



Bethel
LUTHERAN
South Minneapolis

In gratitude, Bethel Lutheran Church amplifies God's grace, nourishes all creation, reaches out, and builds community.

- We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.
- Bethel Children, Youth & Family Ministry bridges generations to model, equip, and encourage a foundation of trust in God's story.



Abide

in

God's

Love

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

10:30 AM

Virtually on YouTube

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We welcome to the Lord's Table all people, without exception, who desire to receive the blessings of Christ's body and blood in this sacramental meal of bread and wine. Please prepare your own table with bread, wine and/or a treat for anyone not receiving communion.

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Day #449

"We Know That Christ Is Raised" Vs 1, 2, & 4



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Greeting

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe that God meets you here. We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

This Is the Feast



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are God's

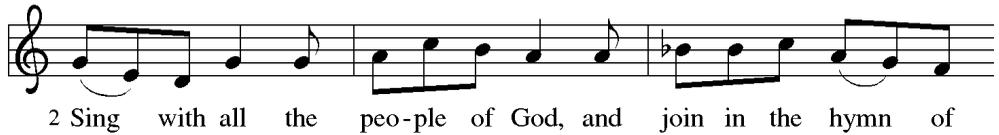


This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

continues



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of



all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun to reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORD

Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

(NRSV)

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So Philip got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of the entire treasury. The official had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in the chariot, reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" The reply, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And Philip was invited to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that they were reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this about, himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, proclaimed the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw Philip no more, and went on his way rejoicing. Philip found himself at Azotus, and while passing through the region, proclaimed the good news to all the towns until Philip came to Caesarea.

Word of God. Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

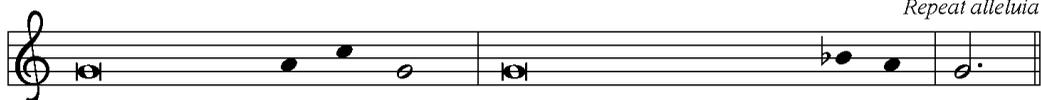
Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel

John 15:1-8

(NRSV)

The Gospel according to John, the 15th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. Abba removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit is pruned to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day # 377

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"

Vs 1, 3, & 5



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Proclamation

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Jesus is alive!

Alive indeed! Alleluia

Jesus loves you!

Jesus loves ME indeed! Alleluia!

Prayer Updates

Prayers of the People

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Each petition ends with this response:

Lord, receive our prayer, **and in your love, answer.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of the risen Christ is with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering

Please send checks directly to Bethel Lutheran,
4120 17th Ave S, Mpls, MN 55407

Offertory

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of love, **you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

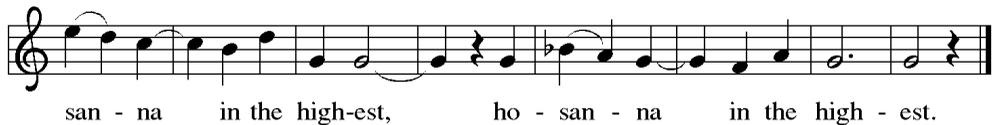
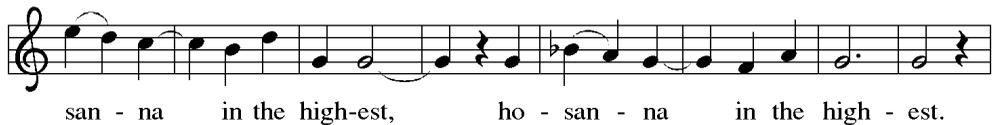
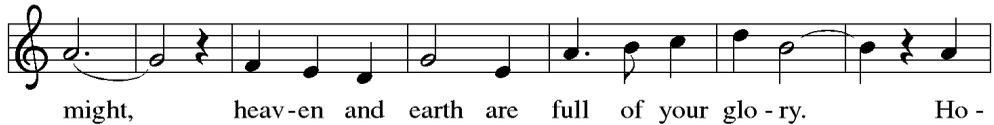
MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to our God.

**And also with you.
We lift them to God.
It is right to give God thanks and
praise.**

Holy, Holy, Holy



Words of Institution

... we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Let us pray together the Lord's Prayer:

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn # 477

"I Received the Living God"

Vs 1

Refrain



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread. and my Spir - it you shall know.

Refrain

Text: Anonymous
Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous

Post Communion Prayer

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthens you in faith, holds you in God's grace, forgives your sins, and empowers you to love one another.

Let us pray. Wellspring of joy, **through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lighting of the Candles

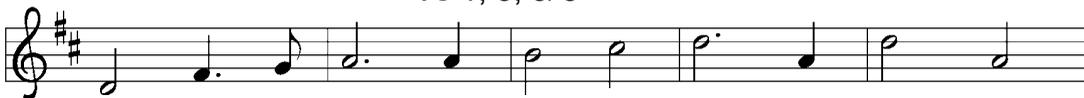
SENDING

Benediction

Our glorious God grants you the wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus Christ, as well as the spirit to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God. **Amen**

Sending Hymn # 389

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”
Vs 1, 3, & 5



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

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Dismissal

Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Sending Music

Ministers:	All Believers
Presiding Minister:	Pr. Brenda Froisland
Engagement Coord:	Dr. Jen Kilps
Assisting Minister:	Ann Allison
Director of Music:	Phil Radtke
Audio:	Ted Allison
Video:	Phil Radtke

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SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS DAY CAMP

Soil & Spirit June 21 -25, 2021

Registration website is now open!

Even though our day camp will be virtual again this year, registration helps us plan for live events, groups, and materials.

Please register your children by June 1.

It really helps for planning purposes.

Questions? Contact Pastor Martha Bardwell.

Join us THIS WEEK online! May 2 - 9

Today, May 2	11:30 AM	Zoom Fellowship http://us02web.zoom.us/j/85032958485
Tuesday, May 3	10:30 AM 6:30 PM	Staff Meeting Virtual Mental Health Group http://us02web.zoom.us/j/83044586675
Wednesday, May 4	11:00 AM 6:30 PM	Virtual Bible Study https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81542792093 Confirmation Group
Sunday, May 9	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 11:30 AM	Virtual Faith Forum http://us02web.zoom.us/j/82083004977 Virtual Worship Service Zoom Fellowship http://us02web.zoom.us/j/85032958485



Little Free Pantry South Minneapolis ~ You rock!

The seasons are once again changing. For the Little Free Pantry, moving into spring means we can move all the food outside again. (During the cold winter months we had freezable items inside.) All of it being outside provides access to everything all the time.

People are still in need of our groceries. Help keep the pantry full. If you can, please continue to bring non-perishable food to the pantry.

***Everyone - please stop by and take what you need
... and leave what you can!
This is what neighbors do for each other!***

Here is the latest on our plans for worship this summer!

Our first in-person worship service will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021, OUTSIDE (backyard) at 10 AM, weather permitting, as well as 'live' online. (If the weather does not cooperate, we will cancel the in-person part and worship leaders will simply lead it online from inside the building. We will let you know by 9 AM if the in-person part is cancelled. If that is the case, worship leaders ONLY will facilitate worship ONLINE from the sanctuary.)

You are asked to wear a mask, bring your own chair/blanket, be sure to socially distance from one another, and do not come if you do not feel well. Holy Communion and Goldfish Crackers will be handed out as you enter our worship area. There will be no official fellowship time after worship. Please be sure to stay as safe as possible with one another before, during, and after worship. Thank you!

Sunday, May 30 worship will be ONLINE ONLY and provided by the Minneapolis Area Synod. Zoom fellowship will follow.

Then, **on June 6, we will have in-person OUTSIDE (backyard) worship every Sunday at 10 AM** (weather permitting) until further notice. Again, you are asked to wear a mask, bring your own chair/blanket, be sure to socially distance from one another, and do not come if you do not feel well. Holy Communion and Goldfish Crackers will be handed out as you enter our worship area. There will be no official fellowship time after worship. Please be sure to stay as safe as possible with one another before, during, and after worship. Thank you!

We will not worship inside the building until further notice.

The kitchen remains closed for any communal cooking.

Small group, masked, distance, and herd immunity vaccinated meetings will be considered with requests made through the office. Please fill out the appropriate paperwork if you would like to have such a meeting inside our building. You may also ask for outdoor, masked, and distanced meetings.

***Thank you. Please remain vigilant and safe.
God blesses you!***



PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Sharon Warwick	Gloria Condon
Marilyn Romsaas	Paige Best
Ray Pikkarainen III	Larissa Hoover
Mark & Jan Walker	Marjorie Hauge
Ann Allison	Hundt Family
Mary Thone	Tom Keating
Dr. Jen	Bresina Family
Judith Day	Teondre Martinez
Mike & Grace Simons	Crystal Vaughn
Trudy Carlson	Lynn Vaughn
Audrey Campbell	Jeff Fossum
Sheila Nelson	Mel Olson
Warwick Family	Joan Dahlman
Pikkarainen Family	Puckett Family
Laurel Jorgensen	Andy Martinson
Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers	Doris Christianson
Rosie Smith & Family	

MEMBERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS IN THE SERVICE

Robert Hundt
 Karel Bishop (Pr Brenda's nephew)
 Adam Froisland (Pr Brenda's nephew)
 Dwana Froisland (Pr Brenda's niece)
 Brian Hansen (Kaka Day's husband)
 Aaron Larson (Rosie Smith's grandson)
 Sean Young (Pr Brenda's godson)

RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Bill Shy (Assistant Custodian)
 Marcella Nelson (Anna Olsen's mom)
 Ross Hickenbotham (Candice's
 brother-in-law)
 Manda (Dr. Jen's sister)
 Marvin (Bryan Mann-Entzel's dad)
 Nini & Brenda (Christian Ledesma's
 uncle & aunt)
 Betty (Christian Ledesma's mom)
 Gretchen (Larissa Hoover's mom)
 Kristian (Pr B's bestie)
 Bob (Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers' uncle)
 Ray (AnnE Keating's brother)
 Darlene (Jeff Alberts' mom)
 Dennis Houde (Gloria Condon's friend)
 Susan (Mike Condon's sister)
 Steve (Pr B's brother)
 Cherril (Candy Hickenbotham's friend)
 Susan & Dale (Wendy Ledesma's parents)
 Sue & Wayne (Karen Warwick's parents)
 Rhonda (Sheila Nelson's friend)
 Joni (Sheila Nelson's cousin)
 Rosy Fieker (Libby Krogh's sister)
 Rev. Ron Schuette (Dave's father)
 Steve Elavsky (Shirley Elavsky's son)
 Denann Karels (Jan & Mark Walker's friend)
 Joanne Wilberg (Marge Hauge's sister)
 Gabe Ness (Julie Hundt's husband)
 John Hundt (Kathy Hundt's brother-in-law)

MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

Black and Brown Lives
 National Leaders
 All of us regarding COVID-19
 Indigenous Lives
 Medical Workers, Essential Workers
 Migrants & Asylum seeker

OUR MISSION PARTNERS

❖ Bancroft Neighborhood Association	❖ Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church BOLD
❖ Casa de Oracion - MN	❖ Casa de Oracion - Pentecostal
❖ Every Meal	❖ Mpls Area Synod
❖ Nokomis Healthy Seniors	❖ ReconcilingWorks

Hello Fellow Bethel Members,

I'm writing from the Mission Council to let you know about our newest Creation Care project. We are planning to create a **Creation Care Cookbook** with recipes from all of you. We want to hear about the great dishes that you made over this last year. Especially if you made something with ingredients from your own garden or a local source. We hope this can be more than just recipes. We would love for people to share a short story or anecdote about the recipe or your garden or even how you ate or cooked differently during the pandemic. Do you also have a picture that you can share? We want that too. A picture of the dish, your garden, your dog. Whatever illustrates your recipe/story or is just something fun. Please consider contributing to this project. Thank you!

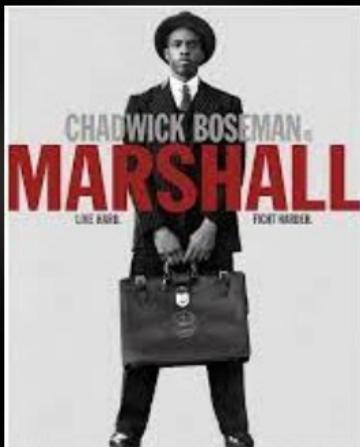
Stephanie Johnson, Mission Council Chair

[Click to go to the submission form!](#)



BETHEL LUTHERAN'S RACIAL JUSTIVE INITIATIVE PRESENTS

ZOOM MOVIE NIGHT



Starring the late Chadwick Boseman, Marshall tells the story of Thurgood Marshall, the crusading lawyer who would become the first African-American Supreme Court Justice as he battles through one of his career defining cases: the State of Connecticut v. Joseph Spell.



FRIDAY MAY 14TH @ 7PM

+ DISCUSSION AFTER

ZOOM: [HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/83898066592](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83898066592)