



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.



**FOURTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
JUNE 21, 2026**

Bethel Lutheran Church - In-person and Online  
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# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 21, 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

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### Gathering Music

"Faith of Our Fathers" by Anne Marie David

### 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.**

### Confession of Sins

Baptized into Christ, **let us confess our sin.** *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God, **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

## Opening Hymn ELW 423

## "Shall We Gather at the River"



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

### *Refrain*



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Teach us, **O God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# Glory

*Refrain*



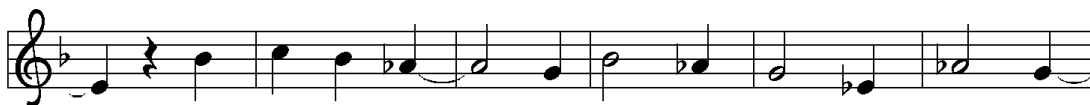
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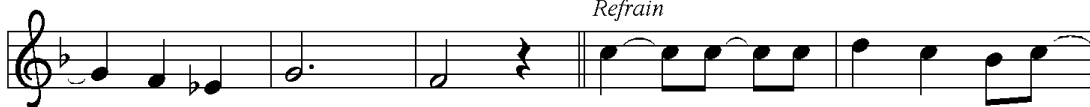
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you



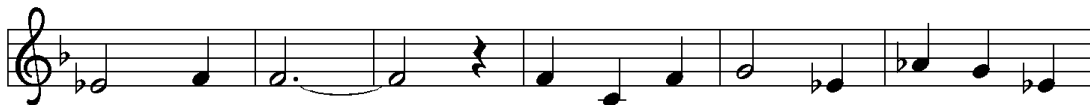
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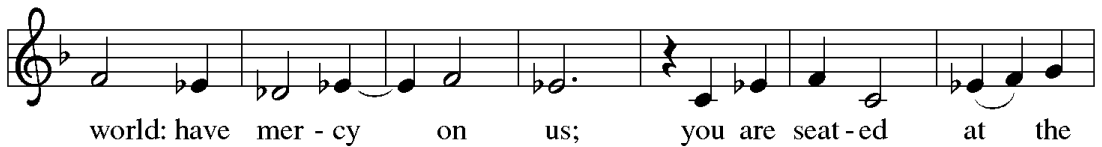
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 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

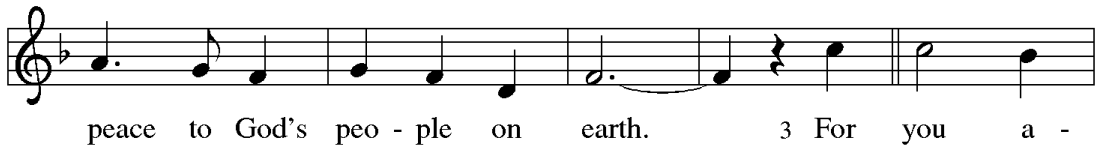


right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*




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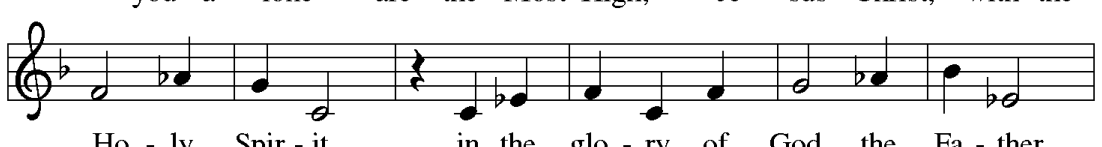
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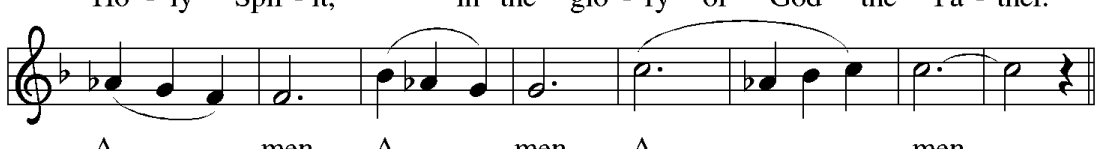
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Final refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's

peo - ple on earth.                      Glo - ry to God in the high -  
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## WORD

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### Lesson

### The Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;  
 Where there is hatred, **let me sow love;**  
 Where there is injury, **pardon;**  
 Where there is doubt, **faith;**  
 Where there is despair, **hope;**  
 Where there is darkness, **light;**  
 And where there is sadness, **joy.**  
 O Divine Master,  
 Grant that I may not so much seek  
 To be consoled **as to console;**  
 To be understood, **as to understand;**  
 To be loved, **as to love;**  
 For it is in giving that we receive,  
**It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,**  
 And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. **Amen.**

### Children's Message

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

## Gospel Acclamation

*1\** Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah;  
He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan;

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*3*

hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.  
he - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.

## Gospel

Matthew 10:27-32

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

“What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven.”

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

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day DATH 81

“Instruments of Your Peace”

*Refrain*

O God, make us in - stru - ments of your peace.

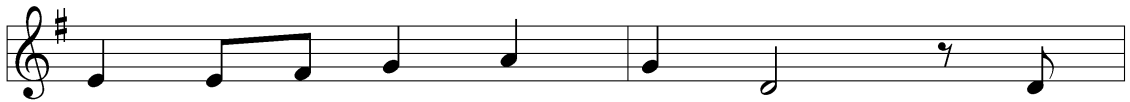
O God, take us, we are in - stru - ments of your peace.



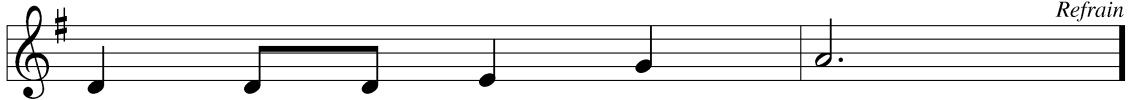
1 Where there is ha - tred, let us sow love;  
2 Where there is dark - ness, let us be light;



where there is in - ju - ry, par - don;  
where there is sad - ness, be joy - ful;



where there is dis - cord, un - ion; and  
where there's op - pres - sion, free - dom; and



where there is doubt, sow faith.  
where there's de - spair, be hope.

*Refrain*



3 For it is in giv - ing that we shall re - ceive,



and it is in par-don-ing we're par - doned. It is in our dy - ing



that we will be born in - to e - ter - nal life.

*Refrain*

Text: Ray Makeever, based on a prayer attr. to Francis of Assisi  
Music: INSTRUMENTS OF YOUR PEACE, Ray Makeever

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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](http://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. Merciful God, **accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of the great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## MEAL

### 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

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of nine staves of music. The lyrics are: 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. Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-nah in the high-est, Ho-san-nah in the high-est. Ho-san-nah in the high-est! You are gen-tle, you are giv-ing, God of mercy and God of love, 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

## "Come to the Table"

Come to the ta - ble, come as you are! Come as you're

6  
ab - le see whose child you are There is room at the ta - ble of the  
(as you're ab - le

11  
Lord. Bring your bur - dens and your cares, take them to the Lord in  
In the mer - cy that a - bounds and for - giv - ing love we've

16  
prayer. In our weak - ness God is there, — can't you see? — When you  
found; with the bless - ed tie we're bound as fa - mi - ly. — Won't you

## Communion Hymn ELW 465

"As the Grains of Wheat"



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

*Refrain*

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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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. Holy One, **through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## SENDING

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### Benediction

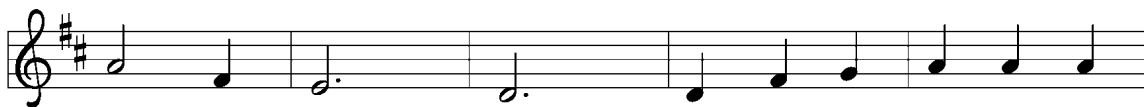
Friends, know this, you are claimed by God's love, redeemed by Christ's life, and set free to serve in the power of the Holy Spirit. Our worship has ended, our service begins. Go in God's peace and love. **Amen.**

### Sending Hymn ELW 815

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

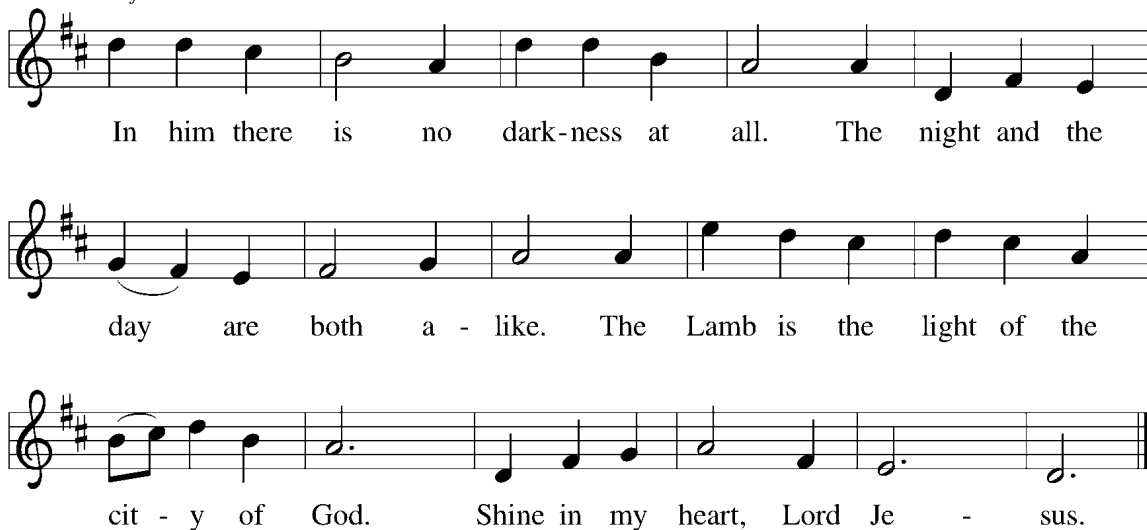


fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934  
Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson  
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## Dismissal

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

**Sending Music** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" 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>	Sharon Rodi	<b>Ushers:</b>	Susan Johnson and Jerry Johnson
<b>Lector:</b>	Dan Hauge	<b>Live Streaming:</b>	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
<b>Cantor:</b>	Dean 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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# PRAYER list...

## PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

Alice Evenson	Laurel Jorgensen
Anna Wohnoutka	Gloria Condon
Mike Wohnoutka	Hundt Family
Stella Warwick	Puckett Family
Christopher Rodi	Darrell Dahl
Anna Olsen	Walker Family
Dave and Libby Krogh	Warwick Family
Barb Saunders	Pikkarainen Family
Hoover Family	Gert Carlson
Leonard Phillips	Joyce Hughes
	David and Sue
	Dorumsgaard Ayers

## MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

- People struggling with mental illness and their loved ones
- 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

## 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)

## PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

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)  
Sonia (Gene Rodi's sister)  
Beth (Dan Hauge's sister)  
Vince and Carrie (Kelly Chilvers' friends)  
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)  
Kevin Johnson and family (Les' brother)  
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)