



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 and Family Ministry bridges generations to model, equip, and encourage a foundation of trust in God's story.
- Why a Public Church? To impact and enhance the community so that everyone feels a sense of love and belonging.



Live Among God's Faithful People

First Sunday of Lent, February 26, 2023

Bethel Lutheran Church, in-person and online

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10:00 AM

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

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, Creator of the stars of night, companion at the evening table, breath over the deep waters. **Amen.**

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

Holy and gracious God, **we confess that we have sinned against you this day. Some of our sin we know - the thoughts and words and deeds of which we are ashamed - but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ we ask for forgiveness. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace. Amen.**

By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, in whom we are forgiven. We rest now in the peace of Christ and rise in the morning to serve. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn ELW 446

"I'm Going on a Journey"

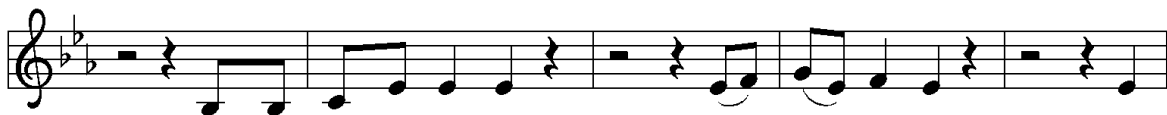
The musical notation is for the hymn "I'm Going on a Journey" in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody begins with a quarter note G, followed by a quarter note A, a quarter note B, and a quarter note C. This is followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G. This is followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, and a quarter note D. This is followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G. The second staff continues the melody with a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, and a quarter note D. This is followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G. This is followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, and a quarter note D. This is followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G. The lyrics are: "I'm go-ing on a jour-ney, and I'm start-ing to-day. My head is wet, and I'm on my way. Christ's mark is on me;"

1 I'm go-ing on a jour-ney, and I'm start-ing to-day. My

head is wet, and I'm on my way. Christ's mark is on me;



it's on you, too; it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!



2 I'm be-com-ing this day a saint of God. It



real-ly does-n't mat-ter what roads I trod. Wher-ev-er I go, God's



been there, too. God's love has touched me and will car-ry me through.



3 There are oth-er saints who have said a-men. They'll



keep me faith-ful to my jour-ney's end. A - long the way



I want to be the kind of per-son that God set free.

Text: Kenneth D. Larkin

Music: WET SAINTS, Edward V. Bonnemère, 1921–1996

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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 Creator, and of the Savior, and of the Holy Spirit. 3
Amen.

Kyrie

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, **that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

Lesson

Philippians 1:3-11 NRSV

I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Children's Message

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

Lenten Acclamation

"Nothing in All of Creation"



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.

Lesson

Acts 2:38-47 Inclusive

Peter replied, "You must repent and be baptized, each one of you, in the name of Jesus the Messiah, that your sins may be forgiven; then you will receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It was to you and your children that the promise was made, and to all those still far off whom our God calls."

In support of his testimony, Peter used many arguments and kept saying, "Save yourself from this corrupt generation!" They were convinced by Peter's arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptized. That very day about three thousand were added to the number of those converted.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' instructions and the communal life, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. A reverent fear overtook them all, for many wonders and signs were being performed by the apostles. Those who believed lived together, shared all things in common; they would sell their property and goods, sharing the proceeds with one another as each had need. They met in the Temple and they broke bread together in their homes every day. With joyful and sincere hearts they took their meals in common, praising God and winning the approval of all the people. Day by day, God added to their number those who were being saved.

Sermon



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where their high com - mu - nion find;
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be.
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 all Christ - ly souls are one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

Prayer Updates

Prayers of the People

Trusting in God’s extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer. *A brief silence.*

Each petition ends with a response:

Lord, receive our prayer, **and in your love, answer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy wisdom. **Amen.**

Peace

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

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of goodness and growth, **all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.**

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, God of pow'r and
God of 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.
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. **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 ELW 512

"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score consists of six lines of music. The first line ends with a double bar line. The second line ends with a double bar line. The third line ends with a double bar line. The fourth line ends with a double bar line. The fifth line ends with a double bar line. The sixth line ends with a double bar line.

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.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson

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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 love and mercy, we thank you that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. Amen.**

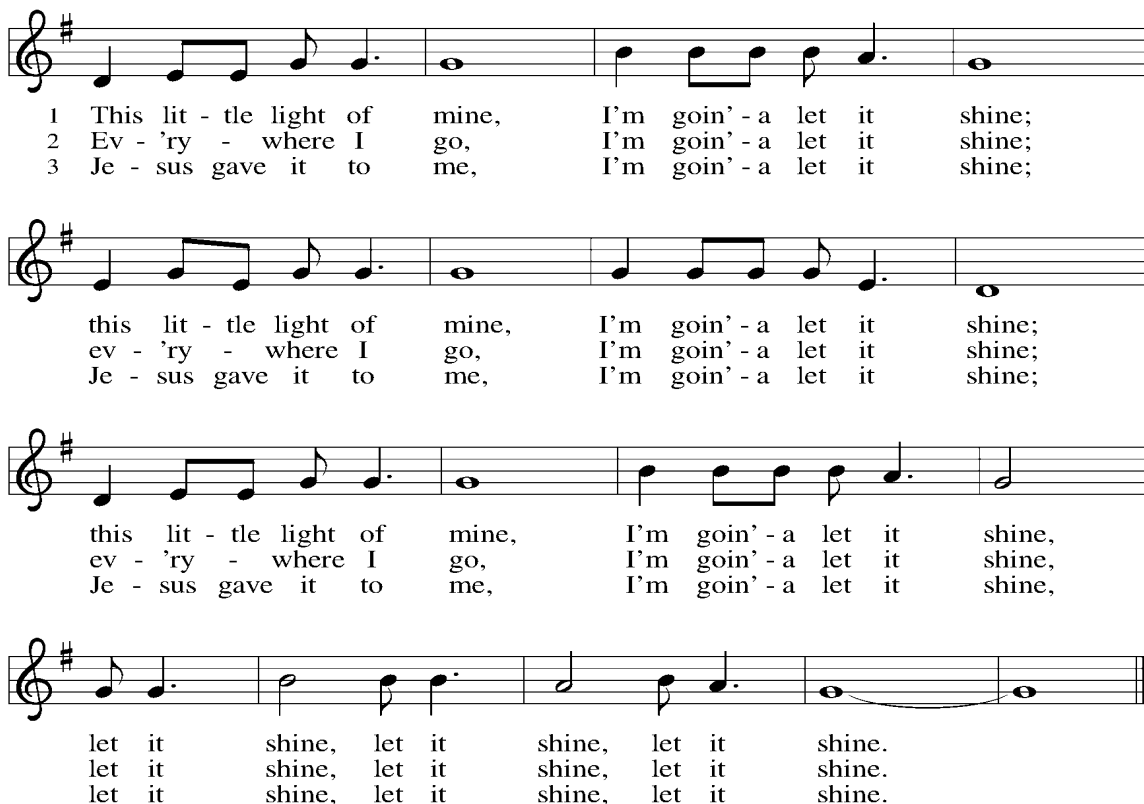
SENDING

Benediction

God, the giver of love, Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth blesses you today and always. **Amen**

Sending 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;

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,

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

Dismissal

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

Sending Music

Ministers:	All Believers	Sacristy:	Marilyn Newborg
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Brenda Froisland	Live Streaming:	Ted Allison and Gene Rodi
Assisting Minister:	Susan Potratz	Hospitality:	Laurie Hauge
Lector:	Jerry Johnson	Altar Guild:	Barb and Barb
Cantor:	Janet Anderson		
Musician:	Elena Dant		
Ensembles Coordinator:	Janelle Bussert		

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Community Fun Nights

free

We want to feed you, our neighbors, with a free meal, time to play, and an educational opportunity.

Every Thursday in March

5:30-6:15 PM Kid-friendly meal

6-8 PM Open Gym and Open Sanctuary

6-7:30 PM Staffed Toddler Room

6:15-7:15 PM Educational presentation

ASL interpretation on site each night.

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Presentations will include:

The History of Race

Deaf Culture 101

Church Curious? Ask the Pastor

Prisons and Bail 101

Spirituality 101

We are a progressive and inclusive congregation particularly attentive to LGBTQAI+ and Deaf communities.

**All are welcome,
without exception!**

Please join us!

REGULAR BETHEL OFFICE HOURS: 9 AM - 2 PM, MONDAY - THURSDAY
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday, March 5

10:00 am Worship, in-person and online

11:00 am Annual Meeting in Sanctuary

12:00 pm Lunch in rooms 9 and 10

11:30 am Confirmation Class in Youth Room

WEEKLY EVENTS AT BETHEL

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR BRENDA

Wednesdays at 12 pm -- Hybrid Bible Study

in-person in the Fireside Room

online <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81542792093>

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm in the Fireside Room; contact Janelle Bussert:

MusicCoordinator@bethel-mpls.org for information.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 pm in the Sanctuary; contact Janelle Bussert:

MusicCoordinator@bethel-mpls.org for information.

Annual Meeting

Join us for our annual meeting



4120 17th Ave S, Mpls, MN - Sanctuary

Date: March 5 @ 11 AM

Lunch is served after the meeting

In-person only, per our constitution.

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PRAYER

list

PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

Sheila Nelson	Crystal Vaughn
Nick Krogh	Jan Walker
Sarah Psick	Karen McBride
Tom Keating	and Jon
Jim Haraldson	Sharon Phillips
Ray Pikkarainen,	Gert Carlson
Sr.	Laurel Jorgensen
Jerome and Norma	Sue Dorumsgaard
Lanning	Ayers
Sharon Warwick	Kevin Hoover
Mike and Grace	Gloria Condon
Simons	Hundt Family
Marge Hauge	Teondre Martinez
Pikkarainen Family	Jeff Fossum
Warwick Family	Puckett Family
Darrell Dahl	Andy Martinson
Lynn Vaughn	Doris Christianson

MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

- Victims of natural and human disasters
- People of Ukraine
- All of us regarding COVID-19, RSV, Flu, Mpox
- Black and Brown Lives
- Indigenous Lives
- Asian Lives
- Refugees, Migrants and Asylum Seekers
- Palestinians in Gaza
- People dying due to gun violence

BETHEL'S MISSION PARTNERS

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| ❖ 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 |

PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Sandie (Anna Wohnoutka's aunt)
Kristian Clauser (Pastor Brenda's friend)
Raven Day (Wia's sister)
Margret (Wia's mother-in-law)
Steve and Arlene (Pr Brenda's brother and sister)
Della, Drew and Junior (Roberta Horning's family)
Laura Chovan (Lisa's sister)
Wayne (Karen Warwick's dad)
Ian Cook (Pr B's friend)
Rev. Ron Schuette (Dave's father)
Trent and Michelle Halvorson (Norma's family)
Bill Shy (Assistant Custodian)
Bob (Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers' uncle)
Ray (AnnE Keating's brother)
Darlene (Jeff Alberts' mom)
Susan (Mike Condon's sister)
Rhonda (Sheila Nelson's friend)
Gabe Ness (Julie Hundt's husband)
John Hundt (Kathy Hundt's brother-in-law)

MEMBERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS IN THE SERVICE

Robert Hundt
Katre Bishop (Pr Brenda's nephew)
Adam Froisland (Pr Brenda's nephew)
Dwana Froisland (Pr Brenda's niece)
Sean Young (Pr Brenda's godson)
Evan Harrison (Pr Brenda's great nephew)