



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.



PROMISE SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 10, 2024

Bethel Lutheran Church, in-person and online

YouTube: @bethelmpls

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November 10, 2024, 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

"O Christ the Same" Anne Krentz

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting

On this day we raise our eyes and our voices to praise our God and thank God for the unconditional love that is ours through Jesus. We gather in the name of our Creator, our Savior, and our Advocate. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

Can you imagine unfettered love?

Free and bold, wild and true, the kind of love that changes you?

Can you imagine a home—safe and bright,

with impromptu dancing, meals around the table, and laughter late into the night?

Can you imagine faith like a compass

That guides the way you shop and vote, the way you love and hope;
that asks questions and yet still believes, even despite uncertainty?

Can you imagine a world where trees, bees, and all living things grow wild and free?

Where peace is the narrative and hope the currency?

A world where news stories are testimonies and funerals are far between?

Can you imagine?

Yes, we can imagine.

Today in worship, dare to dream. Dare to imagine what could be.

And pay attention, for God is here, in wandering thoughts, hopes, and prayers.

Let us worship holy God, that great unfettered love.

Opening Hymn ELW 532

"Gather Us In"



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day,
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and




blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak-en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Kyrie - Congregation Sings Refrain, Cantor Sings Verses 3 & 4

Refrain



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Glory to God

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you



for your glo - ry. *Refrain* Glo - ry to God in the high-



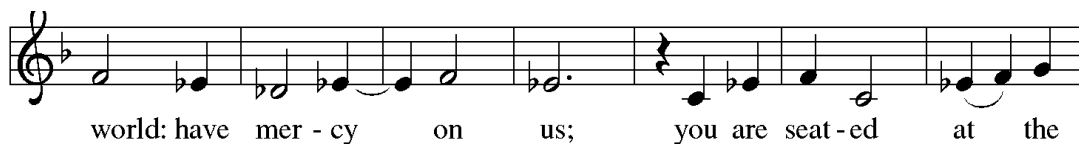
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



A - men. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's

peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high-
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Holy God, we want to see what you see. We want to see what you see, **but we stumble through roadblocks of bias and narrow perspective, fear and limited information.** We are too small to imagine the type of love and beauty you can sow. **So in this moment, we ask that you would clear the roadblocks that keep us from you.** Blow the dust out of our ears. Thaw out the frozen parts of our hearts. Tell the logical arguments we form about what will and will not work to take a backseat. **And as you do, breathe fresh air into our lungs and fill our minds with endless possibilities.** We want to see what you see. **We want to reimagine this life we're living. Clear away the roadblocks. Amen.**

WORD

First Reading

Mark 12:38-44

Jesus taught, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A

poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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.

Second Reading

"Love By Another Way" Sarah Are

I used to think that love was simple.
You would know when you know,
What was meant, would be.
But I fell in love
And it's not that easy.
It's compromise and identity,
Mountains and valleys,
Apologies and memories,
Imbalance, recentering.
It turns out,
Love took reimagining.

I used to think that Church was simple.
Church was community, not the walls,
Faith and hope mixed with call.
But then the world grew violently sick
And the way to be Church
Was to keep distance.
So doors were closed,
And people sent home.
It was all love, by another way.
And yet it was not how we imagined Sunday.

I used to think that justice was simple,
That I could make a difference, all by
myself.
There was a clear right and wrong,
a way I could help.
But then I learned of privilege and bias,
Of white savior complex and our
Church's silence.
And all at once, it wasn't so easy.
I needed to learn. I needed to listen.
I needed to reframe my original vision.

I guess what I'm trying to say is
Life will throw first drafts our way.
The chance to dream,
To lead, to sing,
To love, and give,
To pray, and be.
But in order to grow,
To follow God's lead,
We have to do the work—
Reimagining.

And despite our best efforts,
Love will fail.
Churches will close.
Justice will leave the vulnerable exposed.
And when that happens,
We must own our part,
Say we're sorry
And try to restart.

So write it all down.
And write it again.
A first draft,
A second,
An epilogue, and then
Share it with me
And we will pray.
And the spirit will move,
And maybe one day,
We can write this world
inside heaven's gate.

For I am
Starting to believe
That what matters in life
Will never be easy.
So we must imagine and imagine
again.
We must dream and try, die and
rise.
And in our rising, may we see
The next right reimagined thing
Until step by step we are home.

Love, by another way.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ACS 1036

"Commonwealth Is God's Commandment"



- 1 Com - mon - wealth is God's com - mand - ment; com - mon goods are meant to share.
- 2 Shar - ing lav - ish gifts and bless - ings, love that not one mite with - holds,
- 3 Gen - ders, rac - es, tribes, and na - tions, hear the Ho - ly One who calls,



Ta - bles set and doors wide o - pen wel - come an - gels un - a - ware.
stretch out arms to friends and stran - gers: God has sheep of man - y folds.
bid - ding all to work to - geth - er, bridg - ing lives and breach - ing walls.



Plead for the peace of all cre - a - tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.



Shan - ti, pax, sha - lom, mas - la - ha: com - mon good is ho - ly ground.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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This hymn's refrain includes words meaning *peace* from other religious traditions. Shanti (Sanskrit) is pronounced "Shahn-tee" and is used in Hindu and Buddhist traditions. Pax (Latin) is pronounced "pahks." Shalom (Hebrew) is pronounced "Shuh-Lohm" and means peace, wholeness. Maslaha (Arabic) is pronounced "muhs-lah-hah" and means reconciliation.

Prayer Updates

Prayers of the People

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. *A brief silence.*

Each petition ends with a response:

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

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**


Choir Anthem

"Cantar!" Jay Althouse

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  *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. Holy One, **today we offer our gifts for all those in need. We pray that you would use them for good. Right what is wrong. Balance the systems of injustice. Use these gifts to build a world that we can only imagine, but you can bring forth. In hope we pray. 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, Holy



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

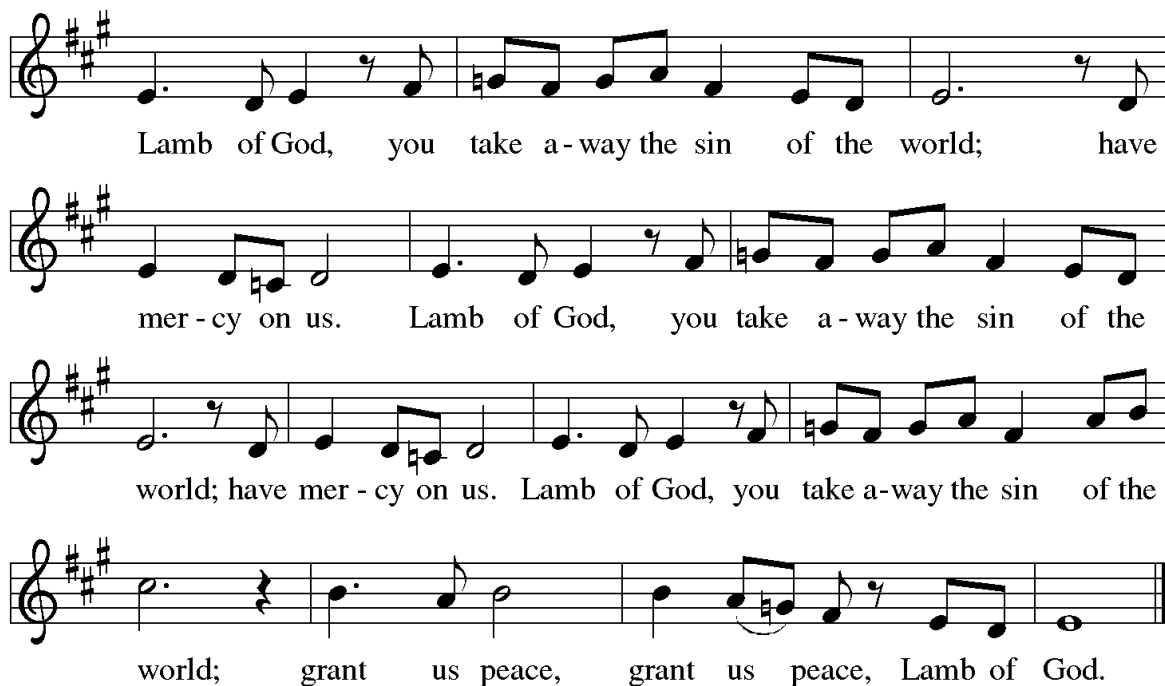
Lord's Prayer

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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymn DATH 28

"Come and Dine at the Table"

Refrain

Come and dine at the ta - ble. Drink the wine at the

ta - ble. Eat the bread at the ta - ble of the Lord.

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ta - ble. Eat the bread at the ta - ble of the Lord.

- 1 On the night be - fore he died, Lord Je - sus took some friends a - side,
- 2 Af - ter all the friends had dined, Lord Je - sus poured a cup of wine;

then he told them he would have to go a - way.
giv - ing thanks he shared the peace and then—

As they sat a - round the ta - ble, read - y, will - ing, strong, and a - ble,
Well, he said he'd have to die, and when they asked him why, . . .

Refrain

Je - sus broke the bread and then was heard to say:
Je - sus passed the cup and told them once a - gain:

Communion Hymn ELW 466

"In the Singing"



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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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. Holy God, As we leave this table, **help us to remember this moment. Help us remember that with you, all are invited. Help us remember that with you, there is a seat for everyone. Help us remember that with you,**

there is enough food to go around, that even Judas was invited to the meal, and that there is manna in the wilderness. Help us remember so that as we go, we can build tables like this in the world. We need more tables like this in the world. Gratefully we pray, Amen.

SENDING

Benediction

The Lord remembers you, blesses you, and remains with you at all times and in all places. Go into this world reimagined by our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to be a blessing to all. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ELW 881

"Let All Things Now Living"

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
 2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.
 deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt.
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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Dismissal

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

Sending Music

Ministers:	All Believers	Musicians:	Anne Phillips, Bethel Vocal Choir
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Brenda Froisland	Sacristy:	Marilyn Newborg
Assisting Minister:	Ann Allison	Ushers:	Dean Anderson and Dave Sunde
Lector:	Darlene Olson	Live Streaming:	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
Cantor:	Bernie Asher	Hospitality:	Romell White
Music Director:	Bernie Asher	Altar Guild:	Sharon Rodi and Joyce Hughes

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STARTING IN NOVEMBER

We are collecting coats, hats, scarves, and mittens for the homeless!

Please drop them off at Bethel
before December 31, 2024.




A Holy Experiment



A ground-breaking worship experience that
combines healing rituals, meditation, teaching and
movement. No dogma, just healing connection to
the divine. Come and play with us.

*Sunday, November 10 at 7pm
Bethel Lutheran Church
4120 17th Ave South, Minneapolis*

*Sunday, November 24 at 7pm
Atonement Lutheran Church
601 East 98th Street, Bloomington*



Hotdish Cook-off

SUNDAY, NOV. 10

11:00am

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Concert Series

AGAPE—DAVID SHERER

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

3:00PM SHOW DOORS 2:30PM

Suggested \$10 Donation



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PRAYER

list...

PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

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

PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

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)
Sandie (Anna Wohnoutka's aunt)
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)

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

Alec M. Cullen (Tom Keating's nephew)
Katrel Bishop (Pr B's nephew)
Adam Froisland (Pr B's nephew)
Dwana Froisland (Pr B's niece)
Evan Harrison (Pr B's great nephew)

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