



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.



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 19, 2026

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

July 19, 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

"Prelude on Bishopthorpe" by Healey Willan

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 482

"I Come with Joy"



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Faithful God, **most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

This is the Feast



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



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



2 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.

3 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.

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

WORD

Lesson

Matthew 13:24-30

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. The owner's servants came and said, '**Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where**

then did the weeds come from? ‘An enemy did this,’ the owner replied. The servants asked, **‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’** ‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

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

Children’s Message

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

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

Matthew 13:36-43

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

Then Jesus left the crowd and went into the house. The disciples came to Jesus and said, **“Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”** Jesus answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. **The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom.** The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. **The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.** As the

weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear."**

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day TFF 222

"God the Sculptor of the Mountains"



1 God the sculp - tor of the moun - tains,
 2 God the nui - sance to the Pha - raoh,
 3 God the dress - er of the vine - yard,
 4 God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant,



God the mill - er of the sand,
 God the cleav - er of the sea,
 God the plant - er of the wheat,
 God the calm, de - ter - mined youth,



God the jewel - er of the heav - ens,
 God the pil - lar in the dark - ness,
 God the reap - er of the har - vest,
 God the ta - ble - turn - ing proph - et,

God the pot - ter of the land:
 God the bea - con of the free:
 God the source of all we eat:
 God the re - sur - rect - ed truth:

you are womb of all cre - a - tion,
 you are fount of all de - liv - 'rance,
 you are host at ev - 'ry ta - ble,
 you are pres - ent ev - 'ry mo - ment,

we are form - less; shape us now.
 we are sight - less; lead us now.
 we are hun - gry; feed us now.
 we are search - ing; meet us now.

Text: John Thornburg
 Music: Amanda Husberg
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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

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](https://bethel-mpls.org).

*Online worshipers, please send checks directly to:
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Thank you for your generosity!*



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. May 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.

And also with you.

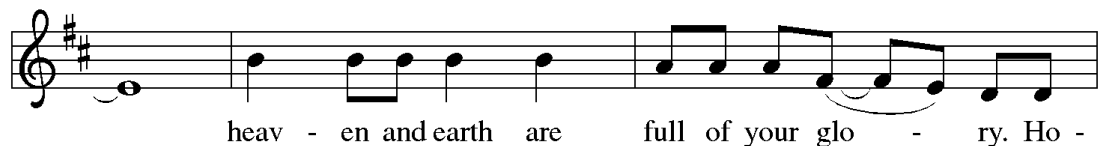
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy



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 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Special Music

"The Lord Is My Light"

Communion Hymn TFF 123

"Let Us Break Bread Together"



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

Communion Hymn ELW 491

"Come, Let Us Eat"

Leader or All



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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 come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
 in Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest.
 rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word.



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
 in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1–3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1–3, alt.

Music: A VA DE, Billema Kwillia, adapt.

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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. 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

The love of God abounds in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fills your hearts; and the life of the Spirit blesses you and gives you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn TFF 61

"The Lord Is My Light"



1 The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, the
3 Wait on the Lord and be of good cour - age, oh,



Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, the Lord is my
wait on the Lord and be of good cour - age, . . . wait on the



light and my sal - va - tion; whom shall I fear?
Lord and be of good cour - age; he shall strength-en thy heart.

Refrain



Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear?



The Lord is the strength of my life; whom shall I fear?



2 In the time of trou-ble, he shall hide me; in the time of

trou-ble, he shall hide me; in the time of trou-ble,

he shall hide me; whom shall I fear?

D.C. (to stanza 3)

Text: Psalm 27; adapt. Lillian Bouknight
 Music: THE LORD IS MY LIGHT, Lillian Bouknight

Dismissal

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

Sending Music

“The Lord Is My Light”

Ministers:	All Believers	Musicians:	Anne Phillips, Bernie Asher
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Brenda Froisland	Sacristy:	Clarice Lovstuen
Assisting Minister:	Kristin Cleary	Ushers:	Susan and Jerry Johnson
Lector:	Laurie Hauge	Live Streaming:	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
Cantor:	Bernie Asher	Hospitality:	Janet Anderson
Music Director:	Bernie Asher	Altar Guild:	Sharon Rodi and Grace Simons

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PRAYER

list...

PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

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

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

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)

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