



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.

Women of the Bible:
**PUAH, SHIPHRAH,
MIRIAM, AND
PHAROAH'S DAUGHTER**

**TWELFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 16, 2026**

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

August 16, 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 "Word of God, Come Down on Earth" by Valerie A. Floeter

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 819

"Come, All You People"



	<i>U - ya - i - mo - se,</i>	<i>ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;</i>
1	Come, all you peo - ple,	come and praise the Most High;
2	Come, all you peo - ple,	come and praise the Sav - ior;
3	Come, all you peo - ple,	come and praise the Spir - it;



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u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.
come now and wor - ship the Lord.
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Music: UYAIMOSE, Alexander Gondo

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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, 3



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

Exodus 1:15-2:10

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' **But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of**

Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' The midwives said to Pharaoh, **'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.'** So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, she gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.' Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. The baby was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, **'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?'** Pharaoh's daughter said to her, **'Yes.'** So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, **'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.'** So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

[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.

Lesson

Exodus 15:20-21, Numbers 12

[After being freed from the pursuing Egyptians] the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: **'Sing to the LORD, for she has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider she has thrown into the sea.'**

While they were at Hazeroth, Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married (for he had indeed married a Cushite woman); and they said, **'Has the LORD spoken only through Moses? Has she not spoken through us also?'** And the LORD heard it. Now the man Moses was very humble, more so than anyone else on the face of the earth. Suddenly the LORD said to Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, 'Come out, you three, to the tent of meeting.' So the three of them came out. Then the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud, and stood at the entrance of the tent, and called Aaron and Miriam; and they both came forward. And she said, 'Hear my words: When there are prophets among you, I the LORD make myself known to them in visions; I speak to them in dreams. Not so with my servant Moses; he is entrusted with all my house. With him I speak face to face—clearly, not in riddles; and he beholds the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?' And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them, and she departed. When the cloud went away from over the tent, Miriam had become leprous, as white as snow. And Aaron turned towards Miriam and saw that she was leprous. Then Aaron said to Moses, **'Oh, my lord, do not punish us for a sin that we have so foolishly committed. Do not let her be like one stillborn, whose flesh is half consumed when it comes out of its mother's womb.'** And Moses cried to the LORD, 'O God, please heal her.' But the LORD said to Moses, 'If her father had but spat in her face, would she not bear her shame for seven days? Let her be shut out of the camp for seven days, and after that she may be brought in again.' **So Miriam was shut out of the camp for seven days; and the people did not set out on the march until Miriam had**

been brought in again. After that the people set out from Hazeroth, and camped in the wilderness of Paran.

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Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 419 (Miriam)

“For All the Faithful Women”



1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in days of old,
2 We praise your name for Mir - iam who sang tri - um-phant - ly
3 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.
while Phar - aoh's vaunt-ed ar - my lay drowned be-neath the sea.
All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.
As Is - rael marched to free - dom, her chains of bond-age gone,
With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your pow'r to save.
so may we reach the king - dom your might - y arm has won.
we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

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!*



Special Music *"Steadfast"* by Sandra McCracken

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.

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 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.

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Communion Hymn ACS 977

"Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table"



1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

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 773

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
 at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

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PRECIOUS LORD
 Irregular

Dismissal

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

Sending Music

“Now Thank We All Our God” by Anne Marie David

Ministers:	All Believers	Musicians:	Anne Phillips, Julie Carr
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Brenda Froisland	Sacristy:	Clarice Lovstuen
Assisting Minister:	Sharon Rodi	Ushers:	Susan and Jerry Johnson
Lector:	Anna Wohnoutka	Live Streaming:	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
Cantor:	Janet Anderson	Hospitality:	Joan Bargman
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 **FREE** 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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Bethel is

NOW COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Education is one of the strongest tools a community can use to break the cycle of poverty. Children, especially girls, and some adults benefit from these kits. Currently, 53 backpacks are sewn. More are being made. With stores featuring sales on school supplies, now is a good time to purchase them.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO FILL THE BACKPACKS ARE:

- 70-sheet notebooks of wide-ruled paper
- 30-centimeter ruler
- Pencil sharpener
- Blunt scissors
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- Box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 2 ½-inch eraser
- Blue or black stick ballpoint pens (no gel ink)



Items with any religious or military symbols, flags, group emblems, or names cannot be accepted.

Contact Sharon Rodi for more information: nord@mninter.net

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

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)

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)

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