



RITE OF CONFIRMATION
OCTOBER 25TH, 2026
1:30 PM

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

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE “Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading” arr. Michael Bedford

WORDS OF WELCOME

+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Here I Am, Lord” ELW #674



1 “I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 “I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple’s pain.
3 “I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?”
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?”
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?”

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you
call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you
lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Welcome in the name of God, who creates, ✠ saves, and calls us with love that lasts forever. **Amen.**

+ BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE *cobbled from Meta Herrick Carlson in "Speak It Plain"*

At our baptisms our families, sponsors, and congregation gathered around us to speak God’s promises to and for us. Seeds of faith were planted in our lives.

We gather again today to witness this group of young people affirm those baptismal promises, and to celebrate their participation in Christian community—in worship, service, prayer, and study. We celebrate how this community helps them live into their sacred calling as human beings discovering good purpose and passion in this life.

We are always, all of us, confirming our faith. Together, we lean into the dawn of God’s kingdom drawing near.

+ 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

O God, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, and fill our imaginations so that we may be wholly yours and live in the life abundant. Give us purpose and passion, always to your glory and for the sake of the world you created, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

HOLY GOSPEL LUKE 10:25-37

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

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

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

HOMILY

+ **HYMN OF THE DAY** “*Canticle of the Turning*” ELW #723

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition concludes: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

✠ THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION ✠

Affirmation of Baptism from ELW page 234

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Doug Casson and Peder Jothen present those making affirmation of their baptism.

PRAYER

Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings in Christ, whom you have made your own in baptism, by water and the Word. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

The assembly rises in body or spirit to join in the profession of faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

AFFIRMATION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

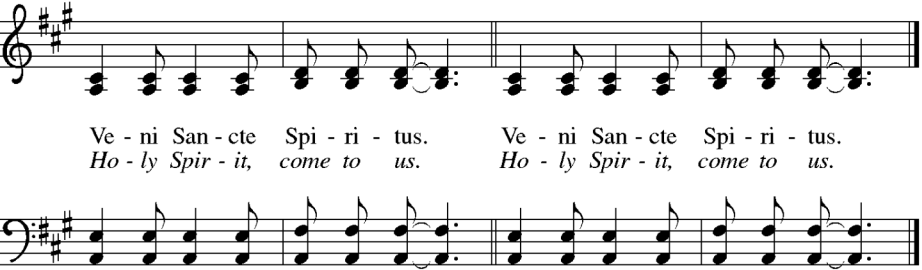
to live among God’s faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these siblings, work alongside them, and pray for them in their life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

The Laying on of Hands is an ancient act of prayer and blessing. As the confirmands are blessed, the assembly invokes the Holy Spirit by singing continuously, “Veni Sancte Spiritus,” ELW #406.

Ostinato (repeated continuously)



Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us. Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

Family, friends, sponsors, and mentors are invited to come forward for the blessing of their confirmand. As the confirmands kneel, a pastor lays their hands on their head, and loved ones may lay their hands on their shoulders.

(Spoken over each confirmand)
Creator in heaven, for Jesus’ sake,
stir up in *(name)* the gift of your Holy Spirit:
confirm *their* faith, guide *their* life,
empower *them* in *their* serving,
give *them* patience in suffering,
and bring *them* to everlasting life.

Confirmands, family, friends, sponsors, and mentors: **Amen.**

+ PRESENTATION OF THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2026

After all have been blessed, the confirmands face the assembly.

Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.
We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.

+ SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING



Guests

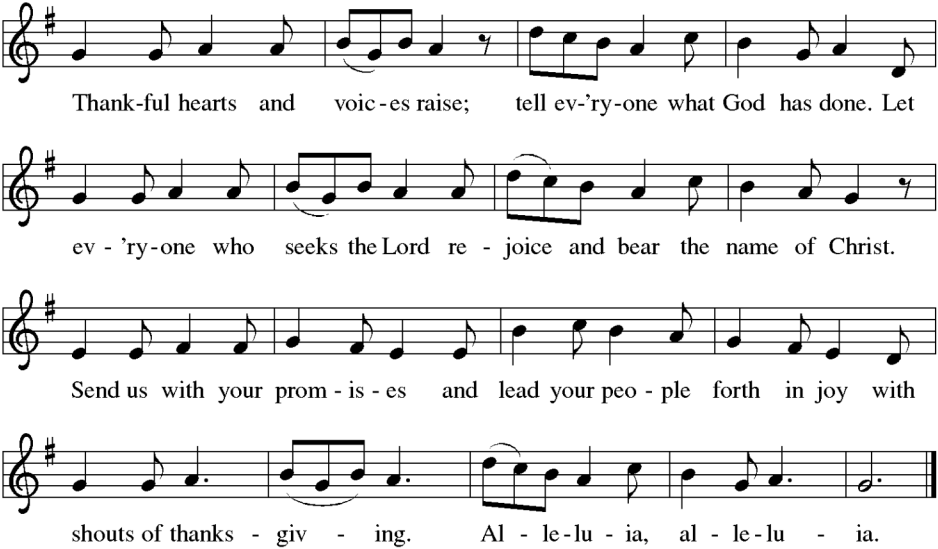
Generosity is part of who we are as God’s people. Guests can use their QR code to give via Breeze, Bethel’s trusted online giving platform. Select "Member Faith Giving" to give to the general budget. Members can use their QR code to sign into Breeze to give a one-time gift or to schedule an automated 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 “Panis Angelicus” Cesar Franck; arr. Ross & Groban

+ OFFERTORY “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

✠ MEAL ✠

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with you. *Presider:* Lift up your hearts. *Congregation:* We lift them to the Lord. *Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Congregation:* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, and the Spirit, whom you poured out upon the Church and your people: and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might; heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

+ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

God of chaos and creation, ...

The Words of Institution / Las Palabras de la Institución

Standing at the table of life, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

+ 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

Musical notation for the hymn "Lamb of God". The melody is written on a single staff in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace."

HOLY COMMUNION HYMNS "Give Thanks" TFF #292

Musical notation for the hymn "Give Thanks". The melody is written on a single staff in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One, give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son. Give Son. And now let the weak say, 'I am strong,' let the poor say, 'I am rich,' be-cause of what the Lord has

Musical notation for the hymn "One Bread, One Body". The melody is written on a single staff in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "done for us. And us. Give thanks."

"One Bread, One Body" ELW #496

+ 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 ✠ and give you peace. **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN “We Are Marching in the Light” ELW #866

Two systems of music for voice and piano. The first system contains two staves with lyrics: "We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march-ing in the light of God." The second system contains two staves with lyrics: "We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march-ing in the light of God, we are march-ing in the light of God." The third system contains two staves with lyrics: "we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God." The fourth system contains two staves with lyrics: "we are march - ing in the light of God." The fifth system contains two staves with lyrics: "We are march - ing oo." The sixth system contains two staves with lyrics: "We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,". The music features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, notes, rests, and triplets.

Continuation of the musical score from page 12. The first system contains two staves with lyrics: "We are march - ing oo." The second system contains two staves with lyrics: "we are march - ing in the light of God." The third system contains two staves with lyrics: "we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God." The fourth system contains two staves with lyrics: "we are march - ing in the light of God." The fifth system contains two staves with lyrics: "We are march - ing oo." The sixth system contains two staves with lyrics: "We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,". The music continues with the same key signature and time signature as the previous page.

+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE “Siyahamba/Thuma Mina” arr. Mark Sedio

WORSHIP LEADERS

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Banner Bearers: Brandon Atzinger, Emma Froman

Streamer Bearers: Isaac Atzinger, Torin Engle

Scripture Reader: Shea Engle

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Emma Froman, Wyatt Pagel, Evan Toth

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CONGRATULATIONS & GOD'S BLESSINGS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS!

Brandon Joseph Atzinger

1 Timothy 6:18-19

*They are to do good, to be rich in good works,
generous, and ready to share, thus storing up
for themselves the treasure of a good foundation
for the future, so that they may take hold
of the life that really is life.*

Austen Everett Bateza

Matthew 7:7

*"Ask, and it will be given to you; search,
and you will find; knock, and the door will be
opened for you."*

Odin Cleve Christopherson

Psalms 23:1

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Soren Farner Christopherson

Romans 8:38-39

*For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present,
nor things to come, nor powers, nor height,
nor depth, nor anything else in all creation
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Shea Thomas Engle

Psalms 62:6

*He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.*

Emma Catherine Froman

Phillipians 4:13

*I can do all things through him
who strengthens me.*

Wyatt Renkin Pagel

Psalms 100:5

*For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.*

Evan Charles Toth

Psalms 118:24

*This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Bethel Lutheran Church Shares Christ's Love with a Big Heart

Called by the gospel of Jesus Christ, Bethel celebrates all people as children of God.

We welcome you: your age, ability, and education;
your race, ethnicity, and citizenship;
your sexual orientation, gender identity and expression;
your relationship status and family structure.

Your uniqueness is valued.

Your questions and doubts have a home here.

Our work of welcome includes loving, forgiving, and serving one another;
advocating for those who are marginalized and oppressed;
striving for racial equity and economic justice;
and caring for the earth and all of God's creation.

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