



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.



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 4, 2026

Bethel Lutheran Church - In-person and Online
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October 4, 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

"Pastorale No 1" by Christopher Uehlein, OSB

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 528

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Psalm 136:1 (Latin); Taizé Community

Music: CONFITEMINI DOMINO, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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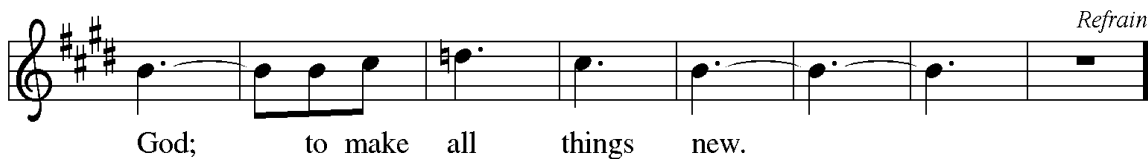
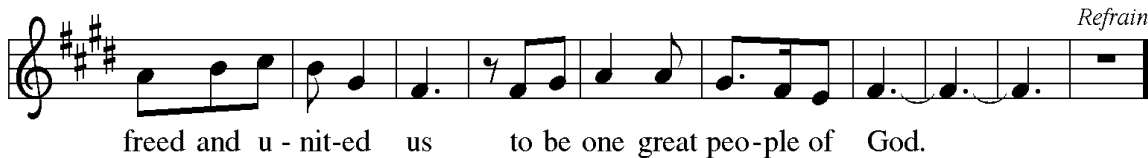
Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Beloved God, **from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Now the Feast and Celebration ELW 167

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



Text and music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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WORD

Lesson

Matthew 21:33-41 NIV

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then the landowner rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. When the harvest time approached, the landowner sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. The tenants seized the servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then the landowner sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all, the landowner sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. **But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.'** So they took the heir and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" **"He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time."**

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

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

The Gospel continues according to Matthew, the twenty-first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes?' **Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.** Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. **They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.**

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW 339

"Christ, the Life of All the Living"



- 1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
- 2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
- 3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.

Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

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

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

Leader: All:

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Leader: All:

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: *All:*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. 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

Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us,
break the chains of ha - tred and fear:
are the way of jus - tice and peace:
are the way of mer - cy and love

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mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

10
world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace..

Communion Hymn ELW 629

“Abide with Me”

1 A - bidde with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847

Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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

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. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ELW 547

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach-ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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Dismissal

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

Sending Music

“Trumpet Tune in A” by David N Johnson

Ministers:	All Believers	Musician:	Anne Phillips
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Brenda Froisland	Sacristy:	Stephanie Johnson
Assisting Minister:	Ann Allison	Ushers:	Sarah and Doug Psick
Lector:	Don Olson	Live Streaming:	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
Cantor:	Dean Anderson	Hospitality:	Laurie Hauge
Music Director:	Bernie Asher	Altar Guild:	Janet Anderson and Norma Lanning

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TRUNK *or* TREAT



OCT.
25
5:00 TO
6:30PM

Two Ways to Participate:

1. *Decorate a car and pass out candy
contact pastor@bethel-mpls.org to register*
2. *Bring kids to trick-or-treat*

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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

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

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

Theresa (Pr B's sister)
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
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