



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 5

MARCH 22, 2026

Bethel Lutheran Church - In-person and Online

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March 22, 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

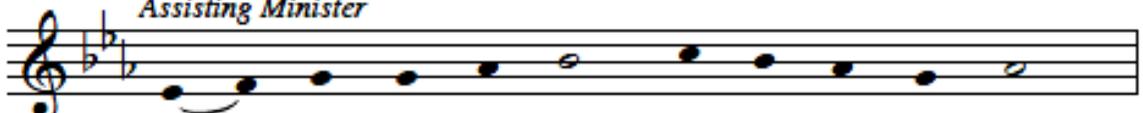
Gathering Music

"Erbarm' dich mein, O Herre Gott" by JS Bach

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.

Assisting Minister

You lift up the weak and hun - gry.

All

We bless your ho - ly name, O God.

Assisting Minister *All*

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

bless your ho - ly name, 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.**

Opening Hymn ELW 886

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

- 1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
- 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
- 3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, **your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

WORD

Lesson

John 11:1-27

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, **“Lord, he whom you love is ill.”** But when Jesus heard it, he said, **“This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”** Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, Jesus stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this Jesus said to the disciples, **“Let us go to Judea again.”** The disciples said to him, **“Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there**

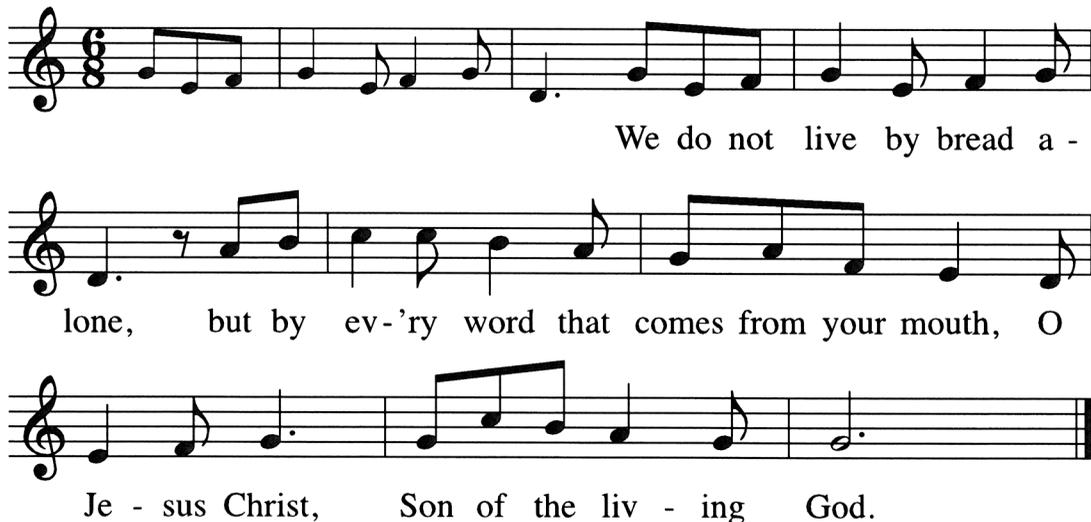
again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." After saying this, Jesus told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said, "**Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.**" Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "**Let us also go, that we may die with him.**" When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "**Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.**" Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to Jesus, "**I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.**" Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said, "**Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.**"

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
Je - sus Christ, Son of the liv - ing God.

Gospel

John 11:28-45

The Gospel continues according to John, the eleventh chapter. **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, **"The Teacher is here and is calling for you."** And when Mary heard it, she got up quickly and went to Jesus. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said, **"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."** When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said, **"Lord, come and see."** Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, **"See how he loved Lazarus!"** But some of them said, **"Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"** Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was

lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to Jesus, "**Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.**" Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When Jesus had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"When Jesus Wept"
Round led by Bethel Choir

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

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:
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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

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

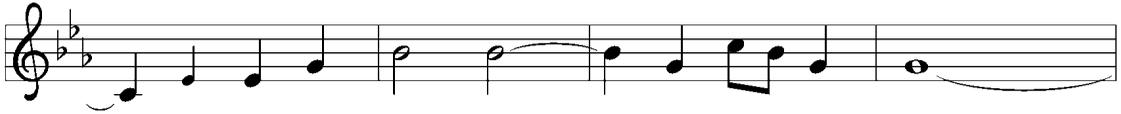
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world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn ELW 325

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

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. Help us become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation. 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 773

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899–1993
Music: George N. Allen, 1812–1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey
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PRECIOUS LORD
Irregular

Dismissal

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

Sending Music

“Aus der Tiefe rufe ich” by Healy Willan

Ministers:	All Believers	Musicians:	Anne Phillips, Bethel Vocal Choir
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Brenda Froisland	Sacristy:	Marilyn Newborg
Assisting Minister:	Ann Allison	Ushers:	Mary Chilvers and Marshall Cannon
Lector:	Sharon Rodi	Live Streaming:	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
Cantor:	Sarah Berke	Hospitality:	Ann Allison
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.*

Lent **WITH BETHEL**

Joint services with St. Peder's and BOLD

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 18 at 7pm

At Bethel

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 29 at 10am at Bethel

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 2 at 7:00pm

*We will worship at St. Peder's
4600 E 42nd Street, Minneapolis.*

SOUP AND WORSHIP WEDNESDAYS

February 25 and March 4, 11, 18, 25

5:30pm Soup | 6:15pm Worship

At Bethel

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 3 at 7:00pm

We will have a Service of Darkness at Bethel.

PRAYER list...

PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

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

PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

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)
Andrea (Mona Falk's daughter)

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)

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
- ❖ Iglesia Evangelica Luz Alas Naciones