

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

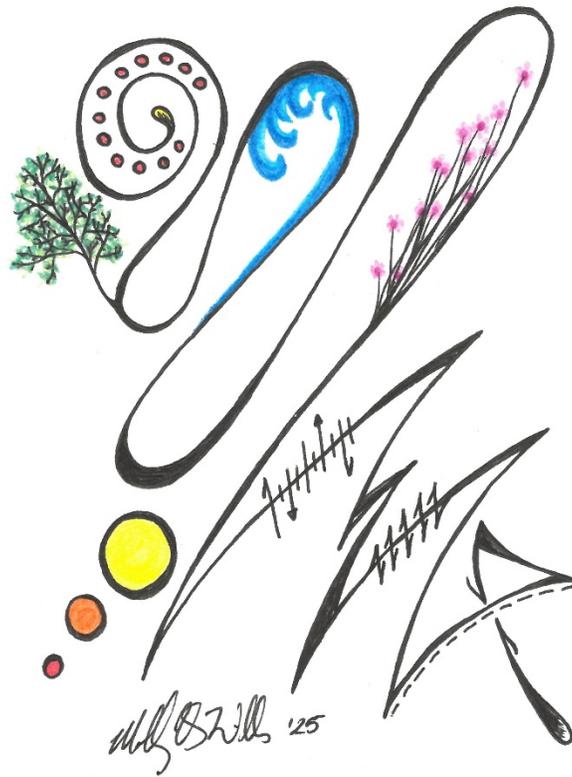
Rev. Molly Wills, Pastor | Jan Smith, Accompanists

All Saints Sunday | Sunday, November 2, 2025

ELW Holy Communion Setting Six

BWELCOME, WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

If you are new to Bethel, here is some helpful worship information: We use the ELW (red hymnal) and the supplement ACS (purple hymnal), which contain liturgy and hymns. Liturgy pages are at the front of each hymnal, with the page numbers at the bottom and in the bulletin as (red ELW p.) or (purple ACS p.) Hymn pages are in the back two-thirds of the hymnal, with the page numbers at the top and in the bulletin as (red hymnal #) or (purple hymnal #). The songs from the Green Book are in the bulletin as (green binder #). **Hearing assistive devices are available;** speak to an usher for assistance.



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

MEDITATION TIME “Shall We Gather at the River” arr. by M. Larkin and M. McDonald
A Meditation on "O God Our Help in Ages Past" arr. by M. Albrecht

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed by the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God, **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and**

generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, + in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” (red hymnal #414)

GATHERING RITE FOR ALL SAINTS

And now let us remember all the saints before God...With them we praise and rejoice in you, O holy Trinity. **Amen.**

We remember with love and aching hearts those members of our congregation and other loved ones whom we have lost in the past year. (*Reading of the names*)

Jesus says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, **and you will find rest for your souls.** For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

And you will find rest for your souls.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE (red ELW p. 165)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (red ELW p. 167) **Glory to God...**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

¹ In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ² I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³ and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. ¹⁵ As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶ I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷ “As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 149

¹ Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song, God’s praise in the assembly of the faithful.

² **Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.**

³ Let them praise their maker’s name with dancing; let them sing praise with

tambourine and harp.

⁴ **For the LORD takes pleasure in the people and adorns the poor with victory.**

⁵ Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them sing for joy on their beds.

⁶ **Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand,**

⁷ to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,

⁸ **to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron,**

⁹ to inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful ones.

Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. ¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (red ELW p. 171)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:20-31 The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁰ Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. ²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets. ²⁷ "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If

anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.” The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “Built on a Rock” (red hymnal #652)

APOSTLES’ CREED (red ELW p. 105)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Down to the River” by Robert Lowry

OFFERING PRAYER

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (red ELW p. 172)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

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

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (red ELW p. 173)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD’S PRAYER (red ELW p. 173)

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG (red ELW p. 174) **Lamb of God...**

SONG DURING COMMUNION “Shall We Gather at the River” (red hymnal #423)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG “Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In” (purple hymnal #950)

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” arr. by John Carter

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NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS: Job 19:23-27a; Ps 17:1-9; 2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17; Lk 20:27-38

BETHEL'S MISSION STATEMENT

Vibrantly open to the Spirit, Bethel Lutheran Church seeks to serve God and its neighbors by joyfully living into the good news of Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Sunday, November 2

- Special Offering for the Cemetery Fund
- Sunday school: following worship
- Intergenerational Sunday school: following worship

Tuesday, November 4

- WELCA meeting: 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 5

- Bible study: 11:30 a.m.
- Quilting: 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Choir practice: 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 9

- Worship: 9:00 a.m. (with Thrivent presentation)
- Sunday school: following worship
- Thrivent Q & A: following worship

QUESTIONS OR REQUESTS? Contact the church office at 320-395-2125 or bethellutheranlp@gmail.com. If you need emergency pastoral care, please call Pastor Molly Wills at 320-339-8169 or email her at pastor@lpbethel.org.

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Wednesday at noon

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: 25th of the month

VANCO GIVING: Scan the QR code or visit www.lpbethel.org

under the "Give" section, or complete an application and submit it to the church office.

TEXT GIVING: To give, text dollar amount to **866-298-7547**



MID (2ND SUNDAY) OCTOBER 2025

\$ Contributions:	2,751.00
\$ To Meet Budget:	10,262.01
\$ Difference:	-7,511.01
Weekly Average Attendance:	52

FOR THE YEAR 2025

YTD \$ Contributions:	83,947.19
YTD \$ To Meet Budget:	102,620.10
YTD \$ Difference:	-18,672.91

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- **WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Children who are pre-school through 6th grade are welcome!
- **INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Dates for Intergenerational Sunday School with Pastor Molly: Nov. 2 & 16; Dec. 7 & 14. To view the 2026 Intergenerational schedule, please check the bulletin board. All ages are welcome!
- **THANK YOU!** Thank you for your generous donations to the annual winter wear/coat drive sponsored by Common Cup Ministries. Over 500 coats were distributed to very grateful McLeod County residents on October 15th in Glencoe and Hutchinson.
- **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Your statements are in your mailboxes. As we approach the end of the year, we invite you to reflect on the blessings of the past months and consider how your generosity can help us continue our mission into the new year. Every contribution, large or small, makes a meaningful impact. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing through our church. Let's finish the year strong together.
- **HOLIDAY DINNER THEATER AT GREEN LAKE BIBLE CAMP:** Join us on Sunday, December 14, for a performance at 12:30 p.m. We have already reserved a table for 8 Bethel members to enjoy an evening of theater and music along with a delicious four-course meal! If you'd like to join us this year, tickets are \$100 per person. Proceeds will support the GLLM Annual Fund, ensuring fun, safe, and quality Christ-centered camping and retreat opportunities for people of all ages. To order your tickets, please speak with Jill Duncan by TODAY!
- **BETHEL BOOK CLUB:** November: *Outcasts United* by W. St. John, the young adult version of the book is available in the church library. The adult version is also available from other sources. Reading either one will serve our purposes for discussion. December: *Prodigal Summer* by B. Kingsolver. Discussion dates are the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
- **MEFS MOBILE OUTREACH WINTER SCHEDULE:** Orders must be placed in advance by completing a form and submitting it before the deadline. For December, the deadline is November 12. You can fill out the order form online at www.mcleodemergencyfoodshelf.org or pick one up from the church office. Pick-up day is December 3, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. You may still visit the food shelf in Glencoe or Hutchinson once a week.
- **THRIVENT PRESENTATION:** Thrivent team members will be coming to Bethel on Sunday, November 9. They will give a 15-minute presentation explaining the programs Thrivent has to offer. They will have a table set up in the narthex during coffee hour to answer questions.