



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.

**Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.**



**LENT 1**

**FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

Bethel Lutheran Church - In-person and Online

YouTube: @bethelmpls

# LENT 1

February 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

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**Gathering Music**

"Wondrous Love" by Paul Tate

**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.



You lift up the weak and hun - gry.



We bless your ho - ly name, O God.



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



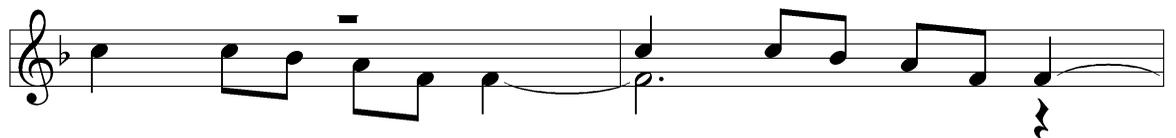
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## Greeting

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.**

## Opening Hymn DATH 2

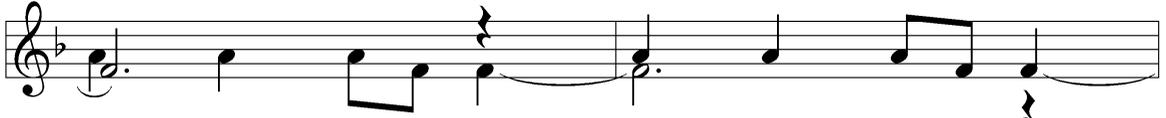
"Come, Let Us Worship God"



1	Come,	let	us	wor - ship	God ...	Come,	let	us	wor - ship	God ...		
2	Rest	for	the	wea - ry ...	Rest	for	the	wea - ry ...	Rest	for	the	wea - ry ...
3	Food	for	the	hun - gry ...	Food	for	the	hun - gry ...	Food	for	the	hun - gry ...
4	Hope	for	the	chil - dren ...	Hope	for	the	chil - dren ...	Hope	for	the	chil - dren ...



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Food	for	the	hun -	gry ...		Food	for	the	hun -	gry ...	
Hope	for	the	chil -	dren ...		Hope	for	the	chil -	dren ...	



Wel -	come	ev -	'ry -	one ...	Wel -	come	ev -	'ry -	one ...
Wel -	come	ev -	'ry -	one ...	Wel -	come	ev -	'ry -	one ...
Wel -	come	ev -	'ry -	one ...	Wel -	come	ev -	'ry -	one ...
Wel -	come	ev -	'ry -	one ...	Wel -	come	ev -	'ry -	one ...



To the	love	of	God ...	To the	love	of	God ...
To the	love	of	God ...	To the	love	of	God ...
To the	love	of	God ...	To the	love	of	God ...
To the	love	of	God ...	To the	love	of	God ...

Text: Ray Makeever  
 Music: GOD GIVE US LIFE, Ray Makeever

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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Lord God, **our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

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### Lesson

Psalm 32 *Inclusive*

Happiness comes from having your rebellion taken away, from having your failure completely covered. **Happiness comes from YHWH not counting your mistakes, from having nothing to hide.** As long I kept my stubborn silence, my bones grew weak because of my constant complaints. Day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped by a summer's heat. **Finally I admitted my sin to you, and stopped hiding my guilt. I said, "I confess my rebellion, YHWH," and you took away the guilt of my sin.** That's why people of faith everywhere should pray to you -- they'll find you. Even when the flood begins rising, it will never touch them. **You are my hiding place; you'll protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of freedom.** "I'll teach you and I'll show you the way you should walk; I will counsel you, and keep watch over you. Be wise! Don't be like horses and mules, who need to be harnessed with bit and bridle before they'll come to you!" Wrongdoers are prone to many sorrows, but those who trust in YHWH are surrounded with unfailing love. **Be glad in YHWH and rejoice, you who love justice! Exult, you upright of heart!**

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**

Matthew 4:1-11

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

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

## **Sermon**

## Hymn of the Day ELW 592

“Just As I Am, without One Plea”



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y\_a con - flict,  
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
man - y\_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

## A New Creed

**We are not alone. We live in God's world.**

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect to Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## 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. 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

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### The Great Thanksgiving

*Presider* *All*



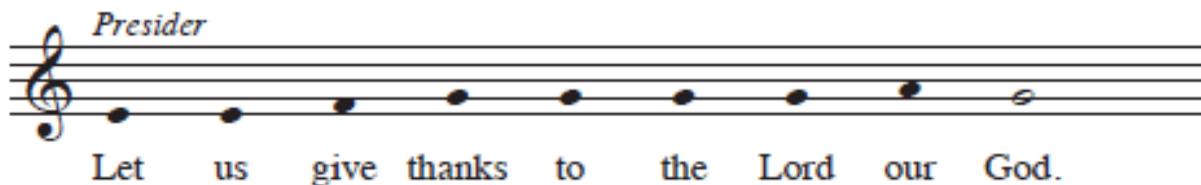
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Presider* *All*



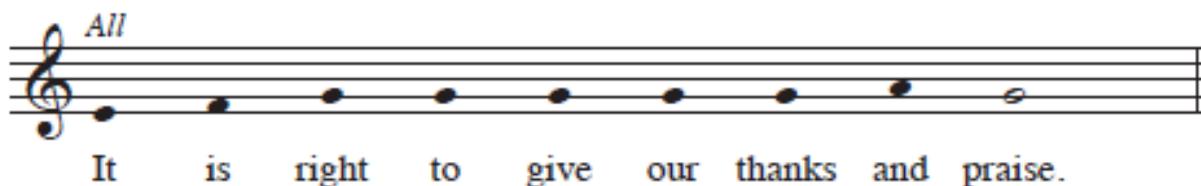
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All*



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### Preface

## Holy, Holy, Holy

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a 6/8 time signature. The first measure is marked with a double bar line and the word 'All' above it. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, 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.' The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, ties, and a key signature change to one sharp (F#) in the fifth measure.

*All*  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
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## 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, have mer-cy on us.



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

# Communion Hymn ELW 465

"As the Grains of Wheat"



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



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.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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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. Through the body and blood of your Son, help us become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING

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### 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 536

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"



- 1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
- 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
- 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;  
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

*Refrain*



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

## Dismissal

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

## Sending Music

“Erhalt' uns, Herr, bei deinen Wort” by Johann Pachelbel

<b>Ministers:</b>	All Believers	<b>Musician:</b>	Anne Phillips
<b>Presiding Minister:</b>	Rev. Dan Ankerfelt	<b>Sacristy:</b>	Marilyn Newborg
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Anna Olsen	<b>Ushers:</b>	Dave Sunde and Norris Lovstuen
<b>Lector:</b>	Stephanie Johnson	<b>Live Streaming:</b>	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
<b>Cantor:</b>	Kristin Cleary	<b>Hospitality:</b>	Sharon Rodi
<b>Music Director:</b>	Bernie Asher	<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Janet Anderson and Norma Lanning

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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.*

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# *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 6:30pm*  
*We will worship at St. Peder's*  
*4600 E 42<sup>nd</sup> 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

Barb Saunders	Karen McBride
Alice Evenson	Laurel Jorgensen
Dave and Libby Krogh	Gloria Condon
Hoover Family	Hundt Family
Leonard 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

- Renee Nicole Good and Alex Pretti's families, friends, and community members
- 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

Vince and Carrie (Kelly Chilvers' friends)  
Andrea and Sage (Candy Hickenbotham's family)  
Ethylmae Ross (Gloria Condon's aunt)  
The family of Nick (Ann Allison's nephew)  
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)  
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