



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.



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 30, 2026

Bethel Lutheran Church - In-person and Online
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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 30, 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

"All Are Welcome" by Paul Tate

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 641

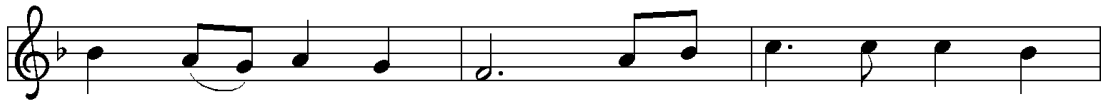
"All Are Welcome"



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Divine Mother, wellspring of all life, we open our hearts to Your presence . You who are as soft as the earth and as ancient as the stars , guide us in Your nurturing embrace . Help us to release our fears and trust in Your tender care . Fill us with Your wisdom, and let Your light radiate through us in all that we do. Amen.

Kyrie Vs 1, 2

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

WORD

Lesson

Matthew 27:55-56, 61, 28:1-10

Not very far away, many women were watching. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to take care of his needs. Mary Magdalene was among them. Mary, the mother of James and Joseph, was also there. So was the mother of Zebedee's sons. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there across from the tomb. The Sabbath day was now over. It was dawn on the first day of the week. **Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.** There was a powerful earthquake. An angel of the Lord came down from heaven. The angel went to the tomb. He rolled back the stone and sat on it. His body shone like lightning. His clothes were as white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, **"Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here! He has risen, just as he said he would! Come and see the place where he was lying. Go quickly! Tell his disciples, 'He has risen from the dead. He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' So the women hurried away from the tomb. **They were afraid, but they were filled with joy.** They ran to tell the disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings!" he said. They came to him, took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee. There they will see me."**

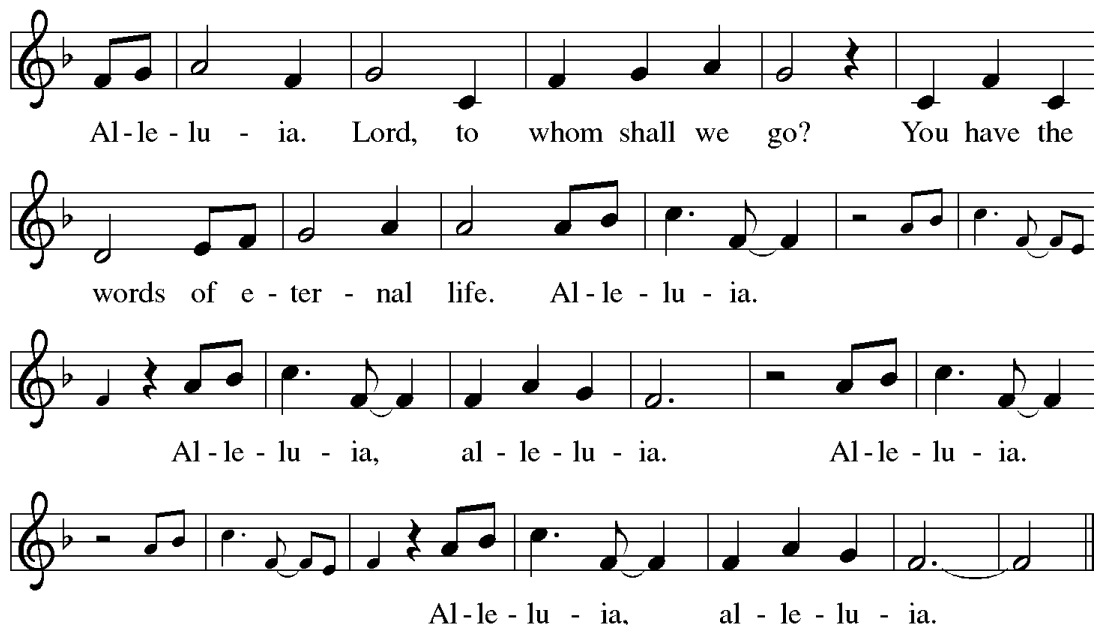
[Pronouns have been changed in this reading to look at God as feminine.]

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



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Luke 24:1-11

The Gospel continues according to Luke, the second chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

It was very early in the morning on the first day of the week. **The women took the spices they had prepared. Then they went to the tomb.** They found the stone rolled away from it. When they entered the tomb, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. They were wondering about this. Suddenly two men in clothes as bright as lightning stood beside them. The women were terrified. They bowed down with their faces to the ground. Then the men said to them, **"Why do you look for the living among the dead? Jesus is not here! He has risen!** Remember how he told you he would rise. It was while he was still with you in Galilee. He said, 'The Son of Man must be handed over to sinful people. He must be nailed to a cross. On the third day he will rise from the dead.'" **Then the women remembered Jesus' words.** They came back from the tomb. **They told all these things to the 11 apostles and to all the others. Mary**

Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them were the ones who told the apostles. But the apostles did not believe the women. Their words didn't make any sense to them.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 387

"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"



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



1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,
3 When Mar - y's heart was filled with gloom
4 "Why do you weep?" his ques - tion came.
5 No long - er weep - ing, an - guish - bent,



with heav'n - ly hosts to Christ our king:
a faith - ful wom - an went her way
and she stood weep - ing near the tomb,
"Whose is the bod - y you would claim?"
but with re - joic - ing Mar - y went,



to - day the grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!
to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!
a strang - er spoke, she knew not whom. Al - le - lu - ia!
And then, at last, he spoke her name. Al - le - lu - ia!
by Christ as first a - pos - tle sent. Al - le - lu - ia!



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 Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939, sts. 2–5
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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. 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, 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

Communion Hymn ELW 341

"Now Behold the Lamb"



1	Now	be - hold	the Lamb,	the pre - cious Lamb	of God,	who
2	Ho - ly	is	the Lamb,	the pre - cious Lamb	of God.	Why
3	Thank you for	the Lamb,	the pre - cious Lamb	of God.		Be -



bore all my sin,	that I may live a - gain:	the pre-cious Lamb of God.
you love me so,	Lord, I shall nev - er know;	the pre-cious Lamb of God.
cause of your grace	I can fin - ish the race;	the pre-cious Lamb of God.

Text: Kirk Franklin, b. 1970

Music: NOW BEHOLD THE LAMB. Kirk Franklin

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Communion Hymn ELW 483

"Here Is Bread"



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950

Music: Graham Kendrick

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HERE IS BREAD

3 3 4 4 3 3 5 and refrain

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

Our Mother of Compassion nourishes your soul. Feel the deep, unfailing love of Christ, who bears you as a mother bears her child. Go now in the grace and comfort of her spirit's eternal embrace. **Amen.**

(From Julian of Norwich)

Sending Hymn ELW 768

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;
for if you lead me, I can - not stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,
3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,

to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.
be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.
I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.

Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.
I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

Refrain
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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LEAD ME, GUIDE ME
Irregular

Dismissal

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

Sending Music

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” by Valerie A Floeter

Ministers:	All Believers	Musician:	Anne Phillips
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Brenda Froisland	Sacristy:	Clarice Lovstuen
Assisting Minister:	Kristin Cleary	Ushers:	Don and Darlene Olson
Lector:	Anna Olsen	Live Streaming:	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
Cantor:	Dean Anderson	Hospitality:	The Wohnoutka Family
Music Director:	Bernie Asher	Altar Guild:	Barb Saunders and Barb Wandberg

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Sunday School

**AT BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAYS AT 10:15AM — STARTING SEPTEMBER 20, 2026**



Bethel's Sunday School will be held during worship — kids will leave worship at 10:15am.

Our Faith Trek Sunday School program is open to everyone. You do not need to be a member and you do not need to attend worship to participate in Sunday School.

**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.



BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH | 4120 17th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN | bethel-mpls.org

BETHEL'S **rally sunday**

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AT 10AM
OR AFTER AT 11AM FOR:

- **FREE PICNIC**
- **SERVICE PROJECT**
- **AND MORE!**

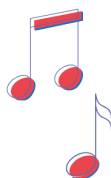
Help us put together school bags
filled with school supplies for
Lutheran World Relief to distribute.

More details to come!

This event is **FREE** and open to the public.
ALL ARE WELCOME!



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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

PRAYER

list...

PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

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

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

Barb Passow (Pr B's friend)
Martin/Harne family (Pr B's relatives)
Ivy Potratz (Susan Johnson's stepmom)
Sherri 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)

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)