

# PRAYER

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## PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

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

## MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

- Renee Nicole Good and Alex Pretti's families, friends, and community members
- 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

Vince and Carrie (Kelly Chilvers' friends)  
Andrea and Sage (Candy Hickenbotham's family)  
Ethylmae Ross (Gloria Condon's aunt)  
The family of Nick (Ann Allison's nephew)  
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)  
Steve (Pr B's brother)  
Michael (Marilyn Newborg's brother)  
Donovan (Angel Cannon's father)  
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

Katrell 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

# COMEDY SUNDAY

February 15, 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.*

## SENDING

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### **Sending Music**

"God Is Here" by Valerie Floeter

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace to seek justice for all people. **Thanks be to God!**

### **Sending Hymn ELW 540**

"Go, Make Disciples"

### **Benediction**

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, blesses you now and forever. **Amen.**

## MEAL

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### **Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray. Jesus our friend and savior, **your life, death, and resurrection changed our world. May this meal of bread and wine bless us and sustain us in the building of a blessed community which welcomes all people, that sees all people, and that works for justice for all people.** Amen.

## 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.**

## 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.**

## Invitation to Communion

### Communion Hymn ELW 523

### "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"

*Refrain / Estribillo*



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la  
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -  
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie-ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.  
wait - ing; come, ev 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -  
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -  
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the  
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all

pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad;  
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me.  
ban - quet of jus - tice and good  
peo - ple are e - qual in love.

voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la  
With a spring in my step I'm  
where the har - vest will not be  
God has called us to work to -

cue - ta,  
walk - ing  
hoard - ed  
geth - er

voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.  
with my friends and my fam - i - ly.  
so that no one will lack for food.  
and to share ev - ry - thing we have.

Refrain / Eстрибillo

## Communion Hymn

## "Beloved, Let Us Love One Another"

Be - lov - ed, let us love one an - oth - er,  
For love is of God, And ev - ery - one that lov - eth is  
born of God. And know - eth God. He that lov - eth not  
know - eth not God, For God is love. Be -  
lov - ed, let us love one an - oth - er.

## Lamb of God

Lamb of God who takes a - way the sin of all the world to - day, Have  
Lamb of God who'd give your soul to see a broken world made whole; In  
Lamb of God who takes a - way the sin of all the world to - day, Have

mer-cy on us ri-sen Lord, And heal us with your liv-ing word  
 death you left us bread and wine, In life you bid us come and dine  
 mer-cy on us ho-ly son, And bring us peace when day is done

### 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.**

### Holy, Holy, Holy

(Refrain)

Holy Holy Holy Lord God of power and love Heav'n and earth are full of you  
 Ho-san-na in the high-est      Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
 (FINE)      (Repeat to Refrain)

### The Great Thanksgiving

(L) The Lord be with you      (C) And with you, too  
 (L) Lift up your hearts, lift up your hearts      (C) We lift them to the Lord

Music notation for a hymn. The melody is in G major, common time. The lyrics are:

(L) Let us thank the Lord our God (C) It is right to give God thanks and praise

(L) The Lord be with you (L) And with you, too

(C) The Lord be with you (C) And with you, too

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Holy God, 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. 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!



## Prayers of the People

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Creator in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

*Each petition ends with a response:*

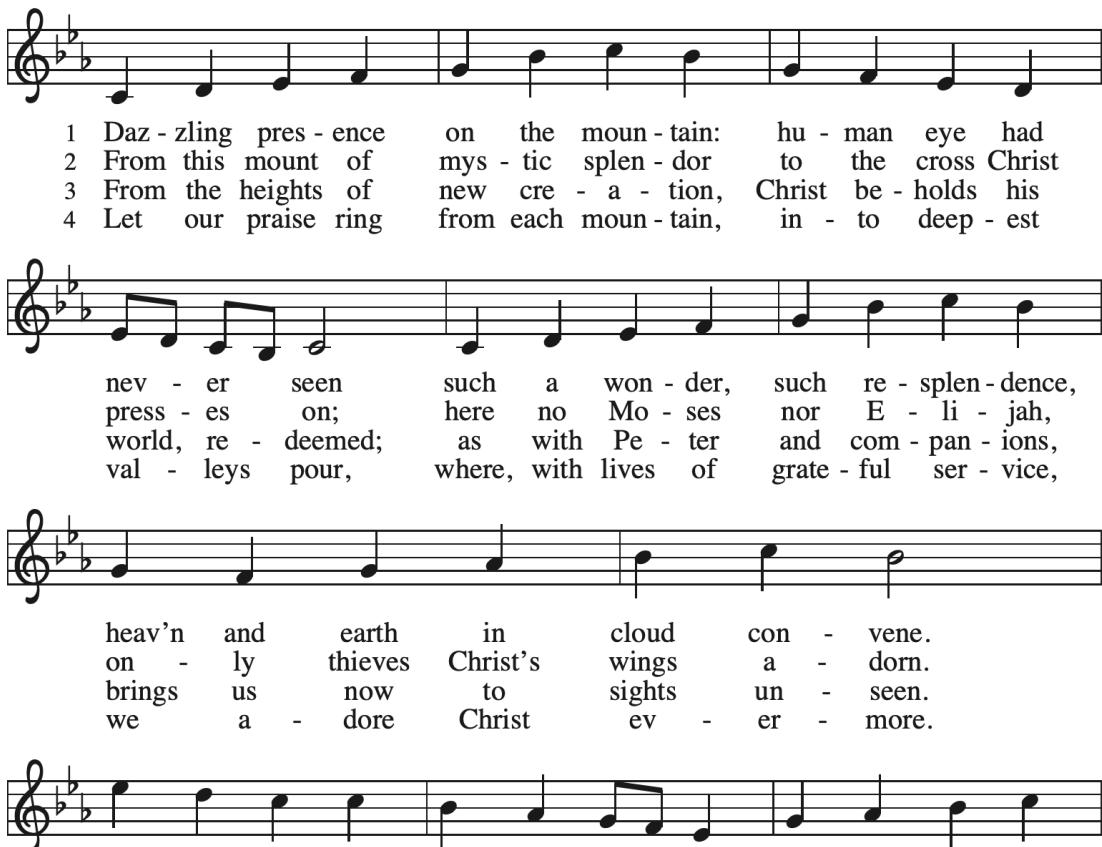
Spirit, intercede for us, **send wholeness to your creation.**

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

## Prayer Updates

### Hymn of the Day ACS 917

"Dazzling Presence on the Mountain"



1 Daz - zling pres - ence on the moun - tain: hu - man eye had  
2 From this mount of mys - tic splen - dor to the cross Christ  
3 From the heights of new cre - a - tion, Christ be - holds his  
4 Let our praise ring from each moun - tain, in - to deep - est

nev - er seen such a won - der, such re - splen - dence,  
press - es on; here no Mo - ses nor E - li - jah,  
world, re - deemed; as with Pe - ter and com - pan - ions,  
val - leys pour, where, with lives of grate - ful ser - vice,

heav'n and earth in cloud con - - vene.  
on - ly thieves Christ's wings a - - born.  
brings us now to sights un - - seen.  
we a - dore Christ ev - - er - more.

"This is my Son, the be - lov - ed," thun - d'rous voice from  
"Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy," was one's pen - i -  
Jus - tice, mer - cy, and com - pas - sion: these the booths he  
To the Son, God's own be - lov - ed, and the Spir - it

cloud ex - claimed. Word made flesh to heal cre - a - tion,  
 ten - tial sigh. With trans - fig - ur - ing as - sur - ance,  
 bids us build, that the earth he loves may flour - ish  
 end - less - ly, may the church's praise be lift - ed

to Christ dis - ci - ples God pro - claimed.  
 re - joins his fer - vent cry.  
 as each life with grace - is filled.  
 to the bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Text: Paul E. Hoffman, b. 1956

Music: WAVERLY, Karen E. Black, b. 1960

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## Children's Message, then Sunday School

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

## Sermon

## Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

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

Six days later, Jesus took Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And Jesus was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, **"This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"** When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were

overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, **"Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."**

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

### Gospel Acclamation



Handwritten musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The notation is on two staves. The top staff starts with a C major chord (C, E, G) followed by a F major chord (F, A, C). The lyrics are: "Sing praise to the Lord Al-le-lu-ia Al-le-lu-ia Our thanks be to God". The bottom staff starts with a C major chord (C, E, G) followed by an F major chord (F, A, C). The lyrics are: "Sing praise to the Lord Al-le-lu-ia Al-le-lu-ia Thanks be to God". The notation uses a mix of C and F major chords, with some notes and chords written in blue ink.

### Lesson

Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders Moses had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day God called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

## Kyrie

(Refrain)  $\times$  = hand clap (optional)

Glo-ry to God  
Glo-ry to God  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est  
Glo-ry to God  
Glo-ry to God  
Peace to the peo-ple  
of the Lord (FINE)

Wor-thy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God  
Power Rich-es and wis-dom strength and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his  
Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion  
Bless-ing and hon-or glo-ry and might be to God and the Lamb for ev-er A-men (Refrain)

## GATHERING

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Loving God, **thank you for humor, laughter, community, fellowship, and light. Thank you for showing us that Jesus empowers us to share your light in the darkness of our world. Help us shine like the Son, love you, and love our neighbors each day of our lives. In Jesus' name we pray.**

Amen.

### Opening Hymn DATH 4

"Make a Joyful Noise"

*Refrain*

Make a joy - ful noise to the Lord, en - ter in with sing - ing.

Join the fes - ti - val of love, al - le lu - ias ring - ing!



Born of the wa - ter we re - call death de -feat - ed, life for all.

*Refrain*



In the bod -y of the ris - en Son wel - come ev - 'ry - one.

Text: Ray Makeever

Music: MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE: OPENING, Ray Makeever

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## Welcome and Announcements

(L) In the name of God the Cre - a - tor of the world In the name of Christ the  
 Son In the name of the Ho - ly Spir - it (c) A - men A - men

Accompaniment notes: C, F, G, G, F, G, FG

## Gathering Music

"Give to Our God Immortal Praise!" by Valerie Floeter

<b>Ministers:</b>	All Believers	<b>Musician:</b>	Anne Phillips
<b>Presiding Minister:</b>	Rev. Brenda Froisland	<b>Sacristy:</b>	Marilyn Newborg
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Ann Allison	<b>Ushers:</b>	Susan Johnson and Jerry Johnson
<b>Lector:</b>	Don Olson	<b>Live Streaming:</b>	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
<b>Cantor:</b>	Janet Anderson	<b>Hospitality:</b>	Joan Bargman
<b>Music Director:</b>	Bernie Asher	<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Janet Anderson and Norma Lanning

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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.



## **COMEDY SUNDAY**

### **FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

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