

## BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Molly Wills, Pastor | Jan Smith, Accompanist  
22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost | Sunday, November 9, 2025  
ELW Holy Communion Setting Six



**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

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” arr. by James Mansfield  
“Fantasia on Duke Street” arr. by David Paxton

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be 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 “On Jordan’s Stormy Band I Stand” (red hymnal #437)

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

**O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM "I Sing Because I'm Happy" by C. Martin, C. Gabriel, K. Paden, R. Dilworth

## WORD

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

FIRST READING: Job 19:23-27a

<sup>23</sup> "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! <sup>24</sup> O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! <sup>25</sup> For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth; <sup>26</sup> and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, <sup>27a</sup> whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another." The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 17:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

<sup>2</sup> **Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

<sup>3</sup> Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

<sup>4</sup> **I have not regarded what others do; at the word of your lips, I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

<sup>5</sup> My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path, and my feet do not slip.

<sup>6</sup> **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

<sup>7</sup> Show me your marvelous lovingkindness, O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.

<sup>8</sup> **Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,**

<sup>9</sup> from the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

<sup>1</sup> As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction.

<sup>4</sup> He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? <sup>13</sup> But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> For this purpose, he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and

hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. <sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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 20:27-38 The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup> Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] <sup>28</sup> and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; <sup>30</sup> then the second, <sup>31</sup> and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup> Finally, the woman also died. <sup>33</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.” <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup> Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “I Know that My Redeemer Lives!” (red hymnal #619)

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

CHIME CHOIR “Lord I Lift Your Name on High” arr. by Patricia Sanders

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 "Deep River" (purple hymnal #951)

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 "Blessed Assurance" (red hymnal #638)

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

*(The children and teens may be dismissed for Sunday school and BLTs)*

THRIVENT PRESENTATION

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:** Mal 4:1-2a; Ps 98; 2 Thess 3:6-13; Lk 21:5-19

## **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 9**

- Sunday school Christmas program practice (pre-school-6<sup>th</sup> grade): following worship
- Thrivent Q & A: following worship

#### **Monday, November 10**

- Worship & Music committee meeting: 5:00 p.m.
- Church Council meeting: 6:00 p.m.

#### **Wednesday, November 12** (deadline to order your MEFS food box for December)

- No Bible study
- Quilting: 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Choir practice: 6:30 p.m.

#### **Sunday, November 16**

- Praise Service: 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday school: following worship
- Intergenerational Sunday school: following worship, all ages are welcome!

**QUESTIONS OR REQUESTS?** Contact the church office at 320-395-2125 or [bethellutheranlp@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:pastor@lpbethel.org).

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**BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** Wednesday at noon

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** 25<sup>th</sup> of the month

**VANCO GIVING:** Scan the QR code or visit [www.lpbethel.org](http://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**



#### **OCTOBER 2025**

\$ Contributions:	7,359.00
\$ To Meet Budget:	10,262.01
<b>\$ Difference:</b>	<b>-2,903.01</b>
Weekly Average Attendance:	56

#### **FOR THE YEAR 2025**

YTD \$ Contributions:	88,555.19
YTD \$ To Meet Budget:	102,620.10
<b>YTD \$ Difference:</b>	<b>-14,064.91</b>

#### **CHURCH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **MEFS MOBILE OUTREACH WINTER SCHEDULE:** Orders must be placed in advance by completing a form and submitting it before the monthly deadline. You can fill out the order form online at [www.mcleodemergencyfoodshelf.org](http://www.mcleodemergencyfoodshelf.org) or pick one up from the church office. The next pick-up day is December 3, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. The deadline for ordering is November 12. You may still visit the food shelf in Glencoe or Hutchinson once a week.
- **COMMON CUP MINISTRY OPEN HOUSE:** You are invited to an Open House on Thursday, November 13, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Common Cup Ministries, 405 California Street NW, Hutchinson, MN 55350.
- **COMING TOGETHER IN SONG:** Join us for a special community concert on Sunday, November 16, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Christ the King Lutheran Church, located at 1040 S Grade RD SW, Hutchinson, MN 55350. This concert will celebrate and support the work of the Common Cup Ministries in McLeod County! This is a free-will event.
- **FOOD BAG ITEM COLLECTION:** We are collecting **granola bars and protein bars** to donate to Common Cup Ministry's Weekend Food Program for school children in need. Donations may be left in the Common Cup Corner in the narthex.
- **SUMMER PROGRAM LAUNCH DAY:** You are invited to **Water's Edge Ministries** Summer Program Launch Day on Tuesday, November 18, at 10:00 a.m. in The Village of Shores of St. Andrew. Join us for a morning of connection, inspiration, and ministry updates as we look ahead to another incredible summer! Go to [gllm.org](http://gllm.org) to RSVP for the event.
- **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.
- **PIE SOCIAL:** Bethel's Women of the ELCA will be hosting a Pie Social on the last day of the church year, Christ the King Sunday, November 23, following worship.
- **ADVENT BEGINS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30:** Join us for mid-week Advent worship services on Wednesdays, December 3, 10, and 17. (Way of the Manger/Light of the World)
- **JOIN THE HOLIDAY SECRET PAL FUN!** Bethel's Women of the ELCA invites **all women in our congregation** to participate in the Holiday Secret Pal Experience! It's a **simple and inexpensive** way to build community by remembering your assigned Secret Pal with **cards, notes, and small gifts** during Advent. You'll reveal **your identity by giving them a small gift** at Christmas or by the end of the year. ***We hope to get everyone matched up by November 30<sup>th</sup>, so please sign up as soon as possible.***
- **BETHEL BREAKFAST:** Join us at Longhorn's at 10:20 a.m. on Sunday, November 30, for fellowship and breakfast with other Bethel members.
- **ENDOWMENT GRANTS:** Endowment grant requests are due by November 30. The yellow Endowment Grant applications are available in the narthex, to the right of the church mailboxes. Please place the completed forms in the Endowment church mailbox.