

Bethel Lutheran Church

Elisha Heals Naaman

24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 8th, 2026
8:30 am & 10:30 am

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***old print** indicates congregational responses*

✠ Gathering ✠

Prelude (8:30) *"We Praise You, O God"* arr. Mark Hayes
(10:30) *"This Little Light of Mine"* arr. William Moats

Words of Welcome

+ Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

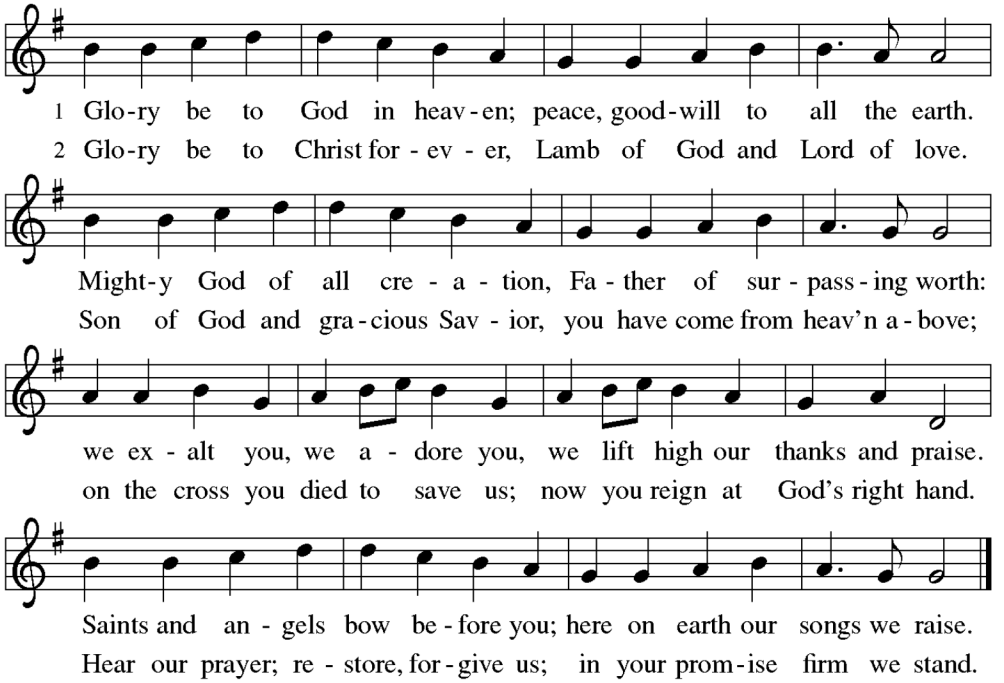
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

+ Canticle of Praise



+ 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

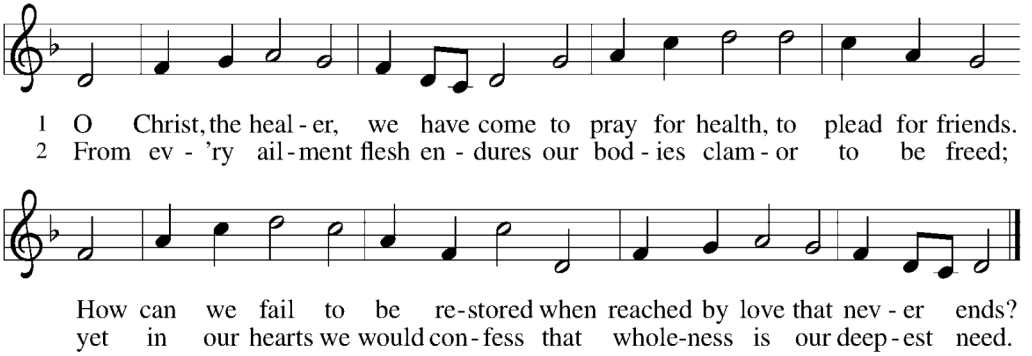
Great Physician, you see beyond symptoms and heal more than meets the eye. You work miracles through the mundane. Make us whole and well in body and spirit, that we may with humble and grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Anthem (8:30) *"Siyahamba"* South African trad.

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 *"O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"* ELW #610 (stanzas 1 & 2)



+ Holy Gospel *Matthew 8:1-4*

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

[1] When Jesus had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed him,
[2] and there was a man with a skin disease who came to him and knelt before him,
saying, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." [3] He stretched out his
hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing. Be made clean!" Immediately his skin
disease was cleansed. [4] Then Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone,
but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a
testimony to them."

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

Reading *2 Kings 5:1-15a*

A reading from Second Kings.

[1] Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and
in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram.
The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. [2] Now the
Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of
Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. [3] She said to her mistress, "If only my lord
were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

[4] So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel
had said. [5] And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter
to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold,
and ten sets of garments. [6] He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read,
"When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman,
that you may cure him of his skin disease." [7] When the king of Israel read the letter,
he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God,to give death or life, that this man sends
word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying
to pick a quarrel with me."

[8] But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes,
he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to
me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." [9] So Naaman came with his
horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house.

[10] Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times,
and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." [11] But Naaman became
angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out
and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand
over the spot and cure the skin disease! [12] Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers
of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and
be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage.
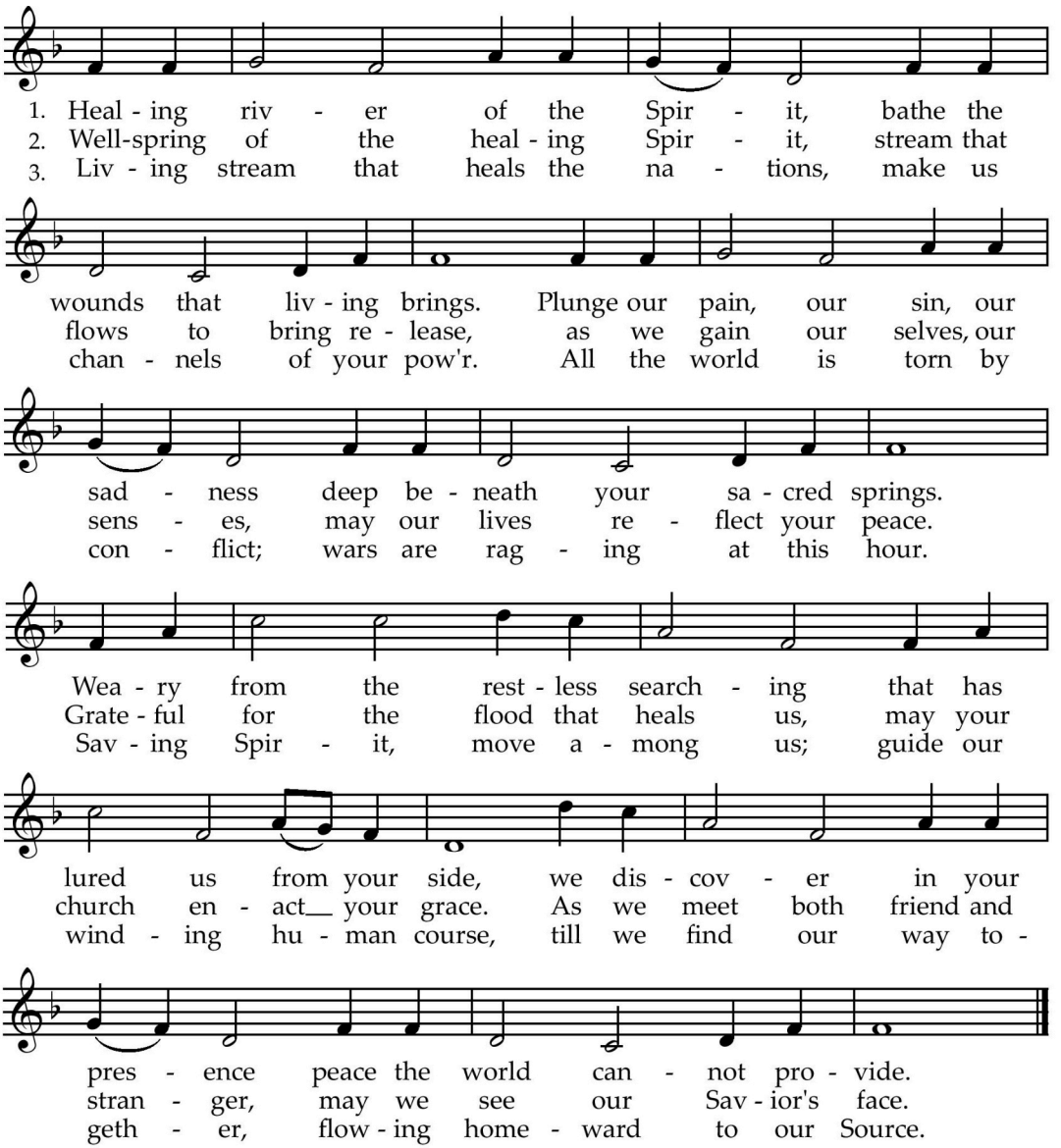
[13] But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had
commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it?
How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?"
[14] So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan,
according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh
of a young boy, and he was clean.

15 Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood
before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in
Israel; please accept a present from your servant."

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

Homily

+ Hymn of the Day *"Healing River of the Spirit"*



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

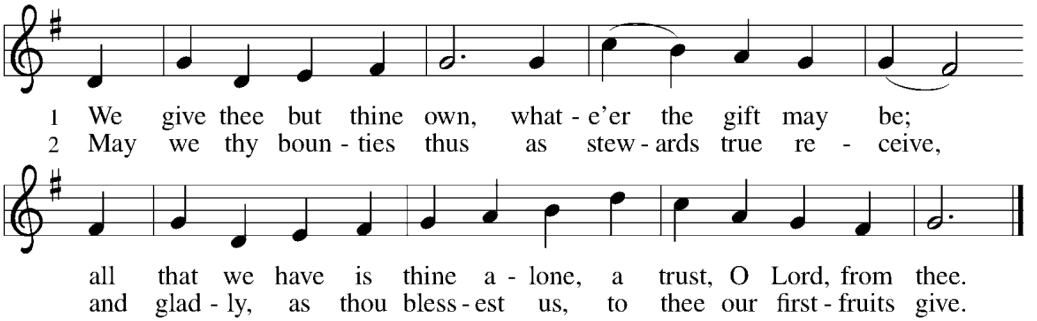
Generosity is part of who we are as God's people. Guests can use their QR code to give via Breeze, Bethel's trusted online giving platform. Select "Member Faith Giving" to give to the general budget. Members can use their QR code to sign into Breeze to give a one-time gift or to schedule an automated 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 (8:30) *"My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord"* arr. Billy Brandt

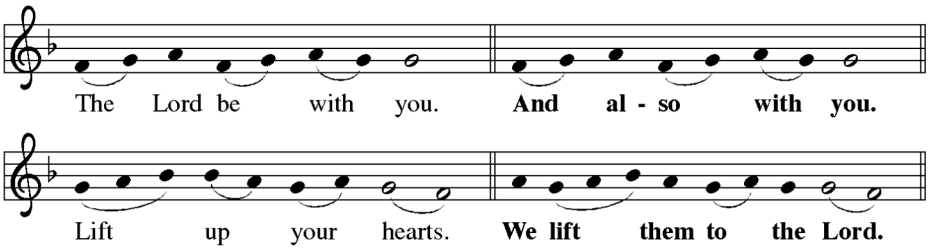
(10:30) *"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"* arr. John Helgen

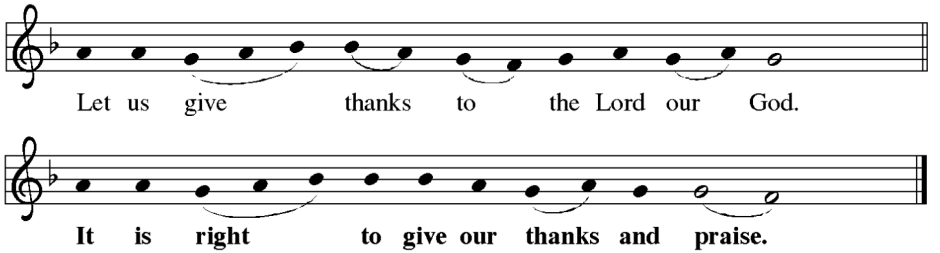
+ Offertory *"We Give Thee but Thine Own"* ELW #686 stanzas 1 & 2



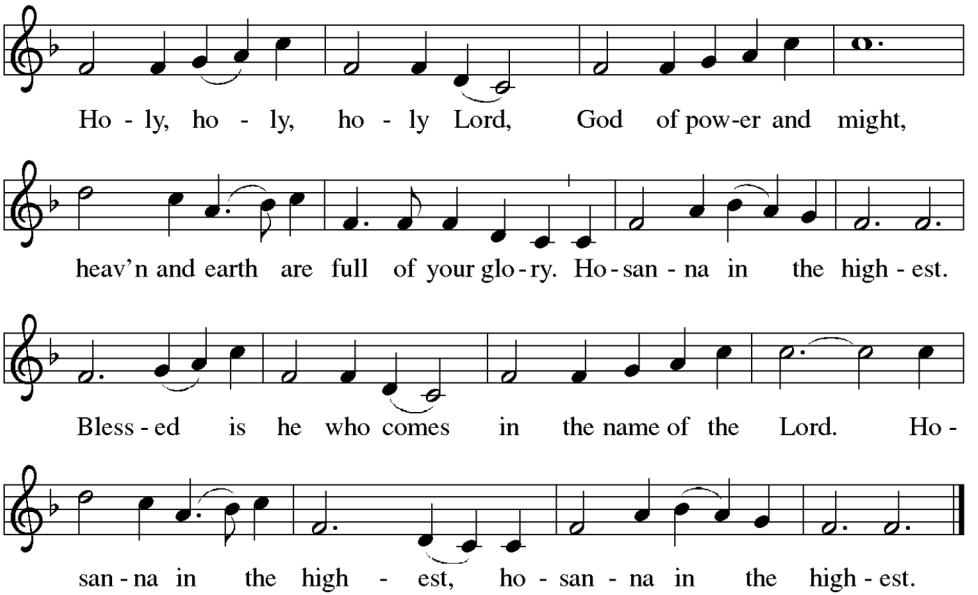
✠ Meal ✠

+ Great Thanksgiving





It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



+ Eucharistic Prayer

We praise you, restoring God, for the wideness of your mercy and the work of your prophets across the ages. You work miracles through the mundane. You ask us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. You give us a vision of your reign of peace, where weapons are repurposed for welfare. In Christ, you work to restore people to community and gather to yourself the leper, the foreigner, the least and the greatest.

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Send your Holy Spirit to fill the hearts of all who share in this bread and cup. Work through the ordinary moments of our days and make us instruments of your peace. **Amen.**
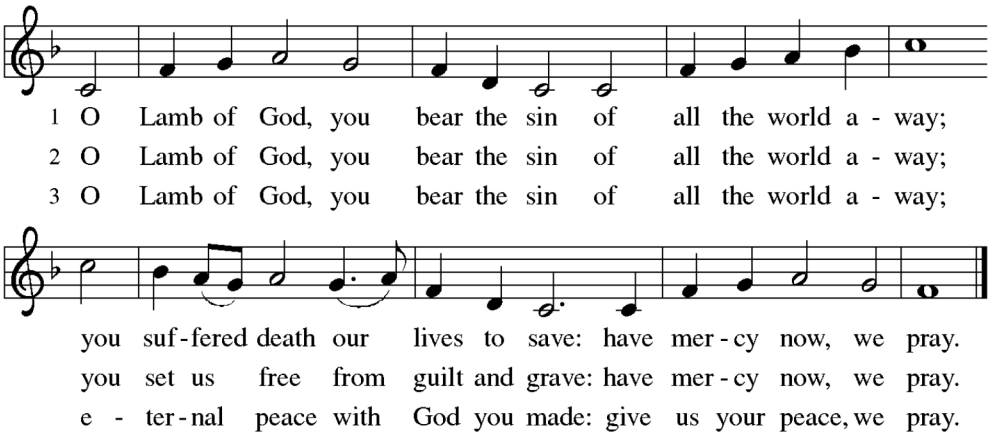
+ The Lord's Prayer

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



Holy Communion Anthem *"Beautiful Things"* Gungor & Gungor; arr. M. Engel

+ Table Blessing

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

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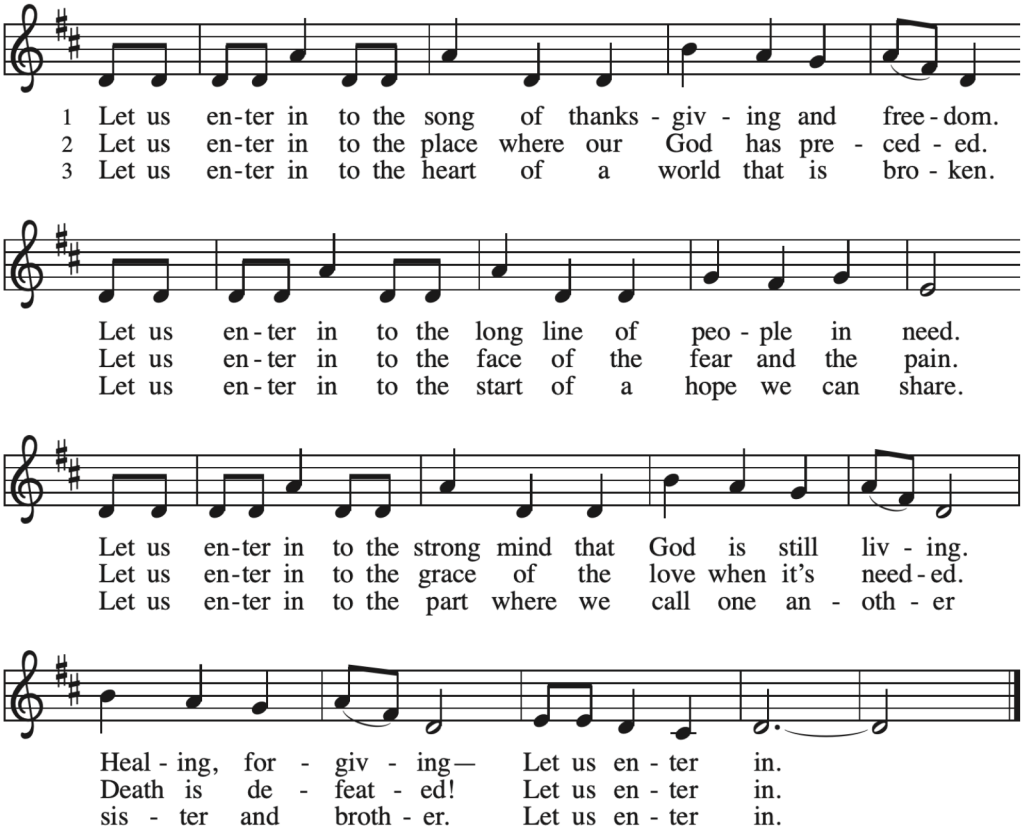
God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

✠ Sending ✠

+ Benediction

God our sanctuary, grant us and our neighbors near and far
courage in our hearts, peace in our homes, and ☩ justice in our streets. **Amen.**

+ Sending Hymn *"Let Us Enter In"* ACS #985



+ Dismissal

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

Postlude *"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"* arr. Edwin Childs

Worship Leaders

Pastor Inger Hanson & Pastor Ben Schori
Assisting Minister: (8:30) Joanna McLees (10:30) Eric Lundin
Carol Choir Director: Ian Schleif
Rainbow Singers: Catherine Engle, Becky Nystuen, Krista Middlebrooks, Joanna McLees, Megan Engel, Teresa Elsbernd, Ellen Haefner

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Sunday Attendance

November 1	in person attendance
8:30 am	**181**
10:30 am	**74**
Total	**255**

Next Sunday…

The text of the day will be
Micah [1:3-5], 5:2-5a, 6:1-8 with
Matthew 9:10-13.
Pastor Ben preaches.

TODAY

Bethel Presents..."Revisiting Our Bethel Land Acknowledgement Statement"

In our church's statement, we acknowledge a variety of injustices to our Indigenous neighbors while also pledging to promote healing and justice. This compels us to listen, learn, and act. A team from Our Saviors Lutheran Church of Minneapolis will join us at Bethel Presents to share the story of building relationships with the Indigenous Protector Movement, cultivating partnerships within the neighborhood, and the land stewardship that has come about. Please join us in **Room 61 at 9:40 am** to learn more and be inspired!

- OR -

Liturgical Art with Pastor Inger & Tim Mahr

In preparation for Christ the King Sunday, our children and youth have been crafting a world map that will serve as a powerful visual. This Sunday, a few helping hands are needed to help us finish painting the continents and oceans. Come to the **Art Room between services!** Pastor Inger and Tim Mahr will provide some guidance and help with mixing paint. No art degree required; just bring your enthusiasm and ability to follow directions!

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This Week — November 9-14

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9 am - 3 pm

Monday

noon	**Bible Text Study @ The Vault**
5:00 pm	**Congregational Life**
6:30 pm	**Resonance Bell Choir**

Tuesday

9:00 am	**Quilting Group**
9:45 am	**Bethel Staff**
3:00 pm	**Lydia Circle**
4:00 pm	**Reception for Palestine Exhibit**
5:45 pm	**CYF Advisory Board**

Wednesday

3:30 pm	**SPARK**
5:30 pm	**Bistro** (Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Caesar Salad)
6:15 pm	**Ring Forth**
7:00 pm	**7th, 8th, & 9th Grade Confirmation**
	HangTime
	Church Choir rehearsal
8:05 pm	**Brio**

Thursday

9:00 am	**MoB (Men of Bethel)** (Room 54)
	FaB (Faith & Books) (Youth Room)
10:00 am	**Projects with Purpose**
5:45 pm	**Active BeFriender Support**
7:00 pm	**Finance**

Friday

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

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