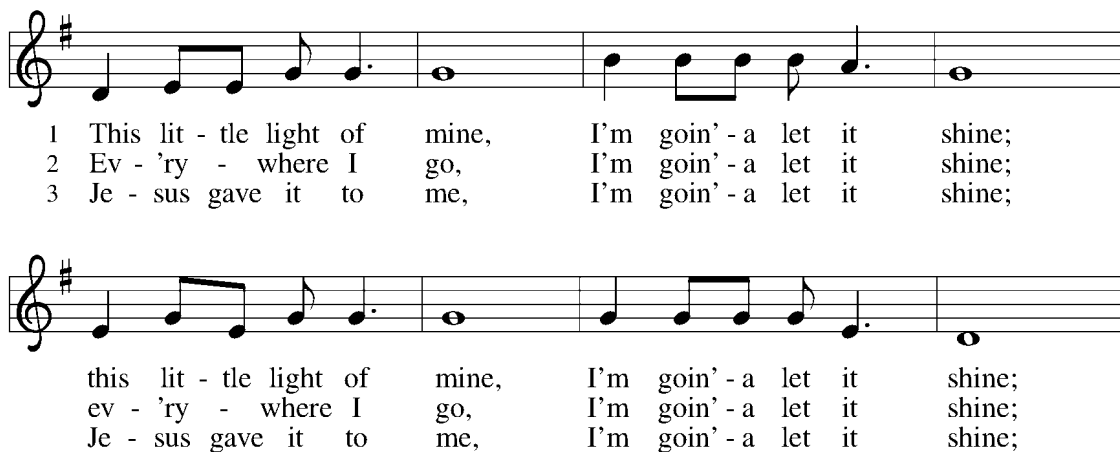
Lamb of God



Lamb of God, of hum-ble birth, you bring love un-to the
earth. Je-sus Christ, Prince of peace, Lamb of God. You
are the face of jus-tice, peace, and mer-cy. You call us all to live each day in
love. We fol - low in the way that we can fol - low,
Drawing strength and courage from a - bove. Lamb of God, of hum-ble birth, grant us
peace through-out the earth. Je-sus Christ, Source of Love, Lamb of God.

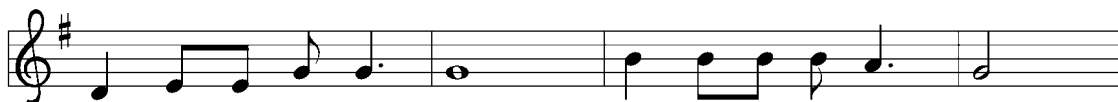
Communion Hymn ELW 677

"This Little Light of Mine"



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,



let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

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. Living One, **in this feast you have made yourself known to us.**
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your
risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

SENDING

Benediction

Gathered into one by the Spirit, we go in peace to serve the Creator. Seek God's boundless diversity in all you see, and know you are made in God's image! **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ELW 551

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820
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Dismissal

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

Sending Music

“Postlude on Holy Manna” by Wilbur Held

Ministers:	All Believers	Musicians:	Anne Phillips, Bethel Vocal Choir
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Brenda Froisland	Sacristy:	Marilyn Newborg
Assisting Minister:	Ann Allison	Ushers:	Norris and Jay
Lector:	Anna Wohnoutka	Live Streaming:	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
Cantor:	Sarah Berke	Hospitality:	Clarice Lovstuen
Music Director:	Bernie Asher	Altar Guild:	Janet Anderson and Norma Lanning



Candy & Carbone's

TRUNK OR TREAT AND
SOMETHING GOOD TO EAT!

OCT. 26, 2025
5:00-6:30 PM

Join us at Bethel for Trunk or Treat or come and eat.
FREE PIZZA for everyone!



BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
4120 17th Ave. S., Mpls, MN
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RAISE *the* **ROOF!**

**A FUNDRAISING EFFORT FOR
BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**THUR 11/20/25
5:00-8:30 PM
BETHEL'S NAZARETH HALL**

Join us for a FREE fundraising event to
help Bethel cover the cost of a new roof!

Hors d'oeuvres and N/A beverages served.
Silent Auction and Raffle close at 8PM.



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Minneapolis, MN 55407
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PRAYER

list...

PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

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

MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

- The families and neighbors of Annunciation Church and School
- 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

PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Ethylmae Ross (Gloria Condon's aunt)
Nick (Ann Allison's nephew)
Kristin (Ann Allison's sister)
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)
Kathy (Krogh Family friend)
Steve (Pr B's brother)
Michael (Marilyn Newborg's brother)
Donovan (Angel Cannon's father)
Laura (Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers' friend)
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)

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