



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 OF EASTER

APRIL 12, 2026

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

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April 12, 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

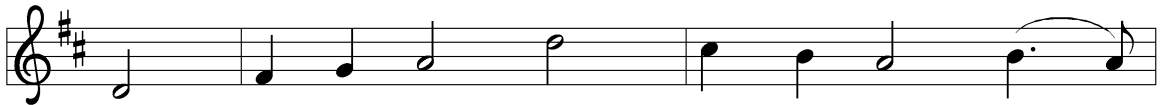
"Processional Jubilee" by Anna Laura Page

Handbell Choir

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn ELW 368

"With High Delight Let Us Unite"



1 With high de - light let us u - nite in
2 True God, he first from death has burst forth
3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to



songs of great ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, all
in - to life, all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my now
Christ our Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed by



bear your part, sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To
van - quished see; his death has been death's un - do - ing. "And
word and deed to ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So



set us free for - ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to
 yours shall be like vic - to - ry o'er death and grave," says
 shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and



all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
 he, who gave his life for us, life re - new - ing.
 death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.

Text: Georg Vetter, 1536–1599; tr. Martin H. Franzmann, 1907–1976, alt.
 Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, medieval European tune
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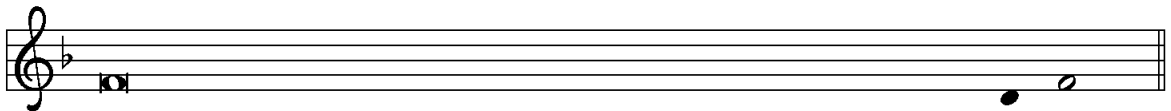
Greeting

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.**

Kyrie



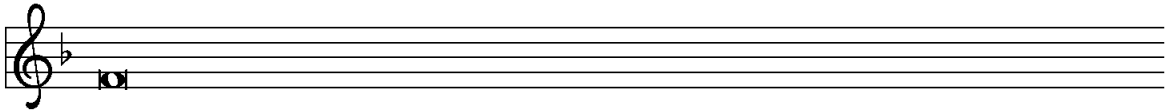
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



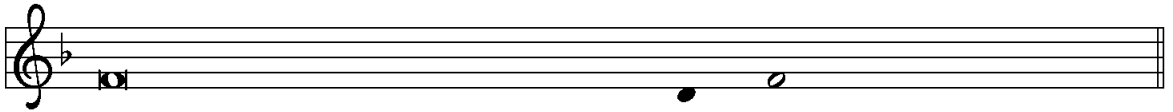
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



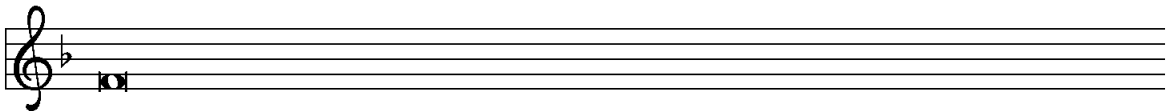
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



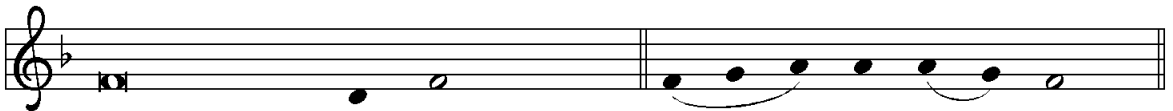
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



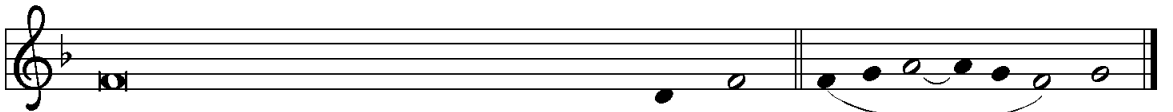
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



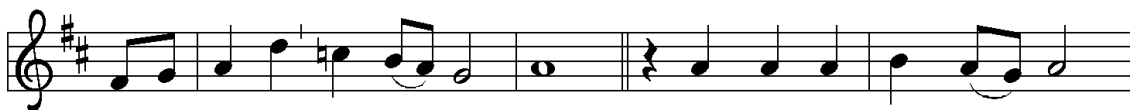
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

This is the Feast

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



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.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

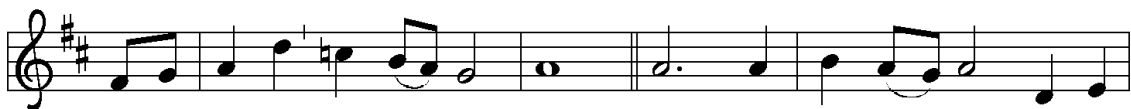


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 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.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his 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, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, **the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing. Amen.**

WORD

Lesson

Psalm 111 *Inclusive*

Alleluia! I will thank you, YHWH, with all my heart in the meeting of the just and their assembly. **Great are your works, to be pondered by all who love them.** Majestic and glorious are your works, and your justice stands firm forever. **You make us remember your wonders—you are compassion and love.** You give food to those who revere you, keeping your Covenant ever in mind. **You reveal to your people the power of your actions by giving them the lands of the nations as their inheritance.** The works of your hands are truth and justice, and all your precepts are sure, standing firm forever and ever, and carried out uprightly and faithfully. **You have sent deliverance to your people and established your Covenant forever.** Your Name is holy and awe-inspiring! **Reverence for YHWH is the beginning of wisdom—and those who have it prove themselves wise. Your praise will last forever!**

Word of God. **Word of life.**

Children's Message

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

Lesson

1 Peter 1:3-9 *Inclusive*

Praised be the Abba God of our Savior Jesus Christ, who with great mercy gave us new birth: **a birth into hope**, which draws its life from the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; **a birth to an imperishable inheritance** incapable of fading or defilement, which is kept in heaven for you who are guarded with God's power through faith; **a birth to a salvation** which stands ready to be revealed in the last days. **There is cause for rejoicing here.** You may, for a time, have to suffer the distress of many trials. **But this is so that your faith**, which is more precious than the passing splendor of fire-tried gold, **may by its genuineness lead to praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ appears.**

Although you have never seen Christ, you love Christ; and without seeing, you still believe, **and you rejoice with inexpressible joy touched with glory,** because you are achieving faith's goal—your salvation.

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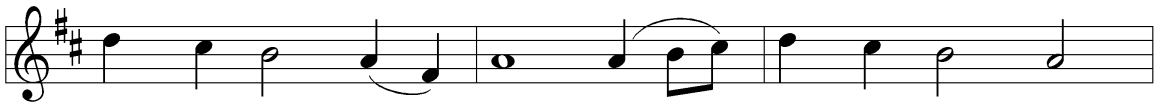
Sermon

Hymn of the Day WOV 675

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 That, when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found:
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.
 Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, Samuel McFarland, fl. 1816

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 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. 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.**

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is the one who

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has three measures, the second has three measures, and the third has three measures.



comes in the name of the Lord. 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



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.

Communion 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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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

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!** Go out this day, and always, praising and thanking God for this incredible news. You are blessed in the name of our faithful and loving God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Blessed to be a blessing! **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ACS 933

"Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded"



1 Day of de - light and beau-ty un - bound-ed, tell the news, the gos - pel
2 Day of de - light and beau-ty un - bound-ed, tell the news, the gos - pel



spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ
spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ



ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -
ris - en from the dead! Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to



pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;
 danc - ing; sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;



sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the
 sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of



stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in
 fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor



wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!
 last - ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Delores Duher, OSB, b. 1939
 Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556-1622
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Dismissal

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

Sending Music

“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” by Wilbur Held

Ministers:	All Believers	Musicians:	Anne Phillips
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Brenda Froisland	Sacristy:	Marilyn Newborg
Assisting Minister:	Kristin Cleary	Ushers:	Dave Sunde and Dean Anderson
Lector:	Ann Allison	Live Streaming:	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
Cantor:	Dean Anderson	Hospitality:	Sharon Rodi
Music Director:	Bernie Asher	Altar Guild:	Barb Saunders and Barb Wandberg

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Bethel's

HEALTH FAIR & BLOOD DRIVE



♥ Memorial Blood Centers

FAIRVIEW

MORE INFO:



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MAY 9, 2026

FROM

11AM - 4PM

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
4120 17TH AVE. S.
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55407

Bethel's Spring Cleaning Events

SUNDAY, APRIL 26
AFTER FELLOWSHIP
INDOOR CLEANING

SATURDAY, MAY 9
8AM - 2PM
OUTDOOR CLEANING



PRAYER

list...

PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

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

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, Mpx
- 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

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)