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Congratulations

CLASS OF 2026

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**GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY
JUNE 7, 2026**

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
MINNEAPOLIS, MN**

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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.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST GRADUATION RECOGNITION SUNDAY

June 7, 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

"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song" by Sherri Hansen

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.**

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Music: AMEN THEMBA, South African traditional; trans. and arr. John L. Bell.
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Opening Hymn ACS 978

“God Welcomes All”

God wel - comes all, stran - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Holy One, **you often meet us to bless us and tap us further into our faith. Thank you for always being present in our lives, loving us, understanding us, and caring for us. Please help all people, without exception, to know your grace and peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Glory

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



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



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the

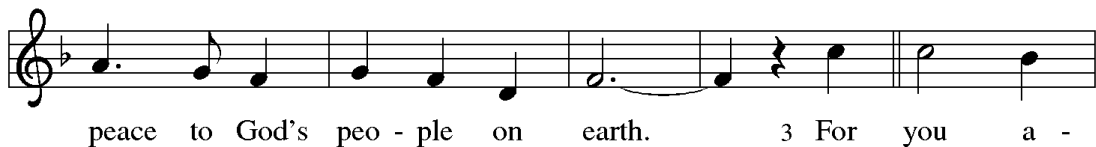


right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -



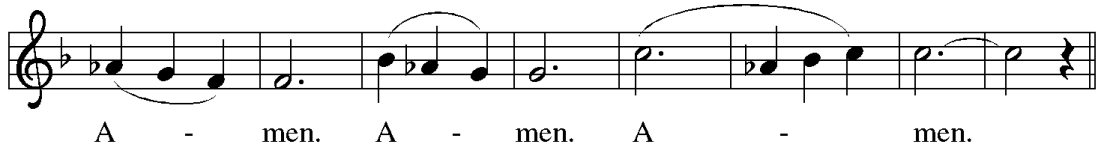
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



A - men. A - men. A - men.



Final refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's



peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

for twelve years came up behind Jesus and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, Jesus said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, Jesus went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread through all of that district.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 768

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;
 for if you lead me, I can - not stray.
 Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r

- 1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
- 2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,
- 3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,



to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.
 be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.
 I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.



Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.
 I am put - ting all my trust in thee.
 Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Affirmation of Faith

by Rev. Sarah Speed

We believe that creation is inextricably linked.

We belong to one another in an undeniable way.

We are bone of bone and flesh of flesh, life breathed into dust.

We believe that God invites us to live into that truth — to love without abandon,

to see the good in one another, to trust that all belong to God.

We know that this life of connection is easier said than done, which is why we gather in this place, together, generation after generation, to be reminded: We see God in each other.

This we believe.

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. Merciful God, **accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of the great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly. God of pow-er and God of might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry O, God. You are
fi-re you are wa-ter, God of jus-tice and God of peace,
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry O, God.
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san-nah in the high-est, Ho - san-nah in the high-est. Ho - san-nah in the high-est!
You are gen-tle, you are giv-ing, God of mercy and God of love,
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry O, God.

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, of hum-ble birth, you bring love un-to the
earth. Je-sus Christ, Prince of peace, Lamb of God. You
are the face of jus-tice, peace, and mer-cy. You call us all to live each day in
love. We fol - low in the way that we can fol - low,
Drawing strength and courage from a - bove. Lamb of God, of hum-ble birth, grant us
peace through-out the earth. Je-sus Christ, Source of Love, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymn ELW 808

"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an-non-cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

Communion Hymn ELW 465

"As the Grains of Wheat"



As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were

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 Music: Les Petites Sœurs, Les Petites Sœurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community
 Text and music © 1987 Les Petites Sœurs de Jésus
 Tr. © 1979 Stephen Somerville



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Refrain

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. Holy one, **through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations, in the name of Jesus, 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. Go in God's peace and love. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ELW 439

"Soon and Very Soon"

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system contains the first four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains the next four lines. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear cadence at the end of each line. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with block chords and some moving lines.

1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon

soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon

soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there,
no more dy - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
soon and ver - y soon

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu

jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah

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 Music: Andraé Crouch
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Dismissal

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

Sending Music

“Soon and Very Soon”

At fellowship today we will help Don and Darlene Olson celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary.

Ministers:	All Believers	Musician:	Anne Phillips
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Brenda Froisland	Sacristy:	Stephanie Johnson
Assisting Minister:	Susan Johnson	Ushers:	Sarah Psick and Doug Psick
Lector:	Sharon Rodi	Live Streaming:	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
Cantor:	Kristin Cleary	Hospitality:	The Hospitality Team
Music Director:	Bernie Asher	Altar Guild:	Janet Anderson and Norma Lanning

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*Congratulations,
Olivia Wohnoutka!*



Olivia graduated as her class Valedictorian with a 4.0 GPA and completed high school as an IB Diploma Candidate. During her high school career, she was a member of the National Honor Society and Math Team for two years and served on the Student Athlete Leadership Team for all four years. She was a two-year captain of both the softball and tennis teams, earning MVP and All-City honors in each sport. In addition to her academic and athletic involvement, Olivia dedicated more than 100 hours to service within her school and community. Next year, Olivia will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.



PRAYER

list...

PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

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

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
- 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

Carol (Pr B and Mary's friend)
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)

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)



BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Scholarship APPLICATIONS

Bethel wants to encourage and support those who are seeking higher education.

Applications for the 2026-2027 school year are due on August 5, 2026.

Applications can be found on our website: bethel-mpls.org/education

Applicants must be entering their second year of post-high-school study.

For more information on our scholarship program or to apply,
please contact the office:

612-724-3693 or bethel@bethel-mpls.org

Apply Now!



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Mark your calendars for every-other Wednesday
this summer starting June 10.

6:30-8:00pm

Location TBD

