



**BETHEL
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Flood and Promise

SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2026

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

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

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE “*As a Fire is Meant for Burning*” arr. Edwin T. Childs

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.

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

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the

4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u-ni-ty of all; for
wa-ter and the word; that you

this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

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

Refrain

+ **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**

God of promise, you carried Noah and his family through the waters
of the flood that they might have a new start, and set a bow in the sky
committing yourself to that fresh beginning. In baptism, you give us new life,
and at the table, you give us nourishment to grow. May we live towards, in,
and from the promise you give us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION "Peace, Be Still"

*A soloist will sing the Scripture Acclamation through, then all will join in.
After the reading, all sing again.*



+ HOLY GOSPEL MATTHEW 8:24-27

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

²⁴ A windstorm suddenly arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves, but he was asleep. ²⁵ And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" ²⁶ And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a dead calm. ²⁷ They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

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

READING GENESIS 6:5-14, 17-19, 22; 8:6-12; 9:8-13, 16-17

A reading from Genesis.

⁵ The LORD saw that the wickedness of humans was great in the earth and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. ⁶ And the LORD was sorry that he had made humans on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷ So the LORD said, "I will blot out from the earth the humans I have created—people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air—for I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸ But Noah found favor in the sight of the LORD.

⁹ These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. ¹⁰ And Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² And God saw that the earth was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. ¹³ And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. ¹⁴ Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch.

¹⁷ For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. ¹⁸ But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹ And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female.

²² Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

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⁶ At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made ⁷ and sent out the raven, and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. ⁸ Then he sent out the dove from him to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground, ⁹ but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. ¹⁰ He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark, ¹¹ and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. ¹² Then he waited another seven days and sent out the dove, and it did not return to him any more.

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⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹² God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷ God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

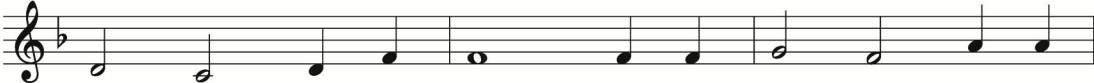
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

+ HYMN OF THE DAY “As a Fire Is Meant for Burning” Gather #817



1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing With a
2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; We are
3. As a green bud in the spring - time Is a



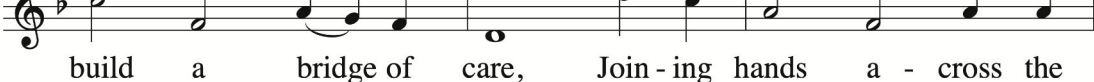
bright and warm-ing flame, So the Church is meant for
pil - grims on the way. We are seek - ers; we are
sign of life re - newed, So may we be signs of



mis - sion, Giv - ing glo - ry to God's name.
giv - ers; We are ves - sels made of clay.
one - ness Mid earth's peo - ples, man - y hues.



As we wit - ness to the gos - pel, We would
By our gen - tle, lov - ing ac - tions, We would
As a rain - bow lights the heav - ens When a



build a bridge of care, Join - ing hands a - cross the
show that Christ is light. In a hum - ble, lis - t'ning
storm is past and gone, May our lives re - flect the



na - tions, Find - ing neigh - bors ev - 'ry - where.
Spir - it, We would live to God's de - light.
ra - diance Of God's new and glor - ious dawn.

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

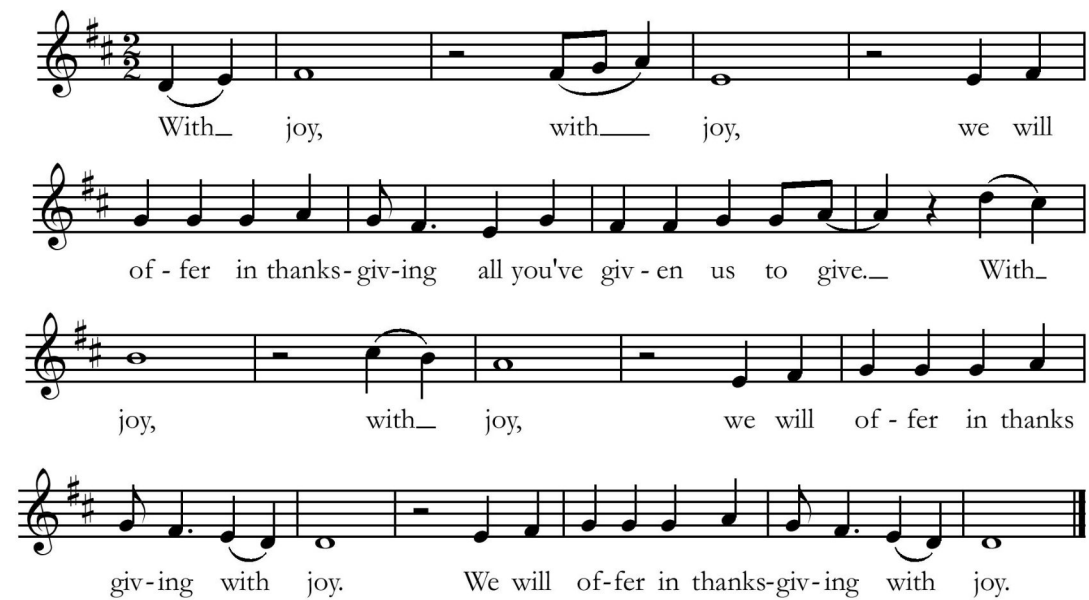
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Members

ANTHEM “Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)” Kari Jobe & Jason Ingram

+ OFFERTORY “With Joy”



With_ joy, with_ joy, we will
of - fer in thanks-giv-ing all you've giv - en us to give._ With_
joy, with_ joy, we will of - fer in thanks
giv-ing with joy. We will of-fer in thanks-giv-ing 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

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: preserving Noah and all the animals on the ark, blessing all the people of the earth through Abraham, giving dreams and interpretations so Joseph could wisely steward through plenty and drought. For the life 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

We pray for the gift of your Spirit within this meal, among your people, and throughout the world, that we know the abundant life 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.**

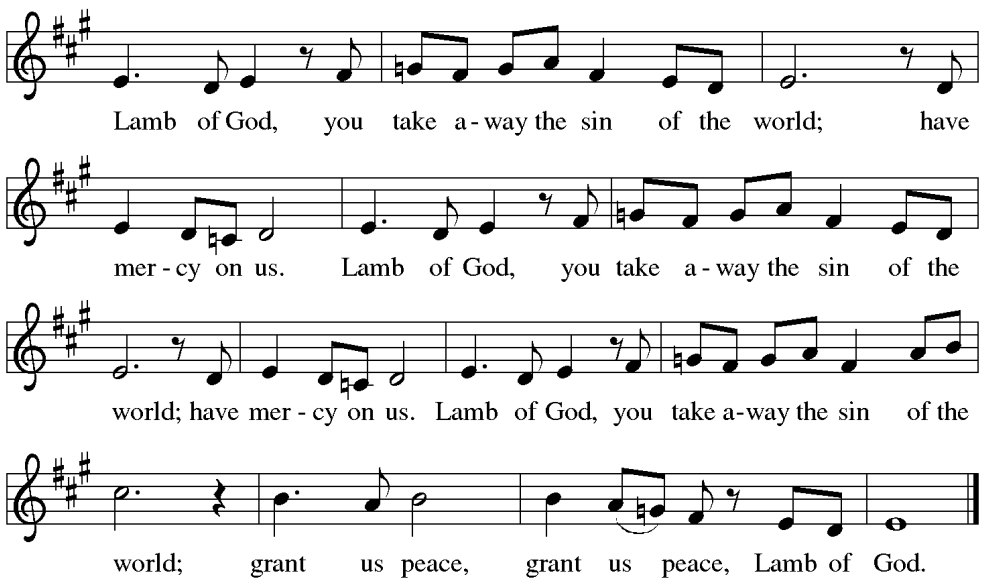
+ THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 “This is the Spirit’s Entry Now” ELW #448

+ TABLE BLESSING

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

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

+ BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and
✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN “Crashing Waters at Creation” ELW #455

+ DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE “Crashing Waters at Creation” arr. Aaron David Miller

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Inger Hanson & Pastor Ben Schori
Assisting Minister: (8:30) Eric Lundin (10:30) Christina Schwietz
Vocal trio: Ellen Haefner, Joel Leer, Megan Engel

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SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

September 6	in person attendance
8:30 am	142
10:30 am	67
Total	209

NEXT SUNDAY...

The text of the day will be **Genesis 12:1-9**
with **Matthew 28:16-20.**
Pastor Inger preaches.

THIS WEEK — SEPTEMBER 14 - 19
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY 9 AM - 3 PM

MONDAY

12:00 pm Bible Text Study @ the Vault
6:00 pm CYF meeting
7:30 pm ISAAH monthly meeting

TUESDAY

9:45 am Bethel Staff
12:00 pm Lydia Circle
3:30 pm ARLA Monthly event
5:00 pm Personnel
6:30 pm Church Council

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

from 9:40-10:20 a.m.

All ages are encouraged to join in Bethel's
Annual Rally Day, Blessing of the Backpacks,
and the much-anticipated annual
Mission & Justice Fair 2026!

WEDNESDAY

3:30 pm SPARK (formerly Limitless!) begins
5:45 am Bistro begins
6:15 pm Ring Forth begins
7:00 pm 10th Grade Confirmation begins
7:00 pm Church Choir rehearsals begin
8:05 pm Brio begins

THURSDAY

8:30 am MoB (Men of Bethel) (Room 54)
9:30 am FaB (Faith & Books) (Youth Room)
10:00 am Parkview Fellowship

FRIDAY

9:15 am WoW (Women of the Word) via zoom



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