



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.



# **FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2025**

Bethel Lutheran Church, in-person and online  
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February 16, 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

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### Gathering Music

"All Are Welcome" by Paul Tate

### Welcome and Announcements

### Opening Hymn TFF 166

"Oh, I Woke Up This Morning" Vs. 1-3



1 Oh, I woke up this morn - ing with my mind, and it was  
2 Can't hate your neigh - bor in your mind, when you keep it  
3 Makes you love ev - 'ry - bod - y with your mind, when you keep it  
4 The dev - il can't catch you in your mind, when you keep it  
5 Je - sus, the cap - tain in your mind, when you keep it



stayed, stayed on Je - sus, woke up this morn - ing with my  
stayed, stayed on Je - sus, can't hate your neigh - bor in your  
stayed, stayed on Je - sus, love ev - 'ry - bod - y with your  
stayed, stayed on Je - sus, dev - il can't catch you in your  
stayed, stayed on Je - sus, Je - sus, the cap - tain in your



mind, and it was stayed, stayed on Je - sus,  
 mind, when you keep it stayed, stayed on Je - sus,  
 mind, when you keep it stayed, stayed on Je - sus,  
 mind, when you keep it stayed, stayed on Je - sus,  
 mind, when you keep it stayed, stayed on Je - sus,



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stayed, stayed on Je - sus, hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu, hal - le -



lu, hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: WOKE UP THIS MORNING, African American spiritual

### 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.**

# Glory to God



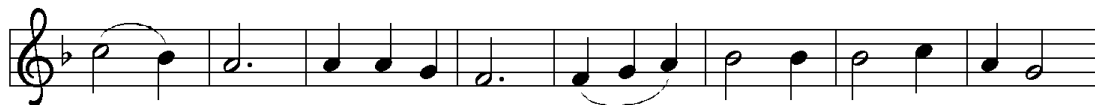
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



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



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



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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



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



to God's peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in 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.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est.



A - men, a - men.

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Holy One, **we thank you for the laughter and joy our friends bring into our lives. May our days be filled with smiles, and may the warmth of your love surround us. Let happiness be our constant companion, and may we find joy in the simplest of moments. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### WORD

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#### Lesson

Ecc 4:9-10, 12 and Proverbs 18:24, Proverbs 27:10

Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other, but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Some friends play at friendship, but a true friend sticks closer than one's sibling.

Do not forsake your friend or the friend of your parent; do not go to the house of your kindred in the day of your calamity. Better is a neighbor who is nearby than kindred who are far away.

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.*

### Lesson

Colossians 3:12-15

Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Word of God. **Word of life.**

### Sermon

### Hymn of the Day ACS 1040

"Love Has Brought Us Here Together"



1 Love has brought us here to - geth - er; love of fam - 'ly,  
2 Love is gen - tle, love is pa - tient, soft in words and  
3 Love does not re - joice at e - vil; love re - joic - es



love of friends; love, our vow till death should part us; love, God's  
kind in deeds. Love is strong and nev - er pom - pous; love puts  
in the right. Keen in giv - ing and for - giv - ing, spread - ing



gift, that nev - er ends. From our birth, through-out our life - time,  
first the oth - er's needs. Not quick - tem - pered or re - sent - ful,  
love is love's de - light. When two peo - ple pledge their u - nion,



love's in - sis - tence calls our name. Floods of wa - ters  
prone to take of - fense or brood, love ex - cels in  
all who wit - ness are re - newed, feast - ing at love's



can - not drown it or put out its danc - ing flame.  
grace and mer - cy, nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er rude.  
earth - ly ban - quet, tast - ing heav'n's be - at - i - tude.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953  
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887  
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## Creed

## 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.**

A New Creed is an affirmation of faith adopted at the 23<sup>rd</sup> General Council, United Church of Canada in 1968.  
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## 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.**

## Peace

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

## Bethel Bell Choir

“Ring Out, Wild Bells” by Henry Lahee, arr. Stuart

## 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. 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

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### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

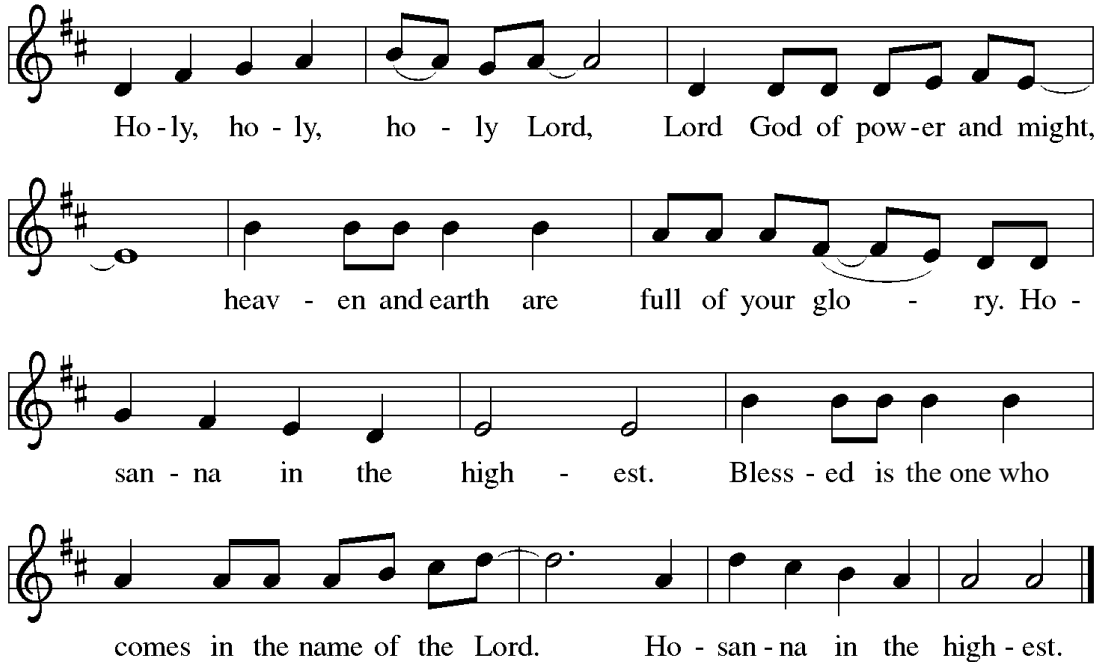
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

### Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, 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 in the name of the Lord. 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.

# Communion Hymn ACS 969

"Welcome Table"



1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,  
 2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,  
 3 I'm a-goin'-a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta-ble, some of these days.  
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon-ey, some of these days.  
 I'm a-goin'-a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv-er, some of these days.



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,  
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,  
 I'm a-goin'-a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm goin' - a eat at the wel - come ta - ble, some of these days.  
 I'm goin' - a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey, some of these days.  
 I'm goin' - a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: WELCOME TABLE, African American spiritual

# Communion Hymn ELW 491

"Come, Let Us Eat"

Leader or All



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.  
in Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest.  
rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word.



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.  
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.  
in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.  
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Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1–3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1–3, alt.  
Music: A VA DE, Billema Kwillia, adapt.  
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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. 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. 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.**

### Sending Hymn TFF 176

“Some Glad Morning When This Life Is O’er”

1 Some glad morn - ing when this life is o'er,  
2 When the shad - ows of this life have grown,  
3 Just a few more wea - ry days and then,

I'll fly a - way; fly a - way; fly a - way; to a home on  
like a bird from  
to a land where

God's ce - les - tial shore,  
pris - on bars has flown, I'll fly a - way,  
joys shall nev - er end, fly a - way, fly a - way.

*Refrain*

I'll fly a - way, oh glo - ry, I'll fly a - way;  
fly a - way, fly a - way, in the morn - ing;

when I die, hal-le - lu - jah by and by, I'll fly a - way.  
fly a - way, fly a - way.

Text: Albert E. Brumley  
 Music: I'LL FLY AWAY, Albert E. Brumley  
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## Dismissal

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

## Sending Music

“I’ll Fly Away” by Mark Hayes

<b>Ministers:</b>	All Believers	<b>Musicians:</b>	Anne Phillips, Bethel Handbell Choir
<b>Presiding Minister:</b>	Rev. Brenda Froisland	<b>Sacristy:</b>	Marilyn Newborg
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Sharon Rodi	<b>Ushers:</b>	Susan and Jerry Johnson
<b>Lector:</b>	Libby Krogh	<b>Live Streaming:</b>	Gene Rodi and Ted Allison
<b>Cantor:</b>	Janet Anderson	<b>Hospitality:</b>	Joan Bargman
<b>Music Director:</b>	Bernie Asher	<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Janet Anderson and Norma Lanning

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# PRAYER list...

## PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

Doug Psick	Karen McBride
Jerry Johnson	Sharon Phillips
Don and Darlene Olson	Laurel Jorgensen
Day/Hansen Family	Kevin Hoover
Leonard Phillips	Gloria Condon
Gert Carlson	Hundt Family
Jan Walker	Puckett Family
David and Sue	Doris Christianson
Dorumsgaard Ayers	Darrell Dahl
Larissa Hoover	Walker Family
Libby and Dave Krogh	Cannon Family
Warwick Family	
Pikkarainen Family	

## MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

- USAID workers around the world
- 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

Amber (Kelly Chilver's friend)  
Zach (Barb and Bob Wandberg's grandson)  
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)  
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