



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.



LENT 2

MARCH 1, 2026

Bethel Lutheran Church - In-person and Online

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March 1, 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

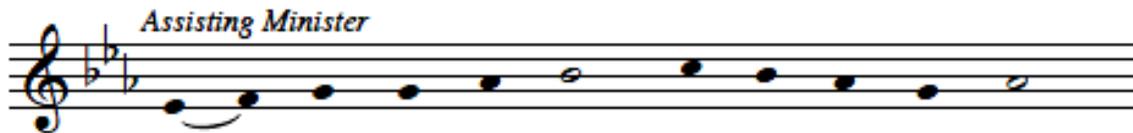
Gathering Music

"Prelude on 'Rockingham'" by Healey Willan

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song

Assisting Minister



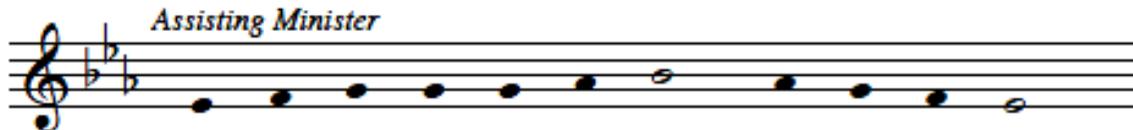
O ser - vants of God, let us sing our praise.

All



We bless your ho - ly name, O God.

Assisting Minister



From the ris - ing of the sun to its set - ting,

All



We bless your ho - ly name, O God.



You lift up the weak and hun - gry.



We bless your ho - ly name, O God.



And your glo - ry shines a - bove the heav - ens We



bless your ho-lyname, O God.

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 and Forgiveness

As we gather, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Investigate my life, O God, find out everything about me;

Cross-examine and test me, get a clear picture of what I'm about;

See for yourself whether I've done anything wrong — then guide me on the road to eternal life.

Acts 13 proclaims this: "My friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through Jesus everyone who

believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses." You may now live life anew! **Amen.**

Opening Hymn ELW 335

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, **our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

WORD

Lesson

Psalm 121 *Inclusive*

I lift my eyes to the mountains — from where will my help come? **My help comes from YHWH, who made heaven and earth!** YHWH won't let our footsteps slip: our Guardian never sleeps. **The Guardian of Israel will never slumber, never sleep!** YHWH is our Guardian; YHWH is our shade: with God by our side, the sun cannot overpower us by day, nor the moon at night. **YHWH guards us from harm, guards our lives. YHWH guards our leaving and our coming back, now and forever.**

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



We do not live by bread a -



lone, but by ev-'ry word that comes from your mouth, O

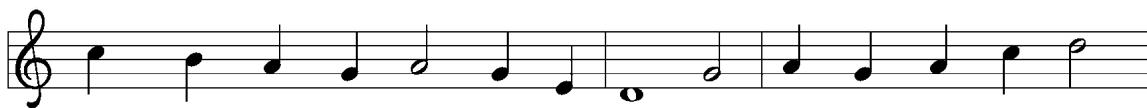
Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 666

"What Wondrous Love Is This"



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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 PayPal scan the QR code.

*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. 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.**

God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the One who comes, who
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name,
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, 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

All

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

1., 2.

world; have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.

3.

world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn ELW 477

"I Received the Living God"

Refrain

I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



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- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
 so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
 You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
 but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Text: Anonymous
 Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous

Communion Hymn GS2 40

“Bread for the Journey”



- 1, 5 Give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.
- 2 Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.
- 3 Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.
- 4 Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home.



Give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.
 Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.
 Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.
 Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home;



When our legs are get - ting heav - y, and we're hang - ing down our heads,
With so ma - ny roads be - fore us, where to go is hard to say.
All the walls we've built a - round us: may we learn to tear them down.
where we'll live with all cre - a - tion, find our place and nev - er roam.



give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.
Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.
Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.
Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home.

Text: Bret Hesla

Music: BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY, Bret Hesla

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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 our salvation, **we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, help us become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

Benediction

God who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, blesses you now and always.

Amen.

Sending 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:



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Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

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

Dismissal

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

Sending Music "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" by Anne Krentz Organ

Ministers:	All Believers	Musician:	Anne Phillips
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Brenda Froisland	Sacristy:	Marilyn Newborg
Assisting Minister:	Susan Johnson	Ushers:	Norris Lovstuen and Jay Winger
Lector:	Libby Krogh	Live Streaming:	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
Cantor:	Dean Anderson	Hospitality:	Clarice Lovstuen
Music Director:	Bernie Asher	Altar Guild:	Sharon Rodi and Grace Simons

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EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 5 at 9am

Please RSVP to reserve your spot:

bethel@bethel-mpls.org

(612) 724-3693

or complete

the form here:



EASTER SERVICE

Sunday, April 5 at 10am

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 4 at 10am

Join us at Bethel for an Easter Egg Hunt!

Kids up to 5th grade are welcome to join.

PRAYER

list...

PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

Barb Saunders	Karen McBride
Alice Evenson	Laurel Jorgensen
Dave and Libby Krogh	Gloria Condon
Hoover Family	Hundt Family
Leonard Phillips	Puckett Family
David and Sue	Darrell Dahl
Dorumsgaard Ayers	Walker Family
Joyce Hughes	Cannon Family
Jerry Johnson	Warwick Family
Gert Carlson	Pikkarainen Family

MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

- People struggling with mental illness and their loved ones
- Renee Nicole Good and Alex Pretti's families, friends, and community members
- 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
- 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)
Evan Harrison (Pr B's great nephew)

PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Vince and Carrie (Kelly Chilvers' friends)
Andrea and Sage (Candy Hickenbotham's family)
Ethylmae Ross (Gloria Condon's aunt)
The family of Nick (Ann Allison's nephew)
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)
Beth (Dan Hauge's sister)
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)
Laura (Lisa Chovan Spence's sister)
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)
Andrea (Mona Falk's daughter)

BETHEL'S MISSION PARTNERS

- ◆ Bancroft Neighborhood Association
- ◆ Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church (BOLD)
- ◆ ReconcilingWorks
- ◆ Casa de Oracion - Pentecostal
- ◆ Mpls Area Synod
- ◆ Nokomis Healthy Seniors
- ◆ CANMN