

WELCOME

to Bethel Lutheran Church!

We are so glad you are with us for worship. It is our mission at Bethel to Connect, Grow, and Serve God and others. This weekend we continue our series on serving both God and others. We are excited to have Pastor Joanne Sorenson with us as she shares today's message. It is our hope and prayer that through this worship service you are reminded of the love God has for you and the calling He has given each of us to serve our neighbor!

*You are invited to stand, as you are able.

All who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome and encouraged to join us for communion, regardless of church membership or denomination.

The Gathering Music: "Traveling Light"
Allison Mellon, Marc Byrd, Brown Bannister, Steve Hindalong
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The Welcome/Announcements

The Children's Message: Pastor Joanne Sorenson

***The Opening Song: "Open the Eyes of My Heart"**
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The Greeting:
Leader: We gather today to remember that God has given each of us gifts.

People: Gifts to serve, encourage, and build up the body of Christ.

*The Responsive Reading:
L: Come, all who seek to follow Christ.
P: We come to learn His ways of love and mercy.
L: Jesus calls us to love even our enemies.
P: With God's help, we will love as Christ loves.
L: Jesus calls us to give without expecting in return.
P: With grateful hearts, we will serve as Christ serves.
L: Let us worship the Lord, who is kind and merciful!

*The Prayer:
L: Gracious and giving God,
P: You have called us to a life of compassion and generosity. Teach us to love as You love, to serve as You serve, and to give without counting the cost. May Your Spirit transform our hearts so that we may reflect Your mercy in all we do. Strengthen us to be instruments of Your grace, sharing kindness even when it is difficult. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

The Reading: Luke 6:27-38
Addison Lindus, 4th grade student

The Message: "Love, Do, Bless, Pray, Give" Pastor Joanne Sorenson

The Song: "If We Are The Body"
Mark Hall
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*The Offering Prayer:
L: Generous God,
P: You have blessed us abundantly, and we return these gifts to You with grateful hearts. Use what we bring—our resources, our time, and our very lives—to bless others in need. May our giving be an act of love that reflects Your boundless grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Giving our First and Best to God through our Offering

*The Great Thanksgiving:
L: The Lord is with you.
P: The Lord is with you, too.
L: Lift up your hearts.
P: We lift them to the Lord.
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
L: It is indeed right, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to You, Almighty God. Through Christ, You have shown us the way of love, forgiveness, and self-giving. As we partake of this holy meal, may we be strengthened to use our gifts boldly for Your kingdom.

*The Breaking of the Bread/Sharing of the Wine

*The Lord's Prayer:
All: 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.

*The Invitation to Communion:
L: Come, all who hunger and thirst for God's mercy. At this table, Christ welcomes you with open arms. Receive the gift of grace, the body and blood of our Lord, given for you.

The Song: "The Servant Song"
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*The Communion Blessing

*The Prayer:

*The Closing Blessing

***The Closing Song: "Lean On Me"**
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***The Sending:**
L: Go now and be Christ's hands and feet in the world.
P: We go loving extravagantly, giving generously, and serving joyfully.

WORSHIP NOTES

WE HOLD IN PRAYER

THOSE WHO ARE SICK, INJURED AND IN NEED OF HEALING:

Missy Austreng, Pastor Bob Bipes, Dave Dressen, Vi Engebretson, Bonnie Federation, LaVonne Goss, Lori Gunderson, Sharon Haugo, Greg Hojem, Patty Johnson, Don Jorgenson, Jacci Krebsbach, Mike Langenohl, Missy Lien, Mary Martin, Bob Monette, Mason Schroeder, Butch Stinedurf, Joan Sorensen, Shane Strack, Dorothy Vietor, Margaret Jane Wray

THOSE SERVING OR DEPLOYED IN THE MILITARY:

Isabelle & Sam Rick

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Worship Support: Char Trende, Pastor Bob Bipes, Talia George, Evan Hilke, Easton Bullis, Nathan Fox, George Steele, Heather Hilke

Hospitality: Bryan Gibbs

Technical Assistants: Tom Prestin, Patrick Wilson, Larry Quam, Vicki Datt, Mikaela McLean

Gospel Reader: Addison Lindus

Greeters: Vaughn Butterfass, Luke Risner, Emmett Smith, Sawyer Smith

Handouts: Gretchen Albrecht, Quinn Chapdelaine, Piper Dahms, Delaney Quinn, Lilly Wynveen

Offering: Blake Snegosky

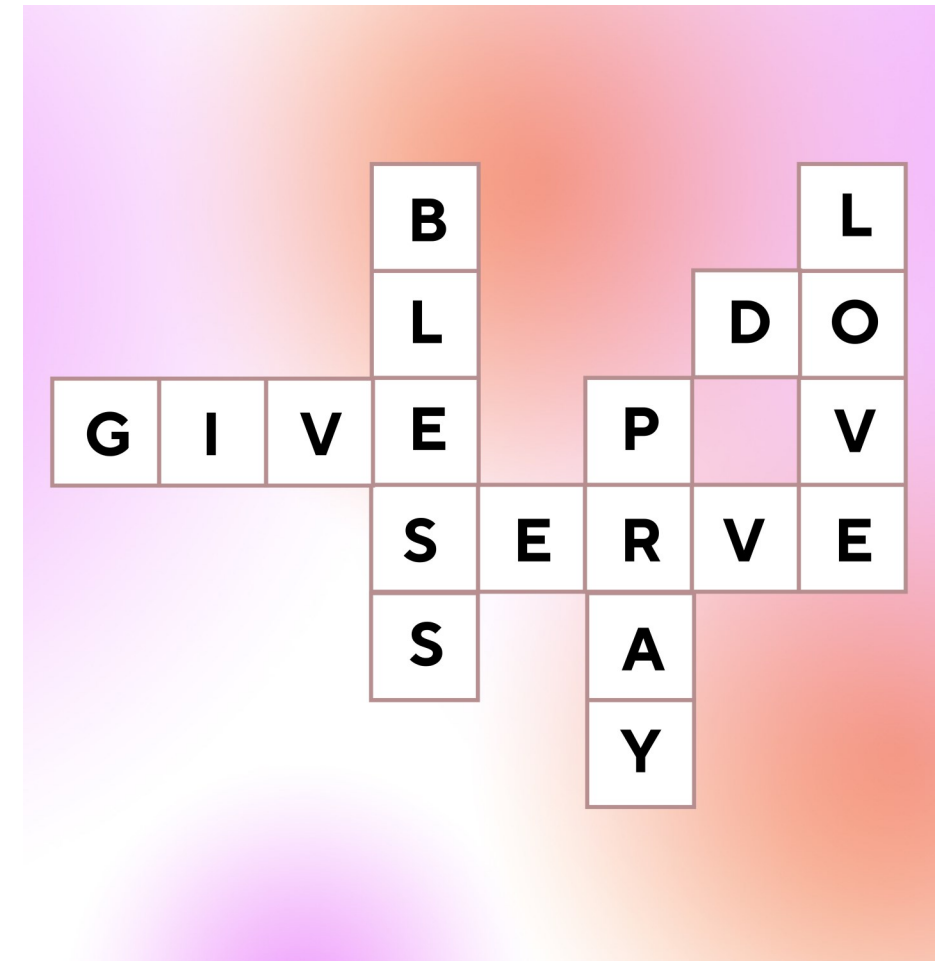
Communion Helpers: Logan Agrey, Tessa Geistfield, Evan Kutschera, Christopher Wolf

IN SYMPATHY:

We offer our sympathies and prayers of comfort and strength for Debra James, family and friends, on the death of his father, Robert Bakke. For Larry Swoboda, Vi Engebretson, Jeff & Meili Engebretson, family and friends, on the death of daughter, wife, sister & sister in law, Pam. For the family and friends, of Julie Lohman, on her death. God bless and comfort these friends with the promise of Christ: *"Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted."*

FAITH MILESTONE:

Today, we welcome the 4th graders and their parents who took part in the Faith Milestone about worship and are helping today at the 9:00 service. We are thankful for their help and pray they will grow in faith and find worship an important opportunity to connect, grow, and serve.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025
9:00 AM WORSHIP | HIGHLANDS CAMPUS

Pastor Joanne Sorenson, Preacher
Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg, Worship Leader

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New Song Band

Vocalists: Calla Jenkinson Tracey Jenkinson
 Tracey Jenkinson Craig Koehnen
Piano: Craig Koehnen
Keys: Tracey Jenkinson
Drums: Steve Jerlow
Guitar: Sam Chapman
 Chris Boston
Bass: Mike Brueske

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself
 in the service of others."

-Mahatma Gandhi

Bethel's Mission to Connect, Grow, and Serve, Continues...

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