



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.



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Bethel Lutheran Church - In-person and Online

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November 23, 2025, 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

"Dearest Jesus, We Are Here" by Valerie A Floeter

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 ELW 524

"What Is This Place"



- 1 What is this place where we are meet - ing? On - ly a house, the
- 2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in
- 3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,
us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders
liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,



win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives
sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem-ber and speak
we are each oth-er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re - ceive



when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.
a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem-ing word.
what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

Text: Huub Oosterhuis, b. 1933; tr. David Smith, b. 1933

Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, **our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Guide us, empower us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Glory

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WORD

Lesson

Jeremiah 23:5-6

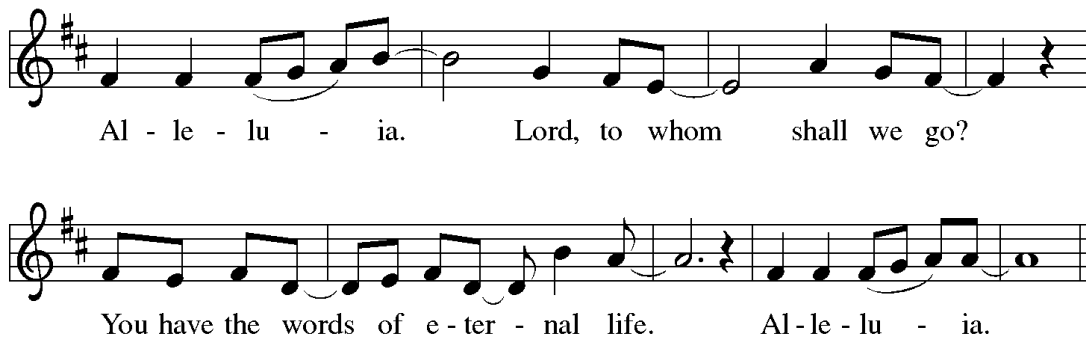
"The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In these days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior."

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



Gospel

Luke 1:68-79

The Gospel of the Lord according to Luke, the first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for God has looked favorably on the people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of the child David, as he spoke through the mouth of the holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus God has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that was sworn to our ancestor

Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness in God's presence all our days. **And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give the people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.** Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 618

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"



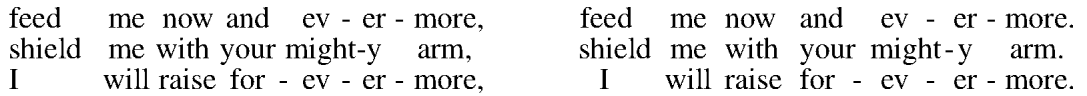
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

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. Risen One, **you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true Savior. 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



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.**

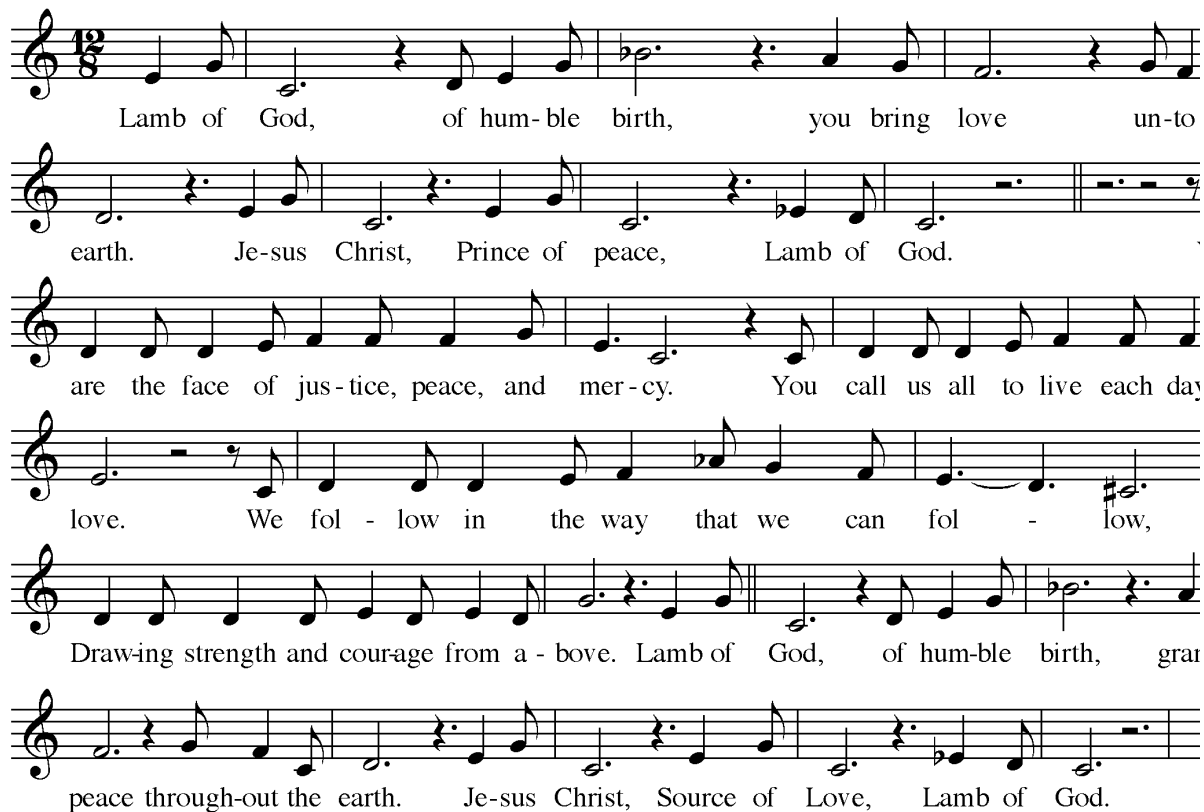
Lord's Prayer

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
earth. Je-sus Christ, Prince of peace, Lamb of God.
are the face of jus-tice, peace, and mer-cy. You call us all to live each day
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, gra-
peace through-out the earth. Je-sus Christ, Source of Love, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymn ELW 661

"I Love to Tell the Story"



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

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. Living One, **in this feast you have made yourself known to us.**
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

SENDING

Benediction

Gathered into one by the Spirit, we go in peace to serve the Creator. Seek God's boundless diversity in all you see, and know you are made in God's image! **Amen.**

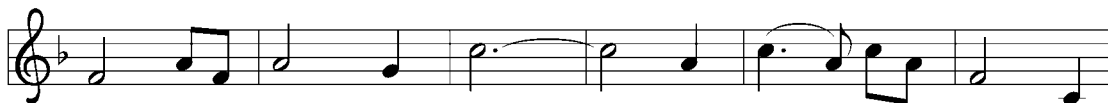
Sending Hymn ELW 779

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

Verses 1, 2, 5: congregation, verse 3 choir



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



Bethel Lutheran, Minnehaha United Methodist
and St. Peder's Lutheran Churches

Thanksgiving

WORSHIP SERVICE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
7:00 PM WORSHIP
PIE SOCIAL TO FOLLOW

Bethel Lutheran Church
4120 17th Ave S, Mpls, MN

Joint choir practice
at 6:20pm



A Holy Experiment

**A different kind of worship service that is more
contemplative and exploratory.**

2025

November: 23rd at Atonement

December: 7th at Bethel, 14th at Atonement

at 7:00pm

Bethel - 4120 17th Ave S, Minneapolis

Atonement - 601 E 98th Street, Bloomington

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S
2ND SATURDAY

CONCERT SERIES

Join us at 3pm every 2nd Saturday
November 2025 - March 2026
for an afternoon of beautiful music.

Suggested \$10 Donation.

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4120 17th Ave. S.
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ALL ARE WELCOME
without exception!



STARTING IN NOVEMBER

**We are collecting coats,
hats, scarves, and mittens
for people experiencing
homelessness!**

Please drop them off at Bethel
before December 31, 2025.



PRAYER

list...

PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

Alice Evenson	Karen McBride
Mike Wohnoutka	Laurel Jorgensen
Dave and Libby Krogh	Gloria Condon
Hoover Family	Hundt Family
Leonard and Sharon 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

- The families and neighbors of Annunciation Church and School
- 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

Amanda and Sage (Candy Hickenbotham's family)
Ethylmae Ross (Gloria Condon's aunt)
Nick (Ann Allison's nephew)
Kristin (Ann Allison's sister)
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)
Kathy (Krogh Family 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