Welcome
to Bethel Lutheran Church!

Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church! We're so glad you've joined us as we gather to Connect, Grow, and Serve God and others. It's easy to become discouraged when we look at the challenges facing our world. But today we're reminded that God hasn't stopped working. Through acts of kindness, generosity, and service, God's love continues to make a difference. As we worship, may we be encouraged by what God is already doing and strengthened to be part of that work.

*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.

Prelude: Sarah Bertsch, violin; Kathy Beito, piano

Welcome/Announcements

The Blessing of the Quilts

The Confession and Forgiveness:
Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.
L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
P: Amen.
Silence for reflection and self-examination.
L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God,
P: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the †Son and of the Holy Spirit.
P: Amen.

The Opening Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth" #879

*Today's Responsive Reading:
L: When the challenges around us seem overwhelming,
P: God reminds us not to lose heart.
L: When we wonder if our efforts make a difference,
P: God reminds us that even small acts of love matter.
L: When we see neighbors in need,
P: God calls us to respond with compassion.
L: So let us not grow weary in doing what is right.
All: For God is still at work, and together we can make a difference!

*The Prayer of the Day:
L: Faithful God…
P: When we grow frustrated or discouraged, remind us that You are still at work. Open our eyes to see the ways Your love is making a difference around us. Give us the courage to speak up, the willingness to serve, and the strength to keep doing what is right. Help us not lose heart, but trust that You are working through us and others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*The Sharing of God's Peace:
L: The peace of the Lord be with you always...
P: and also with you!

The Children's Message: Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg

The Music Ministry: Sarah Bertsch, violin; Kathy Beito, piano

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58:6–12
L: The Word of the Lord.
P: Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Reading: Galatians 6:9–10
L: The Word of the Lord.
P: Thanks be to God!

***The Doxology: #884**

*The Gospel: Matthew 5:13–16

The Message: "Don't Lose Heart!" Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg

***The Hymn: "O Master, Let me Walk with You" #818**

*The Offering Prayer:
L: Generous God…
P: Thank You for the many ways You continue to work through us. Receive these gifts, and use them to care for those in need, bring hope to the discouraged, and share Your love throughout our community. Remind us that together, even the smallest gifts can make a difference. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Giving our First and Best to God through our Offering

The Offering Music: Kathy Beito, piano

*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 and joyful that we give You thanks and praise. For even when we grow weary, Your love never fails. When we become discouraged, You continue to give us hope. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, You remind us that You have not given up on this world or on us. As we gather around this table, strengthen us with Your grace, renew our hope, and send us out to be part of the work You are already doing in the world.

*The Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer:
**ALL: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day, our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*The Invitation to Communion:
L: This is Christ's table, where weary hearts find strength and discouraged spirits find hope. Here we are reminded that God's love never gives up on us. Come, for all is ready.

The Communion Hymn: "Blessed Assurance" #638

*The Communion Blessing

*The Prayers of God's People:
L: God of hope…
P: Help us not lose heart.

*The Closing Blessing

***The Closing Hymn: "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" #574**

*The Sending:
L: Go in peace, knowing God is still at work.
P: We are His hands and feet, and we will not lose heart.

The Postlude: Kathy Beito, piano

WORSHIP NOTES

GIVE

I'M NEW

"The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step."

—Lao Tzu

WE HOLD IN PRAYER

THOSE WHO ARE SICK, INJURED AND IN NEED OF HEALING:
Pastor Bob Bipes, Leslee Camarata, Don Evers, Don & Linda Flatt, Trina Hilke, Greg Hojem, Ed Hustad, Don Jorgenson, Jennifer Kapaun, Jackie Krebsback, John Macleod, Mary Martin, Kay Monroe, Rick Mosholder, Eric Sigmond, Jon & Sharon Sippel, Diane Sonnenberg, Jerry Peterson, Terri Pomeroy, Dorothy Vietor

THOSE SERVING OR DEPLOYED IN THE MILITARY:
Evan Hojem, Isabelle & Sam Rick

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:
Piano: Kathy Beito
Scripture Reader: Tasha Gunderson
Worship Support: Jeff & Sonja Maki, Noah Mitchell
Technical Assistants: Patrick Willson, Roger Nilsson, Eli Helm, Callan Dedolph
Shuttlebus: John Stoffer & Kayla Glenna

IN SYMPATHY:
We offer our sympathies and prayers of comfort and strength to Cid Phillips, family and friends, on the death of her husband, Earl. God bless and comfort these friends with the promise of Christ: *"Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted."*

WAYS TO GIVE

To Bethel's Mission:
Connect, Grow, and Serve

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026
10:30 AM WORSHIP | DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg, Preacher
Mary Gerzmehle, Worship Leader

Bethel service's are livestreamed on Bethel's website, Bethel's YouTube page, and are broadcast on River Channel 15, Wednesday at 7:00pm & 9:00pm and Thursday at 7:00am.

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