



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.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 2026

Bethel Lutheran Church - In-person and Online
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May 10, 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 "Partita on At the Lamb's High Feast" by John Ferguson

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 665

"Rise, Shine, You People!"



- 1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
- 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
- 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur-round-ed, with grace un-bound-ed.
wom-en, who by guilt are driv-en, now are for-giv-en.
world go out and tell the sto-ry of Je-sus' glo-ry.
Spir-it calls from ev-'ry na-tion God's new cre-a-tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.
Music: WOJTKIEWIĘCZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003
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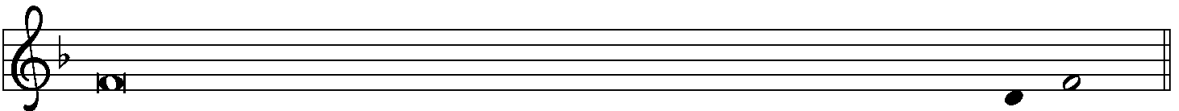
Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, **you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie



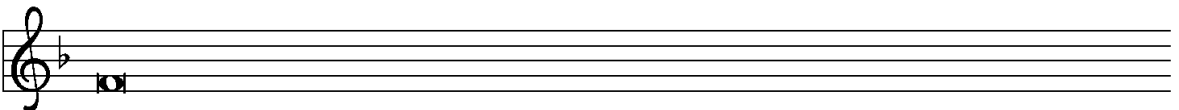
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are God's.



Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun to reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

WORD

Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. **The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands.** And [the same God] is not served by human hands, as if needing anything. Rather, God gives everyone life and

breath and everything else. From one human God made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and God marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek God and perhaps reach out for and find God, though God is not far from any one of us. **'For in God we live and move and have our being.'** As some of your own poets have said, **'We are God's offspring.'** Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now God commands all people everywhere to repent. For God has set a day when God will judge the world with justice by the One God has appointed. **God has given proof of this to everyone by raising Christ from the dead."**

Word of God. **Word of life.**

Children's Message, then Sunday School

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.

Gospel

John 14:15-21

The Gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—**the Spirit of truth**. The world cannot accept the Spirit, because it neither sees the Spirit nor knows the Spirit. But you know the Spirit, for the Spirit lives with you and will be in you. **I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you**. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. **Because I live, you also will live**. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. **The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.**"

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 397

"Loving Spirit"



- 1 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
- 2 Like a moth-er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
- 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
- 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close-ness I am known and held and blessed:
- 5 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
hoist me up up - on your shoul-der, let me see the world from high.
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres-ence I may rest.
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

An Advent Creed

I believe in God, the One who loves all of creation, beyond our understanding.

I believe in Jesus, God's only child, born on this earth to show us the heart of God.

Jesus, who did what we could not, making us right with our Creator.

Jesus, who showed us that true power looks like loving God and loving neighbor.

Jesus, who commands that we work for hope, peace, love, and joy in our world.

Jesus, who grants us grace we cannot earn and belonging we cannot break.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who lives in, around, and through us every day.

I believe in God's promises of the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and resurrection.

I believe that we are named and claimed, loved and saved children of God.

By Brenda Froisland

Input from Meta C, Michelle L, Agape Dave, Carole U, Laurie H, Eric L, Brian M

Prayer Updates

Prayers of the People

In this moment, we open the doors of our lives to the call of our Creator, the God of all people, who invites us to become more than we can ask or imagine.

A brief silence.

Each petition ends with a response:

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

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident that you will turn to us and be gracious to us and all people, without exception. **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.

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Bethel Vocal Choir Anthem

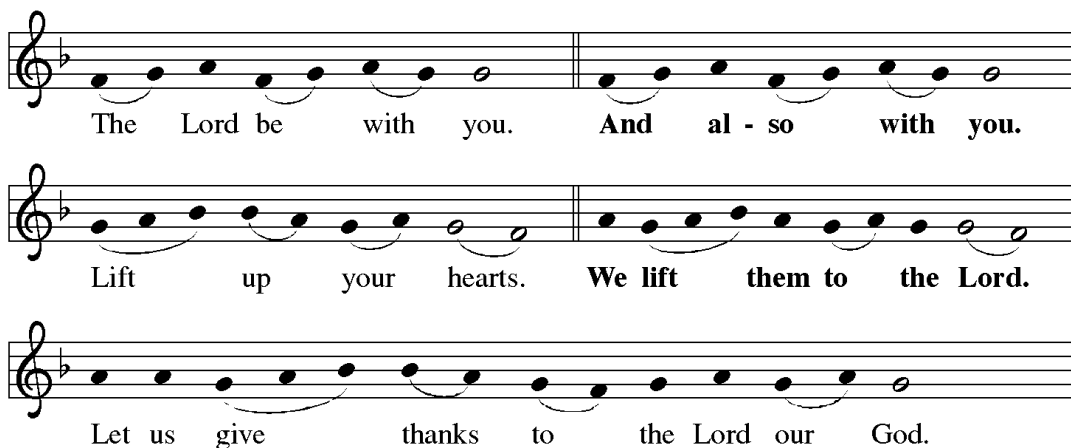
“Alleluia” by William Boyce

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. O God, **maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Holy, Holy, Holy

Musical notation for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of five staves in G major (one flat) with a treble clef. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), F5 (quarter), G5 (quarter), A5 (quarter), B5 (quarter), C6 (half). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est." The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.

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.**

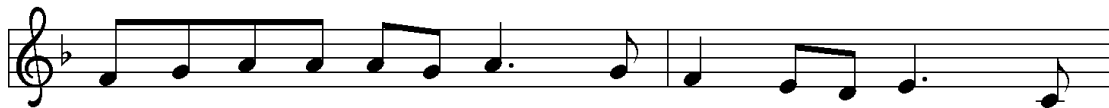
Lord's Prayer

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

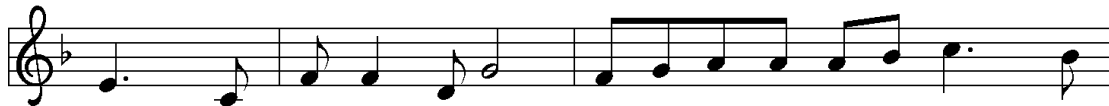
Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



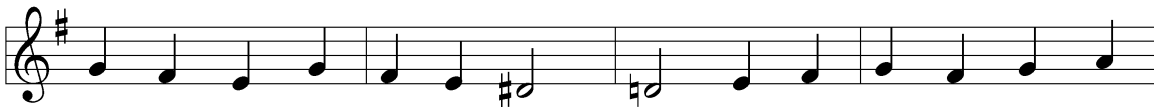
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

Communion Hymn LBW 209

"Come, Risen Lord"



- 1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay, let us
- 2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met. Thou at the
- 3 One bod - y we, one bod - y who par - take, one church u -
- 4 One with each oth - er, Lord, for one in thee, who art one



be thy guests; the feast is thine. Thy - self at thine own board make
ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand. "This is my bod - y"; so thou
nit - ed in com - mu - nion blest, one name we bear, one bread of
Sav - ior and one liv - ing head. Then o - pen thou our eyes, that

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 our salvation, **we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Help us become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation. Amen.**

SENDING

Benediction

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!** Go out this day, and always, praising and thanking God for this incredible news. You are blessed in the name of our faithful and loving God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Blessed to be a blessing! **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ELW 376

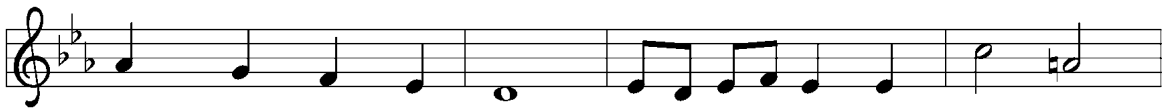
"Thine Is the Glory"



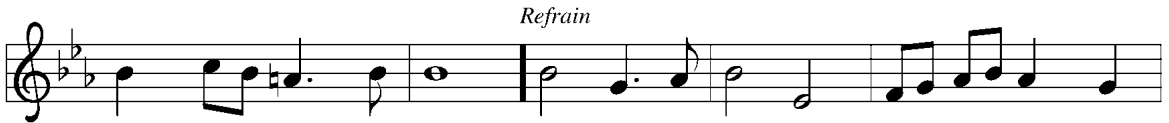
- 1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
- 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
- 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

Dismissal

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

Sending Music

“Victory” by Robert Powell

Ministers:	All Believers	Musicians:	Anne Phillips, Bethel Vocal Choir
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Brenda Froisland	Sacristy:	Marilyn Newborg
Assisting Minister:	Kristin Cleary	Ushers:	Jayson and Grayson Spence
Lector:	Laurie Hauge	Live Streaming:	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
Cantor:	Bernie Asher	Hospitality:	Romell White
Music Director:	Bernie Asher	Altar Guild:	Laurie Hauge and Anna Wohnoutka

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Join us for our free

COMMUNITY FUN NIGHT



POTTED PLANT POLKA PARTY



Thursday, May 14, 5:30pm-7:30pm



Free Meal at 5:30-6:15pm: Chicken and Biscuits
Activity: Make a potted plant and dance the polka!



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PRAYER

list...

PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

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

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)

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)

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)