



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.



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 18, 2026

Bethel Lutheran Church - In-person and Online
YouTube: @bethelmpls

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October 18, 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 "Air and Canon on Draw Us in the Spirits Tether" James Biery

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 526

"God Is Here"



1	God	is	here!	As	we	your	peo - ple	meet	to	of - fer
2	Here	are	sym - bols	to	re -	mind	us	of	our	life - long
3	Here	our	chil - dren	find	a	wel - come	in	the	Shep -	herd's
4	Lord	of	all, of	church	and	king - dom,	in	an	age	of



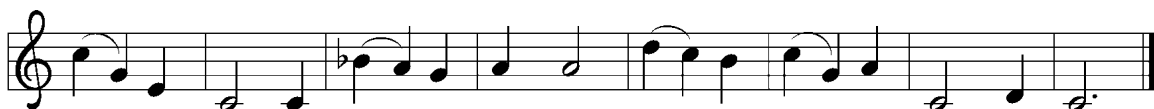
praise	and	prayer,	may	we	find	in	full - er	mea - sure
need	of	grace;	here	are	ta - ble,	font,	and	pul - pit;
flock	and	fold;	here	as	bread	and	wine	tak - en,
change	and	doubt,	keep	us	faith - ful	to	the	gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

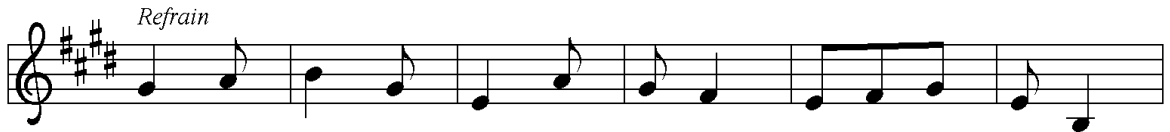
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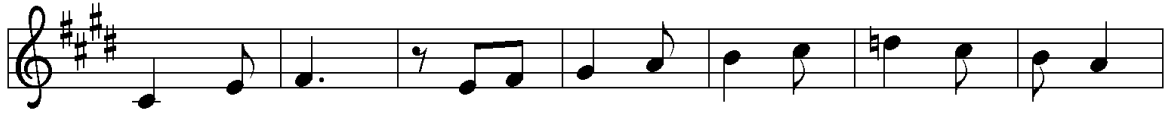
Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Holy God, **created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Now the Feast and Celebration ELW 167



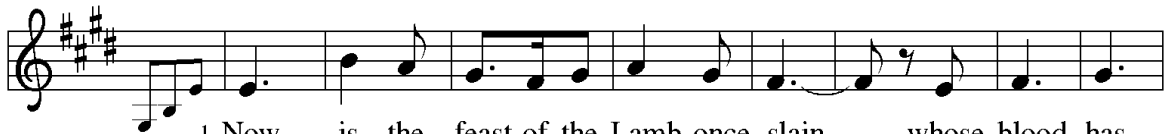
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



Text and music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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WORD

Lesson

Psalms 96:1-9 First Nations

Sing a new song to Creator. **Sing to Creator, all who walk the earth.** Sing to Creator and bless God's name. **Each day, let your voice carry the good story of how God sets all people free.** Tell of Grandfather's shining-greatness to all nations, so all will hear of God's mighty deeds. **For Creator is great and worthy of much praise.** God is to be honored more than all the powerful spirit beings. **These so-called powerful spirit beings some people honor are only carved images.** On the other hand, Grandfather is the one who made the sun, moon stars, and all that is in the world above. Honor and chiefly greatness shine out from God. **Beauty and strength fill God's sacred space. Give Creator the honor deserved, all families, clans, tribes, and nations.** Give Grandfather your voice and shout to everyone, **"Shining-greatness and strength belong to Creator."** Give Creator the honor of the name, and bring an offering as you enter God's sacred gathering place. **Humble yourself before Creator as God stands robed in sacred regalia, wearing a chief's headdress of many feathers.** Let the whole earth dance before Creator.

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.

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

Matthew 22:8-14

The Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-second chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap Jesus in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. **“Teacher,”** they said, **“we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?”** But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, and Jesus asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?” **“Caesar’s,”** they replied. Then Jesus said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 841

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871–1938

Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873–1954

A New Creed

We are not alone. We live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in
Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works
in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect to Creation, to love and serve others, to seek
justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

A New Creed is an affirmation of faith adopted at the 23rd General Council, United Church of Canada in 1968. Used as property of public domain

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!*



Bethel Handbell Choir

"How Firm a Foundation"

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

Leader: *All:*



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

Leader: *All:*

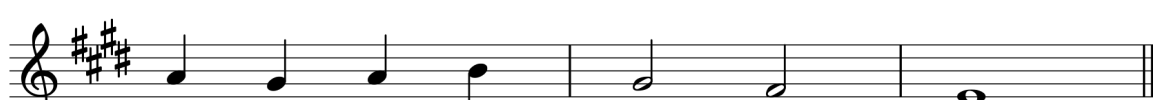


Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: *All:*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy



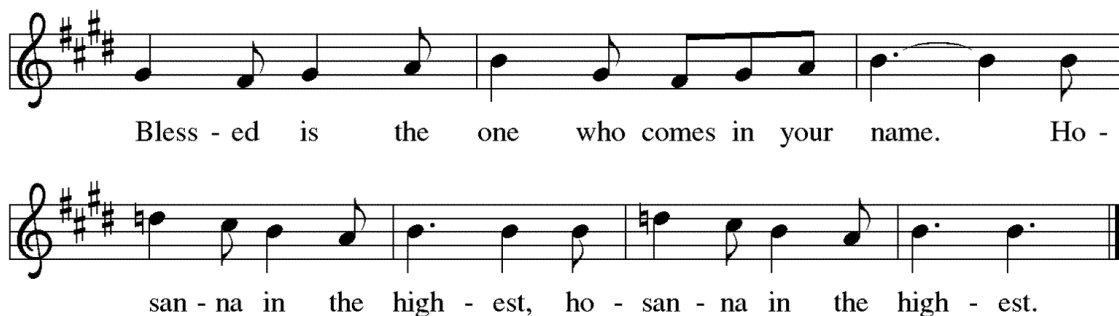
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. 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.**

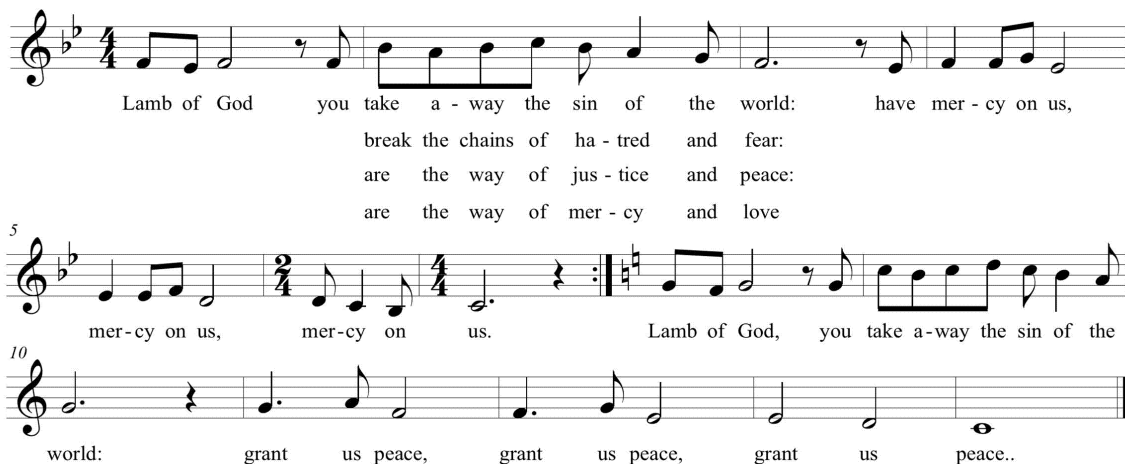
Lord's Prayer

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

Lamb of God



Communion Hymn ELW 638

"Blessed Assurance"



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

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

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. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ELW 709

"When Our Song Says Peace"



- 1 When our song says peace and the world says war, we will
- 2 When our song says free and the world says bound, we will
- 3 When our song says home and the world says lost, we will



sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,



who breaks the spear and sword and stills the storm of war.
who o - pens pris - on doors and sets the cap - tives free.
who brings us home at last, and gives a song to all.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: JENKINS, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962

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Dismissal

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

Sending Music

“Prelude in D Major” JKF Fischer

Ministers:	All Believers	Musicians:	Ann Phillips
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Brenda Froisland	Sacristy:	Clarice Lovstuen
Assisting Minister:	Anna Olsen	Ushers:	Susan and Jerry Johnson
Lector:	Libby Krogh	Live Streaming:	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
Cantor:	Sarah Berke	Hospitality:	Joan Bargman
Music Director:	Bernie Asher	Altar Guild:	Janet Anderson and Norma Lanning

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SALAD CONTEST

Sunday, Nov. 15
After Worship

*As we gather together on Promise Sunday,
let's also have some fun with our annual
potluck contest!*



TRUNK *or* TREAT



OCT.
25
5:00 TO
6:30PM

Two Ways to Participate:

1. *Decorate a car and pass out candy
contact pastor@bethel-mpls.org to register*
2. *Bring kids to trick-or-treat*

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PRAYER

list...

PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

Dave and Libby Krogh	Laurel Jorgensen
Gert Carlson	Gloria Condon
Candy and Richard Hickenbotham	Hundt Family
Margot Lair	Puckett Family
Mason Cannon	Darrell Dahl
Jan Walker	Walker Family
Marilyn Newborg	Warwick Family
Christopher Rodi	Pikkarainen Family
Larissa Hoover	Joyce Hughes
David and Sue	Leonard Phillips
Dorumsgaard Ayers	

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)

PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Theresa (Pr B's sister)
Barb Passow (Pr B's friend)
Ivy Potratz (Susan Johnson's stepmom)
Sherri Johnson (friend of Bethel)
Marvin (Bryan Mann-Entzel's father)
Virginia (Jerry Johnson's mom)
Bill (Barb Wandberg's brother)
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)
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

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❖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)