



BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEASON OF CREATION—CLIMATE

AUGUST 9TH, 2026

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

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

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE (8:30) *“Let All Things Now Living”* arr. Joel Raney
(10:30) *“This is My Father’s World”* arr. Zach Unke

WORDS OF WELCOME

+ INVOCATION

Grace and peace to you from the God of Shalom,
who creates, claims, and calls you for here and now. **Amen.**

+ GATHERING SONG "Here and Now" verses 1, 2 & 3

Verse 1 will be sung as a solo. All are invited to join on the following verses.



1. Per - haps you have come_ down a well trav - eled road_
2. So ma - ny the sto - ries we car - ry and tend,
3. Con - sid - er the lil - ies, they have - n't a care;_



bring - ing your hopes_ and your ques - tions un - told or
beau - ty and bro - ken - ness, wait - ing to mend. So
think of the spar - rows whose song is a prayer and



may - be you're hold - ing too heav - y a load. O
come to this place_ from what - ev - er has been; re -
know you're cre - a - ted, if on - ly you dare, to



come, just as you are._____ to verse 2
mem - ber whose you are._____ all other verses to Refrain
be just who you are._____

Refrain



Here we are, on this sac - red ground._



Heav - en dwells a - mong us here_____ and now.

+ GATHERING PRAYER

God of every time and every place,
by your Spirit we have been gathered
from the rhythms and rituals of daily life
to remember who and whose we are.

Guide our attention to the here and now,
so that we perceive your provision
and are restored by your peace. **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

READING *JOB 37:5-13*

A reading from Job.

⁵ God thunders wondrously with his voice;
he does great things that we cannot comprehend.

⁶ For to the snow he says, 'Fall on the earth';
and the shower of rain, his heavy shower of rain,

⁷ serves as a sign on everyone's hand,
so that all whom he has made may know it.

⁸Then the animals go into their lairs
and remain in their dens.

⁹From its chamber comes the whirlwind
and cold from the scattering winds.

¹⁰ By the breath of God ice is given,
and the broad waters are frozen fast.

¹¹He loads the thick cloud with moisture;
the clouds scatter his lightning.

¹²They turn round and round by his guidance
to accomplish all that he commands them
on the face of the habitable world.

¹³ Whether for correction or for his land
or for love, he causes it to happen.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *PSALM 104:10-24*

¹⁰You made the springs | into rivers
that flow be- | tween the mountains.

**¹¹All the animals drink their | fill from them,
and the wild donkeys | quench their thirst.**

¹²Beside them the birds of the air | make their nests;
among the branches they | lift their voice.

¹³**From your dwelling on high, you wa- | ter the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit | of your works.**

¹⁴You make grass grow for the cattle, and plants to serve | humankind;
that they may bring forth food | from the earth,

¹⁵**wine to gladden human hearts, oil to | make the face shine,
and bread to strengthen the | human heart.**

¹⁶The trees of the LORD are | well supplied,
the cedars of Lebanon | that you planted,

¹⁷**in which the birds | build their nests,
while the stork makes the fir | trees its dwelling.**

¹⁸The high hills belong to the | mountain goats,
and the stony cliffs are a refuge | for the badgers.

¹⁹**You made the moon to | mark the seasons,
and the sun knows the time | of its setting.**

²⁰You bring on darkness that it | may be night,
in which all the beasts of the | forest prowl.

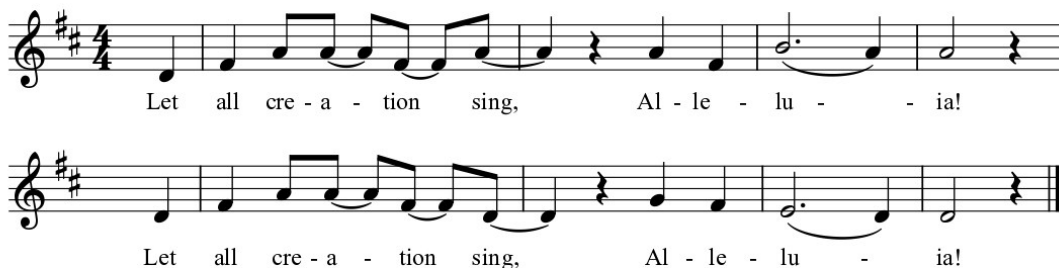
²¹**The lions roar | for their prey
seeking their | food from God.**

²²The sun rises, and | they withdraw
and lay themselves down | in their dens.

²³**People go forth | to their work
and to their labor un- | til the evening.**

²⁴How manifold are your | works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *"Let All Creation Sing"*



HOLY GOSPEL *MATTHEW 14:22-33*

The gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

HOMILY

+ HYMN OF THE DAY *"Creating God, Your Fingers Trace"* ELW #684



1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -
 2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries
 3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -
 4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly



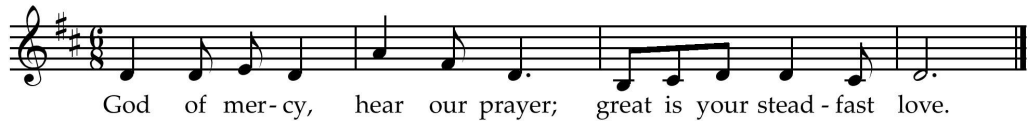
signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and
 known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile blend with
 spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a
 with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by



light and what lies hid - den praise your might.
 air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
 dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.
 grace un - til we praise you face to face.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE “Great is Your Steadfast Love”

A soloist will sing the Refrain once at the beginning of the prayers; the assembly is invited to join at the end of each petition:



+ 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 (8:30) “This is My Father’s World” arr. Rebecca Bonam

(10:30) “Bright and Beautiful (A Children’s Suite)” arr. Mark Hayes

+ OFFERTORY “Enough for Today” verses 1, 4, & 5

1. E - nough for to - day,___ a flow - er's splen - dor; e -
4. E - nough for to - day,___ the Spir - it's heal - ing; e -
5. E - nough for to - day,___ rich bless - ings giv - en; e -

nough for to - day,___ a spar - row's nest. Con -
nough for to - day,___ the strength___ God gives. Suf -
nough for to - day,___ e - ter - nal springs. Un -

sid - er the care,___ our Mak - er ten - der:___
fi - cient the grace,___ such pow'r___ re - veal - ing:___
end - ing the love,___ the hope___ we live___ in:___



—	e - nough	for	us	to	trust. —
—	e - nough	for	us	to	live. —
—	e - nough	for	us	to	sing! —

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of the winged ones and the wildflowers,
 by your living word you call us valuable
 and promise what we need to live abundantly.
 Renewed by your presence and provision,
 we offer our whole selves to this time and place,
 trusting it is enough because you say it is so. Amen.

✠ 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

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore. You laid the foundations of the earth; you encircled the globe with air; you prescribed bounds for the waters; you made every creature. You molded us in your image, and with mercy taller than the trees of the forests, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own. That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

The Words of Institution / Las Palabras de la Institución

With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. Send your Spirit on us and on this meal, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world, and praising and glorifying you through your Son Jesus Christ, through whom all glory and honor are yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav - en, hal-low-ed be thy

name; thy king - dom come, thy will be done on

earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our

dai - ly bread, and for - give us our tres - pass - es,

as we for - give those who tres-pass a - gainst_ us;

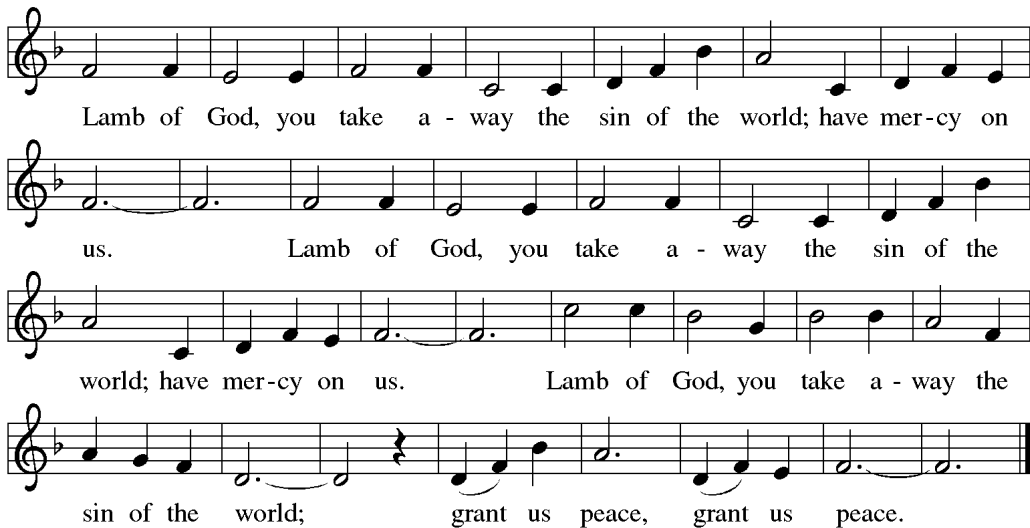
and lead us not in - to temp-ta - tion, but de - liv - er

us from_ e - vil._ For the

king - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry are yours

now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION ANTHEM (8:30) *“Before the Waters Nourished Earth”* arr. David Cherwien
(10:30) *“Prospect”* arr. Ben Owen

+ TABLE BLESSING

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

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Once again, O God, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self.
Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice,
and thirst for your way of peace, that we may live more fully in you;
through Christ our Lord, Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

+ BENEDICTION

The holy Three, the holy One
increase your hope,
strengthen your faith,
deepen your love,
and ✠ grant you peace. **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN “My Life Goes On in Endless Song” ELW #763



- 1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
- 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

+ DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE (8:30) “Zion’s Walls from ‘Old American Songs, Set 2’” Aaron Copland
(10:30) “Let All Things Now Living” arr. John Helgen

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Inger Hanson & Pastor Ben Schori
Assisting Minister: (8:30) Anton Armstrong (10:30) Rebecca Nystuen
Ushers: (8:30) Duane Uhl, Harley Foster, Cal Feine, Brian Boesche
(10:30) TBD
Readers: (8:30) Wayne Kivell (10:30) Megan Pratola
Sacramental Ministers: (8:30) Sarah Swan McDonald, Phil Ruud, Eric McDonald, Maryann Kaul, Jeanne Cloud
(10:30) Jason Pollington
Altar Care: (set) Carol Lysne (clean) Margaret Grunzke (cups) Mary Loven

Flute: Jill Mahr Trumpet: Gerry Hoekstra
Vocal Solo: Rebecca Nystuen
Keyboards: Megan Engel
A/V Technicians: Sam Dwyer, Asher Engle, Nathan Broughton, Nathan Hoekstra

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“Here and Now” & *“Enough for Today”* were written and composed by Carol Meier .

“The Earth with Heaven’s Music Rings” Music: KINGSFOLD, English Folk tune. Lyrics by Carol Meier.

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THIS WEEK

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

MONDAY

- 12:00 pm  Bible Study @ the Vault
- 6:00 pm NC Lutheridge Poster-making Party
- 6:30 pm Monthly ISAIAH Meeting (Room 61 A/B)

TUESDAY—PRIMARY ELECTION DAY VOTING, 7:00 AM TO 8:00 PM (CLC)

- 9:45 am Staff Meeting
- 3:00 pm Lydia Circle Fellowship (The Manor Dining Room)

WEDNESDAY

- 6:00 pm Young Adult Gathering (The Red Barn Pizza Farm, Northfield)

THURSDAY

- 9:00 am FAB (Faith & Books) (Youth Room)
- 9:00 am Men of Bethel (Classroom 54)
- 10:00 am Projects with Purpose
- 5:45 pm Active Befriender Ministry Support

CREATION CARE ACTION NOTE

Climate is the focus and central to our existence. Climate determines much in our day-to-day plans and more for future generations. It impacts how we pursue recreation, our livelihoods, and even transportation. What are we doing to care for our climate?

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

August 2	in person attendance
8:30 am	203
10:30 am	57
Total	260

NEXT SUNDAY...

The text of the day will be **Matthew 6:25-34** with **Isaiah 55:10-13** and **Revelation 22:1-5**.
Jessi Labenski preaches.



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