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. On this Christ the King Sunday, Jesus surprises us by showing us that He is found not among the powerful, but among those who are hungry, hurting,forgotten, and in need. As we worship, may God open our eyes to recognize Christ in our neighbors and give us hearts ready to love and serve Him there.

*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: "Nimrod" Enigma Sir Edward Elgar
Monica Weekes, piano

Welcome/Announcements

***The Opening Hymn: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" #693**

*The Greeting:
Leader: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.
L: Christ our King comes among us.
P: Open our eyes to recognize Him.

*Today's Responsive Reading:
L: We look for Christ in places of power.
P: Yet He meets us among the least of these.
L: We look for Him in places of greatness.
P: Yet He comes to us in our neighbor who is in need.
L: When we feed the hungry and welcome the stranger…
P: we meet Christ among us.
L: When we care for the sick and remember the forgotten…
P: we serve Christ our King.
L: Open our eyes, Lord.
All: Help us recognize You in the people around us.

*The Prayer of the Day:
L: Christ our King…
P: You surprise us by meeting us in the lives of those who are hungry, hurting, forgotten, and in need. Open our eyes to recognize Your presence in our neighbors, and give us compassionate hearts ready to serve. Teach us to follow Your example of humility and love so that our lives may reflect Your Kingdom in the world. In Your holy 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 Keith Ruehlow

The Music Ministry: "Now Thank We All, Our God" Marcel Dupre
Monica Weekes, piano

The Old Testament Reading: Psalm 95:1–7a
L: The Word of the Lord.
P: Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Reading: Ephesians 1:15–23
L: The Word of the Lord.
P: Thanks be to God!

***The Doxology: #884**

*The Gospel: Matthew 25:31–46

The Message: "Surprise!" Pastor Keith Ruehlow

***The Hymn: "O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate" #722**

The Apostles' Creed: pg. 105
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The Offering Prayer:
L: Generous God…
P: You have blessed us with gifts to share, and neighbors to love. Receive these offerings and use them to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, care for the hurting, and bring hope to those in need. Open our eyes to recognize Christ in those we serve. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Giving our First and Best to God through our Offering

The Offering Music: "For the Beauty of the Earth" E .L. Diemer
Monica Weekes, 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 gather around God's table this day. Here Christ our King meets us not with earthly power, but with grace, mercy, and self-giving love. In this meal He feeds us so that we may go and care for those who hunger, hurt, and need hope. Fed by Christ, may we recognize His presence in the neighbors we are called to serve.

*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: Come to the table of Christ our King, who meets us with mercy and grace. Here we are fed so that we may go and feed others, welcomed so that we may welcome others, and loved so that we may love others. Come, for Christ is present and all is ready.

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

*The Communion Blessing

*The Prayers of God's People:
L: Christ our King…
P: open our eyes to see You.

*The Closing Blessing

***The Closing Hymn: "Lead On, O King Eternal" #805**

*The Sending:
L: Go in peace, looking for Christ in the people around you.
P: We will see Him in the least of these.
L: Feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, care for the hurting, and love your neighbor.
P: We will serve Christ our King. Thanks be to God.

The Postlude: "Ratisbon" Flor Peter's
Monica Weekes, piano

WORSHIP NOTES

GIVE

I'M NEW

"We cannot do this alone, which Matthew has indeed taught us –'where two or three are gathered' is God's promise to us and Immanuel is God's very being among us. God's reign is here."

— Karoline Lewis, Working Preacher, November 19, 2017

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, Dorothy Vietor, Herb Walsburg

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:
Piano: Monica Weekes
Scripture Reader: Barbara Ronningen
Worship Support: Nancy & Ron Langness, Linnea Branstrom, Drew Bluske
Technical Assistants: Patrick Willson, Roger Nilsson, Henry Deziel
Shuttlebus: Tim Reams & Emma Stevenson

IN SYMPATHY:
We offer our sympathies and prayers of comfort and strength to Jenny Olson, family and friends, on the death of her sister, Mary Elizabeth Lingo. God bless and comfort these friends with the promise of Christ: *"Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted."*

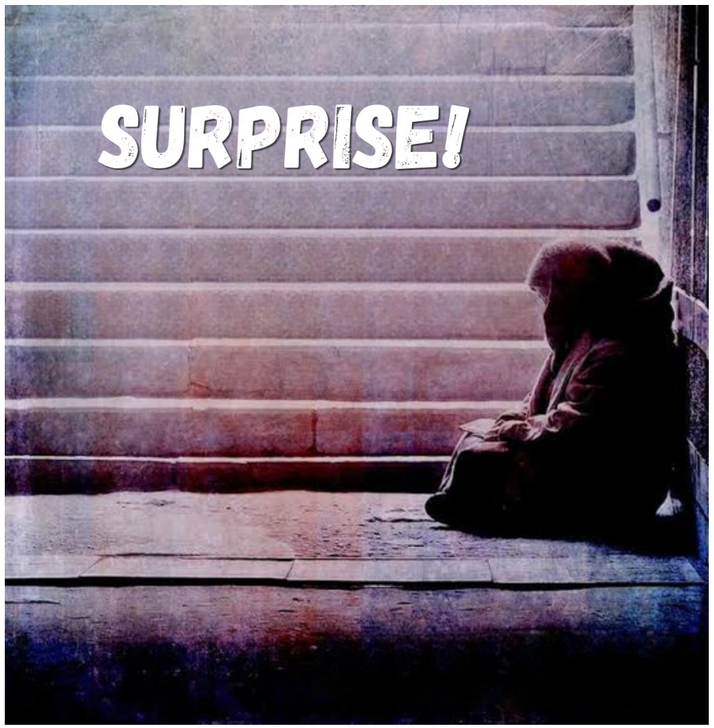
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To Bethel's Mission:
Connect, Grow, and Serve

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026
10:30 AM WORSHIP | DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

Pastor Keith Ruehlow, Preacher
Pastor Hillary Toulson, Worship Leader

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