



WHEN GOD SAYS GO

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Call of Abraham

SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2026

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

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

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* arr. Harold Rohlig

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)

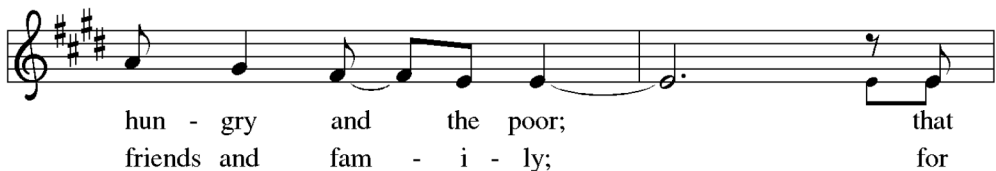
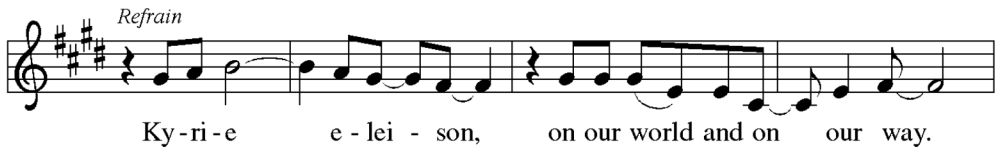
Have mercy, O God,
against you, you alone,
we have sinned.

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 2 & 3





we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,



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

**God of covenant, you blessed Abraham so that all might be blessed.
Guide us today into new territory. Make our love real in word and deed
as a blessing to the world, that our lives bear witness to Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

All those who carry backpacks are invited to bring them forward. The congregation joins in the final part of the blessing for the coming year:

May your hearts grow in love,
May your minds grow in knowledge,
May your souls grow in belonging
And may your strength stretch big enough to hold it all.

*At this time, children age 3 to grade 5 are invited to go to Sunday School.
They will return to the sanctuary before communion.*

✠ WORD ✠

SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION *"Go in Grace and Make Disciples"* VT #766

*The first stanza is sung before the reading of the gospel.
After the reading, the second stanza is sung.*



1. Go in__ grace and make dis - ci - ples. Bap - tize__ in God's ho - ly__ name.
3. Go in__ Pen - te - cos - tal__ spir - it, man - y__ tongues and__ man - y__ gifts.



Tell of__ death and res - ur - rec - tion; Eas - ter's_ vic - t'ry__ now_ pro - claim.
Feed the__ hearts of hun - gry__ peo - ple. Spread the__ gos - pel__ that_ up - lifts.



Christ's com - mis - sion sends us forth to the__ na - tions of the__ earth__
Till the__ day of Christ's re - turn, as dis - ci - ples, teach and_ learn__



Go in__ grace and make dis - ci - ples, mid - wives for the__ world's re - birth.
Go in__ Pen - te - cos - tal__ spir - it: let God's flame of__ wit - ness_ burn.

+ HOLY GOSPEL *MATTHEW 28:16-20*

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

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted.

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

READING *GENESIS 12:1-9*

A reading from Genesis.

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

⁸ From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

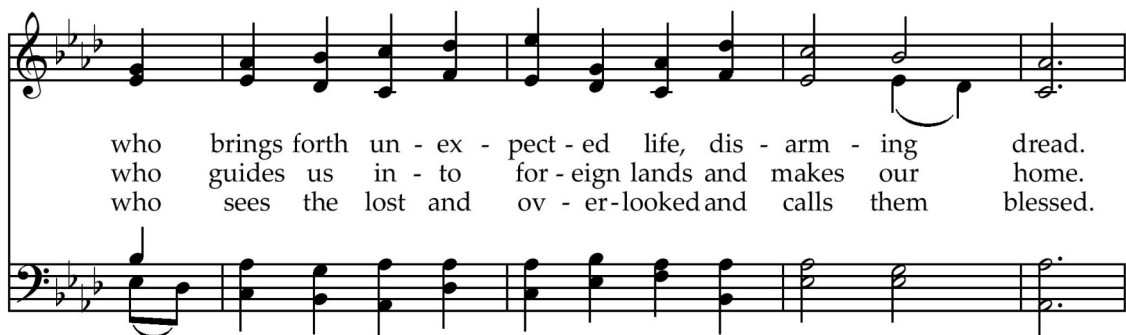
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

+ HYMN OF THE DAY "The God of Sarah Praise" VT #190



1. The God of Sa - rah praise, the God of dreams long dead,
 2. The God of A - brah'm praise, the God of all who roam,
 3. The God of Ha - gar praise, the God of those op - pressed,



who brings forth un - ex - pect - ed life, dis - arm - ing dread.
 who guides us in - to for - eign lands and makes our home.
 who sees the lost and ov - er - looked and calls them blessed.



Though grief lasts through the night, joy — ris - es — with the sun; —
 When dark-ness shrouds our path, the — stars, as — pled-ge, shine.
 Though wan - der - ing a - lone through des - erts — of de - spair, —




God leaves us laugh-ing in sur - prise at — death un - done.
 God's cov - e - nant will be ful - filled by — love's de - sign.
 God leads us to a well of — hope and — meets us there.

+ APOSTLES' CREED

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 to the dead.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

+ 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 *"Go Ye into All the World"* Eugene Butler

+ 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 "Communion" R. J. Stove

+ 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 "Go On Your Way in Joy" Music that Makes Community

Go on_ your way in joy my friends. Go on_ your way in
joy, my friends. Go on_ your way in joy, my friends. Let your
left foot_ say "Glo - ry" and your right say,_ "A - men".

+ DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE "Praeludium in G, BWV 541" J. S. Bach

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Inger Hanson & Pastor Ben Schori
Assisting Minister: (8:30) Anton Armstrong (10:30) Rebecca Nystuen
Guest Choir Director: Michelle Bendett Trumpet: Gerry Hoekstra

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SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

September 13	in person attendance
8:30 am	147
10:30 am	65
Total	212

NEXT SUNDAY...

The text of the day will be **Genesis 39:1-23**
with **Matthew 5:1-12.**
Pastor Ben preaches.

THIS WEEK — SEPTEMBER 21 - 26
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY 9 AM - 3 PM

MONDAY

12:00 pm Bible Text Study @ the Vault
6:30 pm Resonance Bell Choir

TUESDAY

9:00 am Quilting Group
9:45 am Bethel Staff

WEDNESDAY

3:30 pm SPARK (formerly known as Limitless!)
5:30 pm Bistro (Orange Chicken, Steamed Broccoli, & Asian Salad)
6:15 pm Ring Forth Youth Bell Choir
7:00 pm 6th Grade Connections - 7-8-9 Warm Up
10th Grade Confirmation
HangTime
7:00 pm Church Choir rehearsal
8:05 pm Brio

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

7:30 am-2:30 pm Bethel Habitat Build Day (@ Sumner & College)



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