



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.



JUSTICE SUNDAY

JANUARY 19, 2025

Bethel Lutheran Church, in-person and online
YouTube: @bethelmpls

JUSTICE SUNDAY

January 19, 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

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn ELW 841

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871–1938

Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873–1954

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **Make us worthy, Lord, to serve our fellow human beings throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands this day their daily bread, and by your understanding love, give peace and joy. Amen.** *(A prayer of Mother Teresa of Calcutta)*

WORD

Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:13-20 (Inclusive)

If we are beside ourselves, it is for the sake of God. If we are in our right minds, it is for you. **The love of Christ overwhelms us whenever we reflect on this: that if one person has died for all, then all have died.** The reason Christ died for all was so that the living should live no longer for themselves but for Christ, who died and was raised to life for them. And so from now on, we don't look on anyone in terms of mere human judgment. Even if we did once regard Christ in these terms, that is not how we know Christ now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old order has passed away; now everything is new! All of this is from God, who ransomed us through Christ—and made us ministers of that reconciliation. **This means that through Christ, the world was fully reconciled again to God, who didn't hold our transgressions against us, but instead entrusted us with this message of reconciliation.** This makes us Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making the appeal directly through us. **Therefore we implore you in Christ's name: be reconciled to God.** For our sake, God made the One who was without sin to be sin, so that by this means we might become the very holiness of God.

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



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

John 10:14-18

The Gospel according to John, the tenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. **I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.** For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ACS 1062

"Build a Longer Table"

(Accompanied by Handbell Choir)



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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Creed used by Women in Theology Groups

**O God, the source of our being and the goal of all our longing,
we believe and trust in you.**

**The whole earth is alive with your glory
and all that has life is sustained by you.**

We commit ourselves to cherish your world and to seek your face.

**O God, embodied in a human life,
we believe and trust in you.**

**Jesus our brother, born of the woman Mary,
you confronted the proud and the powerful,**

and welcomed as your friends those of no account.

**Holy Wisdom of God, firstborn of creation,
you emptied yourself of power,
and became foolishness for our sake.
You laboured with us upon the cross,
and have brought us forth to the hope of resurrection.**

**We commit ourselves to struggle against evil and to choose life.
O God, life-giving Spirit, Spirit of healing and comfort,
of integrity and truth, we believe and trust in you.
Warm-winged Spirit, brooding over creation,
rushing wind and Pentecostal fire,
we commit ourselves to work with you and renew our world.**

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Prayer Updates

Prayers of the People

With hope and expectation, we offer our prayers for the church, the world,
and all who await God's day of restoration.

A brief silence.

Each petition ends with a response:

Lord, receive our prayer, **and in your love, answer.**

Listen to these and all our prayers, O God of hosts, and restore us with your
great and everlasting mercy. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Jesus is with you always. **And also with you.**

Anthem ACS 903

“Freedom Is Coming”
(Led by Handbell Choir)

- 1 (Oh, freedom,) Freedom is coming.
(oh, freedom,) Freedom is coming.
(oh, freedom.) Freedom is coming. Oh, yes, I know.
(Oh, freedom,) Freedom is coming.
(oh, freedom,) Freedom is coming.
(oh, freedom.) Freedom is coming. Oh, yes, I know.
- (Oh, yes, I know.) Oh, oh, yes, I know.
(Oh, yes, I know.) Oh, oh, yes, I know.
(Oh, yes, I know.) Oh, oh, yes, I know. Oh, yes, I know.
(Oh, yes, I know.) Oh, oh, yes, I know.
(Oh, yes, I know.) Oh, oh, yes, I know.
(Oh, yes, I know.) Oh, oh, yes, I know. Oh, yes, I know.
- 2 Oh, Jesus.
Jesus is coming.
Oh, yes, I know.

Text: South African; transc. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984

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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. Gracious God, **you, as Word-made-flesh, bring harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation. Amen.**

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

Communion Hymn ACS 968

"Feed Us with Hunger for Justice"

Optional descant

Feed us jus - tice. Feed us your peace.

Feed us with hun - ger for jus - tice. Feed us with thirst for peace.

Text: Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960
Music: HUNGER FOR JUSTICE, Anne Krentz Organ
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Communion Hymn ACS 1056

"God Bless to Us Our Bread"

Ben - di - ce, Se - ñor, nues - tro pan, y da pan a los que tien - en
God bless to . . us our . . bread, and give bread . . to all those who are

ham - bre y ham - bre de jus - ti - cia a los que tien - en
hun - gry, and hun - ger for jus - tice to those who are

pan. Ben - di - ce, Se - ñor, nues - tro pan.
fed. God bless to . . . us our . . . bread.

Text: Argentine traditional, collected by Federico Pagura, 1923–2016; tr. John L. Bell, b. 1949
Music: BENDICE NUESTRO PAN, Argentine melody, collected by Federico Pagura; arr. John L. Bell
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Communion Hymn ELW 549

"Send Me, Jesus"



1 *Thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na, Nko - si yam.*
2 *Ndi - ya vu - ma, ndi - ya vu - ma, ndi - ya vu - ma, Nko - si yam.*
1 *Send me, Je - sus; send me, Je - sus; send me, Je - sus; send me, Lord.*
2 *I am will-ing; I am will-ing; I am will-ing, will - ing, Lord.*

Text: South African

Music: THUMA MINA, NKOSI YAM, South African

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

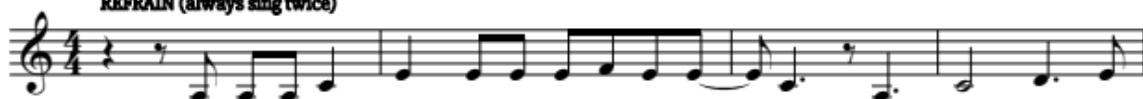
Let us pray. Giver of every gift, **Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

Benediction

The peace of God the Creator is in your heart. The grace of God the Savior is in your words. The love of God the Spirit is in your hands. The joy of God Triune is in your soul and in the song that your life sings. **Amen.**

REFRAIN (always sing twice)



You got - ta put one foot in front of the oth - er and lead with love.
 (last time) We got - ta put



Put one foot in front of the oth - er and lead with love.

VERSES 1, 4

Leader:

All:



1., 4. Don't give up hope, (*Don't give up hope*) You're not a - lone. (*You're not a - lone*)

To Refrain:



Don't you give up, (*Don't you give up*) Keep mov - in' on. (*Keep mov - in' on*)

VERSES 2, 3

Leader:

All:



2. Lift up__ your eyes, (*Lift up__ your eyes*) Don't you__ de - spair (*Don't you__ de - spair*)

3. I know you're scared, (*I know you're scared*) And I'm__ scared, too. (*And I'm__ scared, too*)

To Refrain:



Look up__ a - head, (*Look up__ a - head*) The path is there. (*The path__ is there*)

But here__ I am, (*But here I am*) Right next__ to you. (*Right next__ to you*)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sending Music

Ministers:	All Believers	Sacristy:	Marilyn Newborg
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Brenda Froisland	Ushers:	Susan Johnson and Jerry Johnson
Assisting Minister:	Kristin Cleary	Hospitality:	Janet Anderson
Lector:	Ann Allison	Live Streaming:	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
Cantor:	Dean Anderson	Altar Guild:	Libby, Laurie, and Anna W.
Music Director:	Bernie Asher	Musicians:	Anne Phillips, Bethel Handbell Choir

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Join us for our free

COMMUNITY FUN NIGHT



FEBRUARY FUN NIGHT

Thursday, February 13, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Free Meal at 5:30-6:15pm: Lasagna and Garlic Bread

Activity: Decorate Valentine Cookies and Learn Valentine Origami



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MINNESOTA BOYCHOIR

SATURDAY, FEB. 8, 2025

3:00PM SHOW

DOORS 2:30PM

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month at Bethel



WHAT ARE THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS?

Thrivent Action Teams are \$250 grants awarded for service projects, educational events, or fundraisers that excite you and help out your community or an organization of your choice. Action Teams can also be awarded for single parts of a larger project.

You must be a Thrivent Member or Thrivent Associate Member to apply for a Thrivent Action Team grant. Projects approved by Thrivent receive a \$250 gift card that must be used for your project.

You can choose to get some additional "swag" like t-shirts, notebooks, and sticker for your project!

HOW CAN I BECOME A THRIVENT ASSOCIATE MEMBER?

For just \$19.95 a year you can become a Thrivent Associate Member. As an Associate Member, you are eligible to receive one Thrivent Action Team Grant (\$250) per year. Thrivent Associate Members do not have Thrivent financial products, but do have access to select benefits.

To apply, visit this website or use the provided QR code:

shorturl.at/JHO6p



These memberships do not automatically renew, so if you would like to continue your membership next year you will need to reapply. To become a member, sign-up online or complete a paper application. We will have members at Bethel to help you get signed up before and after worship on 1/12/25 and 1/19/25.

After you have signed up, you will receive an online log-in and code in the US mail. Once received, you will need to register for an online account.

***If you're already a Thrivent Member or Thrivent Associate Member, you can skip this step and sign-up for a project to sponsor.

IF I SIGN-UP TO OBTAIN A GRANT FOR A PROJECT, DO I NEED TO BE IN CHARGE OF THE EVENT?

No! You are more than welcome to if you would like, but we are only concerned with securing the grant funding at this stage.

THRIVENT INFORMATION SESSIONS:

Sunday, January 12 and Sunday, January 26, 2025

9:30am-9:45am in the Parlor at Bethel

We will help people sign up before and after worship.

PRAYER

list...

PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

Darlene Olson	Karen McBride
The family of Mike Simons	Sharon Phillips
Leonard Phillips	Laurel Jorgensen
Gert Carlson	Kevin Hoover
Jan Walker	Gloria Condon
David and Sue	Hundt Family
Dorumsgaard Ayers	Puckett Family
Larissa Hoover	Doris Christianson
Libby and Dave Krogh	Darrell Dahl
Warwick Family	
Pikkarainen Family	
Cannon Family	
Walker Family	

MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

- Victims of natural and human disasters
- People of Ukraine, Israeli 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 dying due to 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

Julian (Jan Walker's friend)
Kevin and Sue Johnson (Les' brother and sister-in-law)
Beth (Dan Hauge's sister)
Kristian (Pr B's friend)
Jane (Ann Allison's sister)
Kathy (Krogh Family friend)
Judy (Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers' step-mom)
Steve (Pr B's brother)
Michael (Marilyn Newborg's brother)
Donovan (Angel Cannon's father)
Ian (Pr B's friend)
Laura (Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers' friend)
Rita (Sharon Phillip's 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