

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

God's Name is Revealed

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2025

8:15 AM & 10:30AM

+ indicates to stand in body or spirit;
bold print indicates congregational responses

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE "Dearest Jesus, at Your Word" arr. Wayne L. Wold

WORDS OF WELCOME

+ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who looks upon us in compassion,
forgives our sin,
and heals our lives. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(a brief silence for reflection)

Have mercy, O God,
against you, you alone,
we have sinned.
In your compassion,
cleanse us from our sin
and take away our guilt.
Create in us a new heart
and give us a steadfast spirit.
Do not cast us away,
but fill us with your Holy Spirit
and restore your joy within us. Amen.

As tender as a parent to child,
 so deep is God's compassion for you.
 As high as heaven is above earth,
 so vast is God's love for you.
 As far as east is from west,
 so far God removes your sin from you,
 renewing your life through Jesus Christ.
 Blessed be God who crowns us
 with mercy and love.
Blessed be God forever.

+ **KYRIE** stanzas 1 & 4

Refrain

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Last time

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you



health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;
cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the word;



for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,
that you nour - ish our souls . . . with your bo - dy and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

+ APOSTOLIC 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.**

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you remember those in misery and hear those who cry out.
You bring us to freedom, and call us to bring freedom throughout the world.
Free us from fear and slavery to sin, that we might boldly answer your call
and know that you are “I AM,” never leaving us alone.
In the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

+ SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION “I Am That Great and Fiery Force” VT #663

The first stanza is sung before the reading of the Gospel.

After the reading, the second stanza is sung.

1. I am that great and fier - y force spar -
2. And where I breathe there is no death, and

ling in ev - 'ry - thing that lives; in shin - ing of the
mead-ows glow with beau-ties rife. I am in all, the

riv - er's course, in green - ing grass that glo - ry gives.
spir - it's breath, the thun-dered word, for I am Life.

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains the first two lines of the acclamation. The second system contains the next two lines. The third system contains the final two lines. The piano accompaniment is written in the bass clef and provides harmonic support for the vocal lines. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and the time signature is 4/4.

+ HOLY GOSPEL JOHN 8:54-58

A reading from the gospel of John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁵⁴ Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, he of whom you say, ‘He is our God,’ ⁵⁵ though you do not know him. But I know him; if I would say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you. But I do know him, and I keep his word. ⁵⁶ Your ancestor Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day; he saw it and was glad.”

⁵⁷ Then the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?”

⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am.”

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

A reading from Exodus.

²³ After a long time the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery and cried out. Their cry for help rose up to God from their slavery. ²⁴ God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ²⁵ God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them.

¹ Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴ When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians ... ¹⁰ Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹² He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

¹³ But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

...

¹⁰ But Moses said to the Lord, "O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue."

¹¹ Then the Lord said to him, "Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord?" ¹² Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak." ¹³ But he said, "O my Lord, please send someone else." ¹⁴ Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and he said, "What of your brother Aaron, the Levite? I know that he can speak well; even now he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you his heart will be glad. ¹⁵ You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you what you shall do. ¹⁶ He indeed shall speak for you to the people; he shall serve as a mouth for you, and you shall serve as God for him."

HOMILY

+ HYMN OF THE DAY "I Am for You" Gather #794



1. There is a moun - tain, — there is a sea. —
 3. There was a man who walked in the storm, —
 4. We are a - noint - ed, ser - vants of God; —



— There is a wind with - in all — breath - ing, —
 — Caught in be - tween the waves and the light - ning, —
 — We have been born a - gain of — Spir - it.



There is an arm to break ev' - ry chain, —
 Shar - ing his bread with those cast a - side, —
 We are the word God speaks to the world, —



— There is a fire in all things —
 — Heal - ing by touch the lost and the —
 — Free - dom and light to all who will



liv - ing. — There is a voice that speaks from the
 dy - ing. — Send - ing us forth, he says to his
 hear it. — So let us be the word of the



flame: — "I am for you, I am for
 friends: — "I am for you, I am for
 Lord: — I am for you, I am for



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

+ SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING



Guests

Generosity is part of who we are as God's people. Guests can use their QR code to give via Breeze, Bethel's trusted online giving platform. Select "Member Faith Giving" to give to the general budget. Members can use their QR code to sign into Breeze to give a one-time gift or to schedule an automated donation. Online giving cards (at the name tag stations), checks, or cash may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed.



Members

ANTHEM (8:15) *"Great I Am"* arr. Heather Sorenson
(10:30) *"Here I Am, Lord"* arr. Joshua Evanovich

+ OFFERTORY *"With Joy"*



✠ MEAL ✠

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.**

+ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, that you spoke things into being and ordered all relationships.
For the good of this world you made and so love, you offered your only Son, Jesus,
through whom you make all things new.

The Words of Institution / Las Palabras de la Institución

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord. Through this meal give us the strong assurance
that you are with us and will keep us wherever we go, that we might live in the freedom and hope
of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is
yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

+ 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.**

+ EL PADRE NUESTRO

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre;
venga a nos tu reino;
hágase tu voluntad,
así en la tierra como en el cielo;
el pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy;
y perdónanos nuestras deudas
así como nosotros perdonamos
a nuestros deudores;
y no nos dejes caer en la tentación;
mas líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder y la gloria,
por los siglos de los siglos. **Amén.**

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN "Bless the Lord" G #620

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho-ly name,
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in-to life.

+ TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us, that Christ, with you and the Holy Spirit, are glorified. Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

+ STAFF RECOGNITION & BLESSING

Brenda, your ministry among us has embodied a creative and energetic spirit.
Today we give thanks for the ways
you have kept baptismal promises and modeled them for our young and old:
encouraging imagination, affirming questions, inviting prayer,
carrying on traditions, forging new ways forward,
holding boundaries, blessing the chaos,
and helping others experience safety, challenge, and love in the body of Christ.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, bless your servant Brenda.
Surround her with our gratitude and love in this season of change,
that she would sense your presence and delight in her daily life.
Thank you for giving Brenda to us know as a sibling in Christ,
as a steward of your mysteries, and a worker for peace.
We release Brenda from her call as our director of children's ministries,
trusting that you will continue to use her to bless us and the world through Jesus,
who is transformed and transforms us. **Amen.**

+ BENEDICTION

O God, you have called your servants
to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.
Give us all faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us,
through ✠ Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" ELW #543

+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" arr. David Lasky

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Inger Hanson & Pastor Ben Schori
Acolyte: (8:15) Berit Dee (10:30) Ingrid Jorgenson
Assisting Minister: (8:15) Becky Nystuen (10:30) Joanna McLees
Ushers: (8:15) Charlie Dahl, Ruby Dahl, Bruce Dueffert, Harley Foster
(10:30) Michael Sparby, Nancy Sparby
Readers: (8:15) Janice Lemkuhl (10:30) Nancy Sparby
Sacramental Ministers: (8:15) Clark Cary, Judy Code, Barb Holm, Rose Turnacliff, Phil Ruud
(10:30) Gene Broughton
Altar Care: (set) and (clean) Phyllis Larson
Church Choir Director: Peter Schleif Flute Solo: Krista Middlebrooks
Keyboards: Megan Engel
A/V Technicians: Sam Dwyer, Asher Engle, Nathan Broughton, Nathan Hoekstra

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SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

September 21	in person attendance
8:15 am	143
10:30 am	113
Total	256

THIS WEEK

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY—THURSDAY 9 AM - 3 PM

MONDAY

12:00 pm  Bible Study @ the Vault

6:30 pm  Resonance Bell Choir

TUESDAY

9:45 am Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY

3:30 pm Limitless

5:45 pm  Bistro *Pulled Pork Sandwiches & Mac N' Cheese / Chips*

6:15 pm  Ring Forth Youth Bell Choir

7:00 pm  6th Grade Connections

 7th—10th Grade Confirmation

Hang Time Begins

Church Choir Rehearsal

8:05 pm  Brio Youth Bell Choir

THURSDAY

8:30 am Men of Bethel


9:30 am FAB (Faith & Books) (Youth Room)

10:45 am OWLs (Older Wiser Lutherans)

2:00 pm Bethel Monthly Movie *Part II of It's a Wonderful Life*

5:00 pm Worship & Arts Planning

FRIDAY

9:30 am  WoW (Women of the Word) (via Zoom)

NEXT SUNDAY...

The text of the day will be
Exodus 16:1-18 with John 6:51.



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