



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.

G O D ' S
Grace
JUSTICE | JOY

First Sunday of Stewardship Reformation Sunday OCTOBER 25, 2026

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

Reformation Sunday

October 25, 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

"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" Anne Krentz

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Reading

Sing out your joy to YHWH, you who love justice —

praise is fitting for a loyal heart.

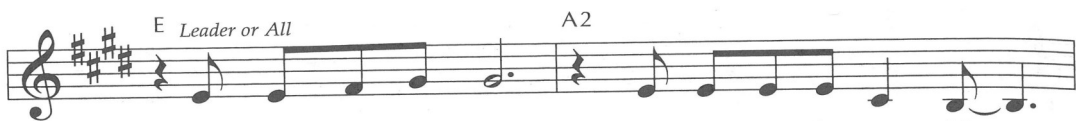
For the word of YHWH is true and everything God does can be trusted.

YHWH loves justice and right and fills the earth with love.

Opening Hymn GtG 769

"For Everyone Born"

Vs 1, 4, and 5



1 For ev - ery - one born,	a place at the ta - ble,
2 For wom - an and man,	a place at the ta - ble,
3 For young and for old,	a place at the ta - ble,
4 For just and un - just,	a place at the ta - ble,
5 For ev - ery - one born,	a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bus - ed, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child, in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

Refrain



and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,



God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,



jus - tice and joy!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Abundant God, **you made us in your image and breathed in us a spirit of generosity that is both gift and response. Move us, we pray, to give as we have received—abundantly, generously, and joyfully that our common ministry may ever bear witness to your unfailing grace. In the name of the Three in whom we are One. Amen**

Glory to God ELW p.148



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



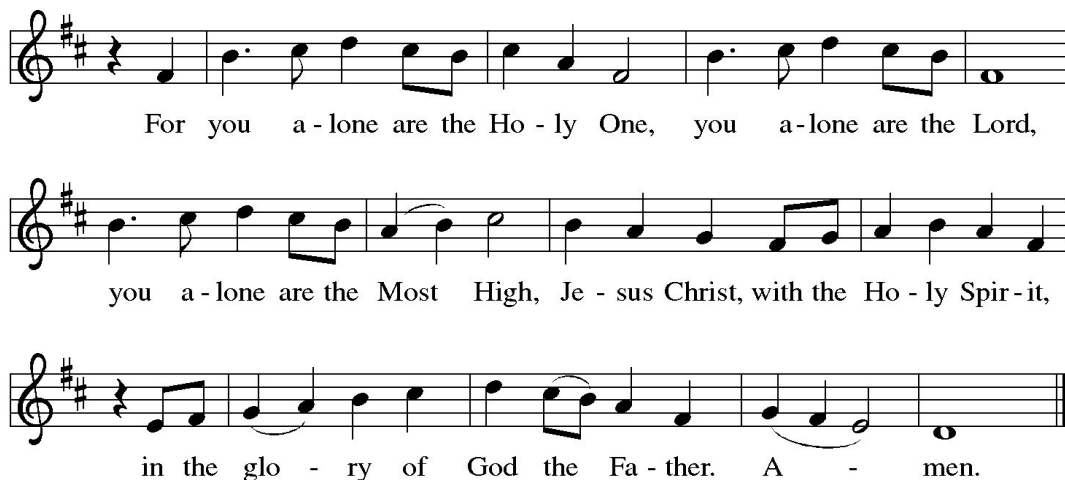
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



WORD

Lesson

Psalms 33 Inclusive

Sing out your joy to YHWH, you who love justice — **praise is fitting for loyal hearts.** Praise YHWH with the harp, and play music with a ten-stringed lyre! **Sing God a new song, play with all your skill, and with shouts of joy!** For the word of YHWH is true and everything God does can be trusted. **YHWH loves justice and right and fills the earth with love.** By your word, YHWH, the heavens were made, by the breath of your mouth all the stars. **You gather the seas together and control them, putting the Deep into its vault. Let the earth revere YHWH; let all who live in the world tremble before you!** You spoke, and everything came to be; commanded, and it all sprang into being. You frustrate the designs of the nations, defeat the plans of the peoples. **But your own plan will stand firm forever, the designs of your heart from age to age.** Happy is the nation whose God is YHWH! Happy the people you choose as your own inheritance! From the heavens you look forth, YHWH, and see all of humankind. From your dwelling place you watch over all the peoples of the earth. You shape the hearts of them all and consider all their deeds. A ruler isn't saved by the size of an army; a warrior doesn't escape because of strength. Trust in the horse for your deliverance and you'll be disappointed — despite its

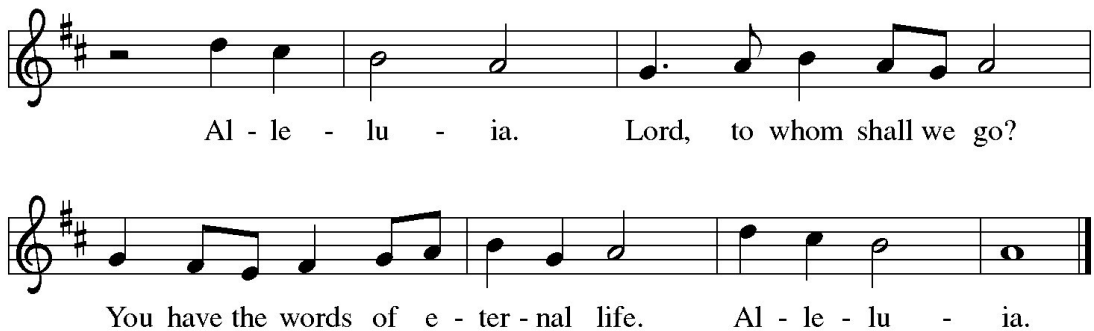
might, it cannot save. The eyes of YHWH look on those who stand in reverence, on those who hope in God's love to rescue them from death, or to keep them alive during famine. And so we wait for YHWH, our help and our shield. For in you our hearts find joy; we trust in your holy Name. May your love be upon us, YHWH, as we place all our hope in you.

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

Matthew 22:34-40

The Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-second chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the Pharisees had heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the Law, attempted to trick Jesus with this question. **"Teacher, which commandment of the Law is the greatest?"** Jesus answered: "You must love the Most High God with all your heart, with and with all your mind. That is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: 'You must love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments the whole Law is based — and the Prophets as well."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 595

"Jesus Loves Me!"



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! loves me still, though I'm ver - y weak and ill;
4 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
from his shin - ing throne on high, comes to watch me where I lie.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves you



yes, Je - sus loves us, the Bi - ble tells me so.

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!*

Bethel Choir

"Shukuru Yesu/Thanking You, Jesus"

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 al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.**

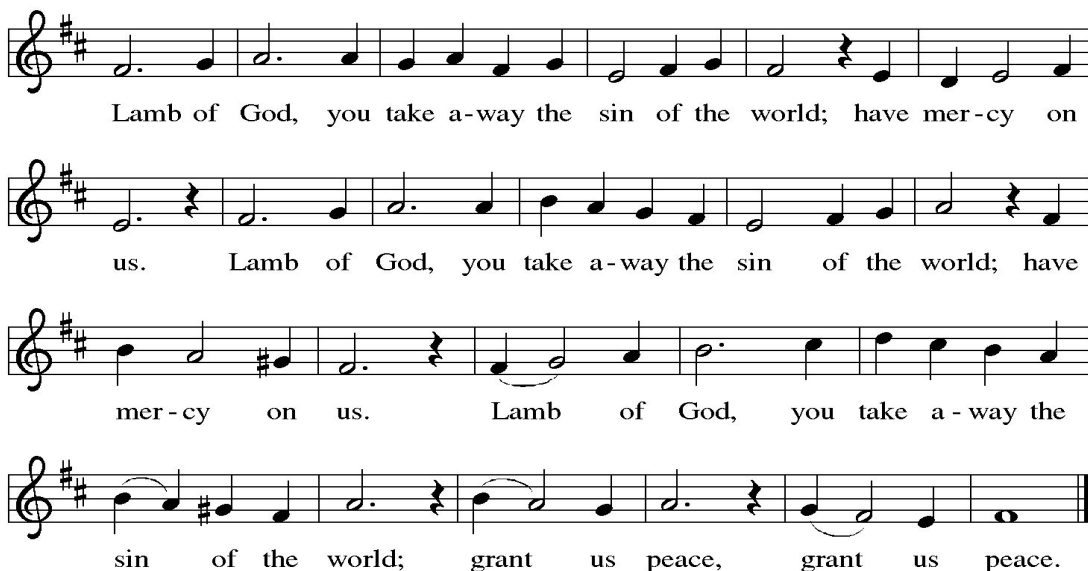
Lord's Prayer

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

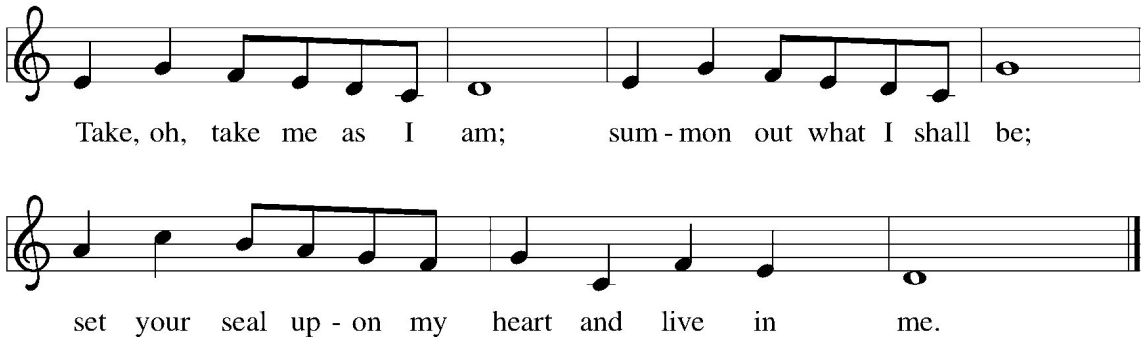
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

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 814

"Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am"



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

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

Friends, know this, you are claimed by God's love, redeemed by Christ's life, and set free to serve in the power of the Holy Spirit. Our worship has ended, our service begins. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ELW 505

"A Mighty Fortress"

- 1
 A mighty fortress is our God,
 a bulwark never failing;
 our helper frees us from the flood
 of mortal ills prevailing.
 For still our ancient foe,
 forsworn to work us woe,
 with guile and dreadful might
 is armed to wage the fight:
 on earth there is no equal.

2
 If we in our own strength confide,
 our striving turns to losing;
 the righteous one fights by our side,
 the one of God's own choosing.
 You ask who this may be:
 Christ Jesus, it is he,
 the Lord of hosts by name.
 No other God we claim!
 None else can win the battle.
- 3
 Though all the world with devils fill
 and threaten to devour us,
 we tremble not, we trust God's will:
 they cannot overpow'r us.
 Though Satan rant and rage,
 in fiercest war engage,
 this tyrant's doomed to fail;
 God's judgment must prevail!
 One little word shall triumph.

4
 God's Word shall stand above the pow'rs,
 shall end all their thanksgiving.
 The Spirit and the gifts are ours,
 for God with us is living.
 Let goods and kindred go,
 this mortal life also;
 though all of these be gone,
 they yet have nothing won.
 The kingdom's ours forever!

Dismissal

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

Sending Music

"Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott" Johann Pachelbel

Ministers:	All Believers	Musicians:	Anne Phillips, Bethel Choir
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Brenda Froisland	Sacristy:	Marilyn Newborg
Assisting Minister:	Sharon Rodi	Ushers:	Dave Krogh and Norris Lovstuen
Lector:	Laurie Hauge	Live Streaming:	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
Cantor:	Kristin Cleary	Hospitality:	Stephanie Johnson
Music Director:	Bernie Asher	Altar Guild:	Janet Anderson and Norma Lanning

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TRUNK *or* TREAT

TODAY!



OCT.
25
5:00 TO
6:30PM

Two Ways to Participate:

1. Decorate a car and pass out candy
contact pastor@bethel-mpls.org to register
2. Bring kids to trick-or-treat

Enjoy a bounce house and free pizza while
supplies last!



BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH | 4120 17th Ave. S., MPLS | ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday School

AT BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAYS AT 10:15AM



REGISTER
HERE:



Registration is preferred, but not required. By registering, we will be able to communicate with you in the event of any changes to the schedule.



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SALAD CONTEST

Sunday, Nov. 15
After Worship

*As we gather together on Promise Sunday,
let's also have some fun with our annual
potluck contest!*





JOIN BETHEL'S *Handbell and Vocal Choirs*



ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!

We want you to:

- Sing in the choir
- Play handbells
- Play an instrument during worship

Handbell Rehearsals — Mondays, 7pm starting 8/24
Choir Rehearsals — Wednesdays, 7pm starting 8/26

If you are interested in singing in the choir, playing in the handbell choir, or if you would like to play another instrument during worship, contact Bernie at music2023@bethel-mpls.org

JOIN US FOR

“COME SING WITH US”

COME TO THE BALCONY AT
9:30AM AND LEARN THE
SONG “LIGHT DAWNS ON
A WEARY WORLD” AND
SING WITH US DURING
WORSHIP.

All are welcome!



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PRAYER

list...

PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

Dave and Libby Krogh	Walker Family
Gert Carlson	Larissa Hoover
Candy and Richard	Laurel Jorgensen
Hickenbotham	Gloria Condon
Margot Lair	Hundt Family
David and Sue	Puckett Family
Dorumsgaard Ayers	Darrell Dahl
Mason Cannon	Warwick Family
Jan Walker	Pikkarainen Family
Marilyn Newborg	Joyce Hughes
Christopher Rodi	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)
Barb Passow (Pr B's friend)
Ivy Potratz (Susan Johnson's stepmom)
Sherri Johnson (friend of Bethel)
Marvin (Bryan Mann-Entzel's father)
Virginia (Jerry Johnson's mom)
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)
Trent and Michelle (Norma's family)
Darlene (Jeff Alberts' mom)
Susan (Mike Condon's sister)
John (Kathy Hundt's brother-in-law)

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❖Mpls Area Synod ❖Nokomis Healthy Seniors ❖CANMN
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❖Bancroft Neighborhood Association ❖Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church (BOLD)