



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:
**WOMEN OF THE
EARLY CHURCH**

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026**

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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 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

"Adagio from Sonata I" by Felix Mendelssohn

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 ACS 971

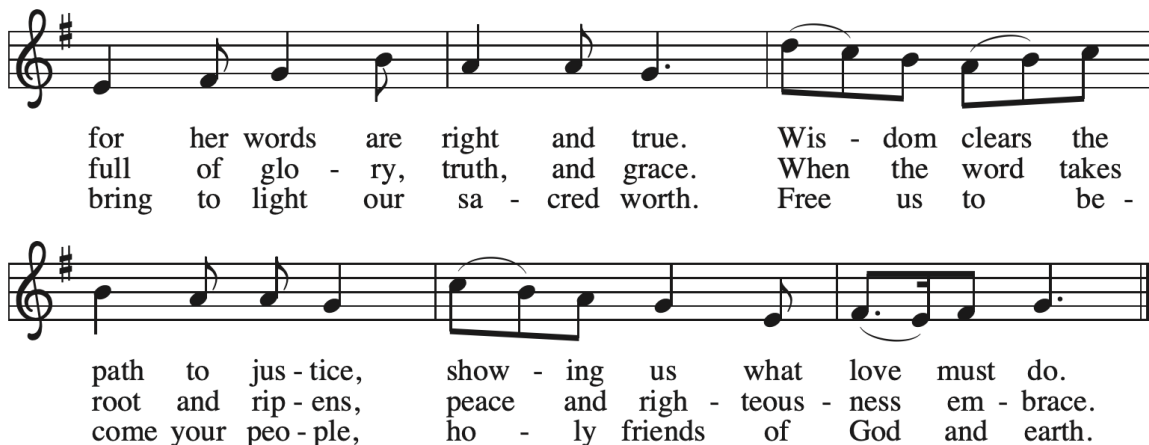
"Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"



1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the
3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -

path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.
come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: MADELEINE, Donna Kasbohm, b. 1933

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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, 4

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,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

WORD

Lesson

Acts 9:36-43

In Joppa **there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas);** she was always doing good and helping the poor. About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. Lydda was near Joppa; **so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to Peter and urged Peter, "Please come at once!"** Peter went

with them, and when he arrived they all went upstairs to the room. **All the widows stood around Peter, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.** Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." **She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up.** Peter took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. **This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.** Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

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

Children's Message

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

Lesson

Romans 16:1-15

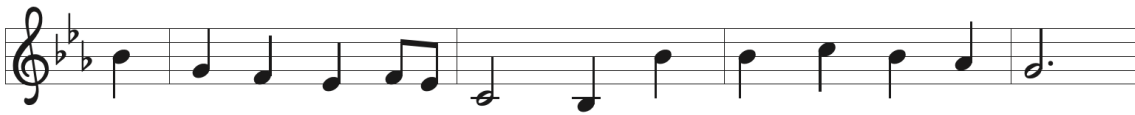
I commend to you **our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church** in Cenchreae. I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of God's people and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been the benefactor of many people, including me. **Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus.** They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them. **Greet also the church that meets at their house.** Greet my dear friend Epenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in the province of Asia. **Greet Mary, who worked very hard for you.** Greet Andronicus and Junia, my fellow Jews who have been in prison with me. **They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was.** Greet Ampliatus, my dear friend in the Lord. Greet Urbanus, our co-worker in Christ, and my dear friend Stachys. **Greet Apelles, whose fidelity to Christ has stood the test.** Greet those who belong to the household of Aristobulus. Greet Herodion, my fellow Jew. Greet those in the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord. **Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, those women who work hard in the Lord.** Greet my

dear friend Persis, another woman who has worked very hard in the Lord.
Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother, who has been a mother to me, too. Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and the other brothers and sisters with them. **Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas and all the Lord’s people who are with them.**

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 419 “For All the Faithful Women”



1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in days of old.
10 Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas, who served the sick and poor.
3 in 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.
Her hands were cups of kindness, her heart an open door.
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.
Send us, O Christ, your Body, where people cry in pain,
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.
And touch them with compassion to make them whole again.
we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

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Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune
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Creed

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.

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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!*



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.

And also with you.

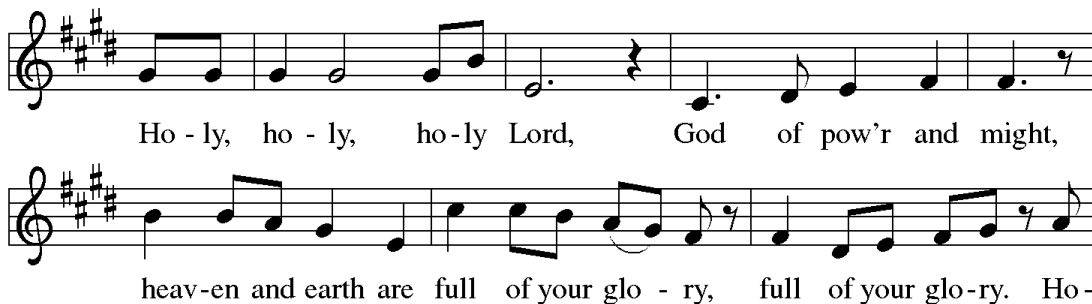
Lift up your hearts.

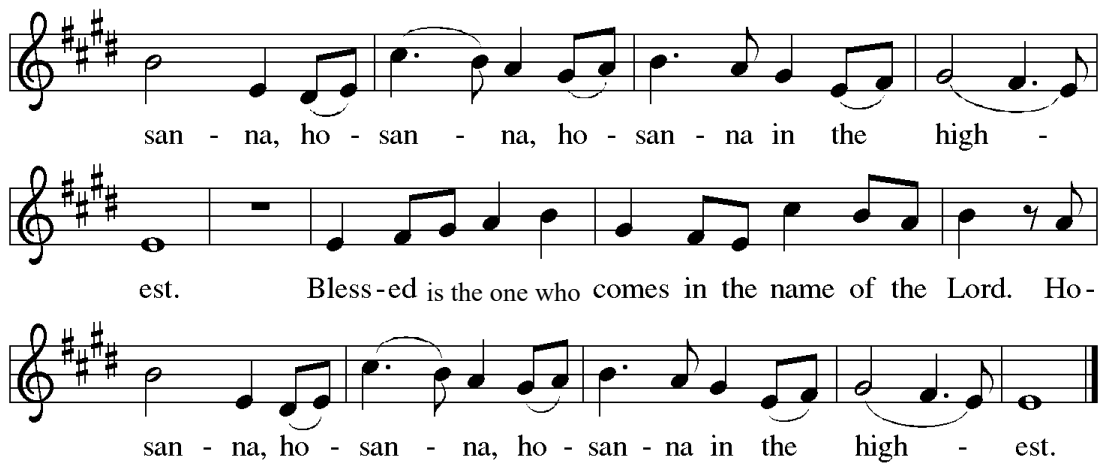
We lift them to God.

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

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.

Text: Kirk Franklin, b. 1970
Music: NOW BEHOLD THE LAMB, Kirk Franklin
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Communion Hymn ELW 481

"Come to the Table"



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942
Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nyström, b. 1956
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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

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 ACS 987

“Guide My Feet”

Leader



1 Guide my feet
2 Hold my hand
3 Stand by me while I run this race.
4 I'm your child
5 Search my heart

All



Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race.
I'm your child
Search my heart



Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race,
I'm your child
Search my heart



for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: GUIDE MY FEET, African American spiritual

Dismissal

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

Sending Music "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices" by Anne Krentz Organ

Ministers:	All Believers	Musician:	Anne Phillips
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Brenda Froisland	Sacristy:	Stephanie Johnson
Assisting Minister:	Ann Allison	Ushers:	Norris Lovstuen and Jay Winger
Lector:	Dan Hauge	Live Streaming:	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
Cantor:	Janet Anderson	Hospitality:	Clarice Lovstuen
Music Director:	Bernie Asher	Altar Guild:	Laurie Hauge and Anna Wohnoutka

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BETHEL'S

rally **sunday**

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AT 10AM
AND AFTER at 11AM FOR:

- **FREE PICNIC**
- **YARD GAMES**
- **SERVICE PROJECT**
- **SHAVED ICE**

Help us put together school bags
filled with school supplies for
Lutheran World Relief to distribute.

This event is **FREE** and open to the public.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

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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.



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balance the budget

BINGO

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, November 19, 2026



JOIN BETHEL'S *Handbell and Vocal Choirs*



ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!

We want you to:

- Sing in the choir
- Play handbells
- Play an instrument during worship

Handbell Rehearsals — Mondays, 7pm starting 8/24

Choir Rehearsals — Wednesdays, 7pm starting 8/26

If you are interested in singing in the choir, playing in the handbell choir, or if you would like to play another instrument during worship, contact Bernie at music2023@bethel-mpls.org

PRAYER

list...

PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

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

Barb Passow (Pr B's friend)
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)
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

❖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)