Bethel Lutheran Church

Micah

25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 15th, 2026
8:30 am & 10:30 am

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

✠ Gathering ✠

Prelude *"Reflection on 'Now We Join in Celebration'"* arr. Anne Krentz Organ

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.**

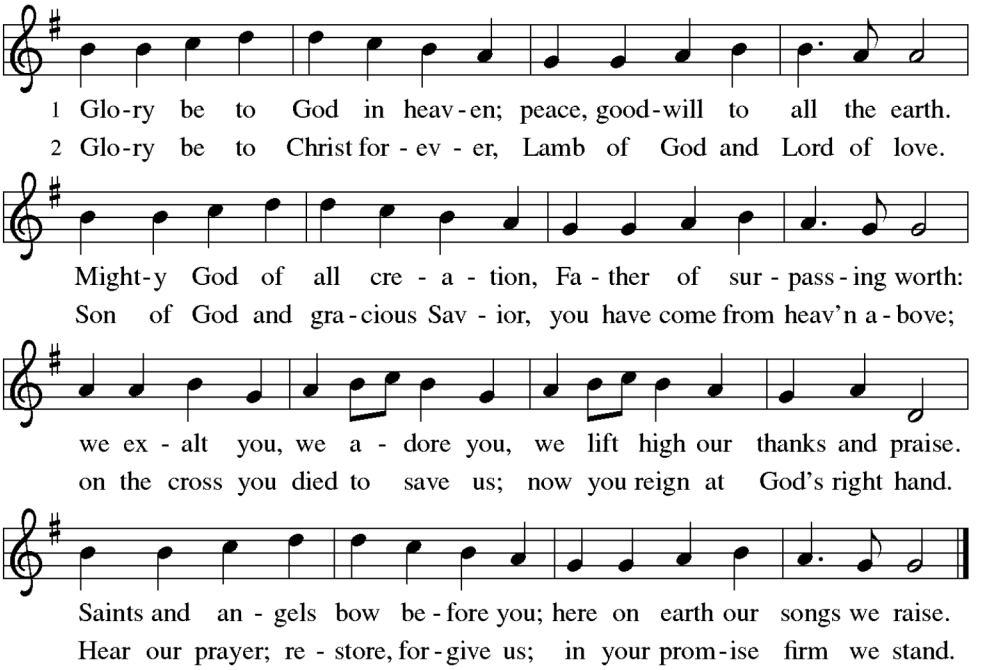
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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

God of justice, you sent your servant Micah to proclaim justice and peace to a world that lacked both. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice,
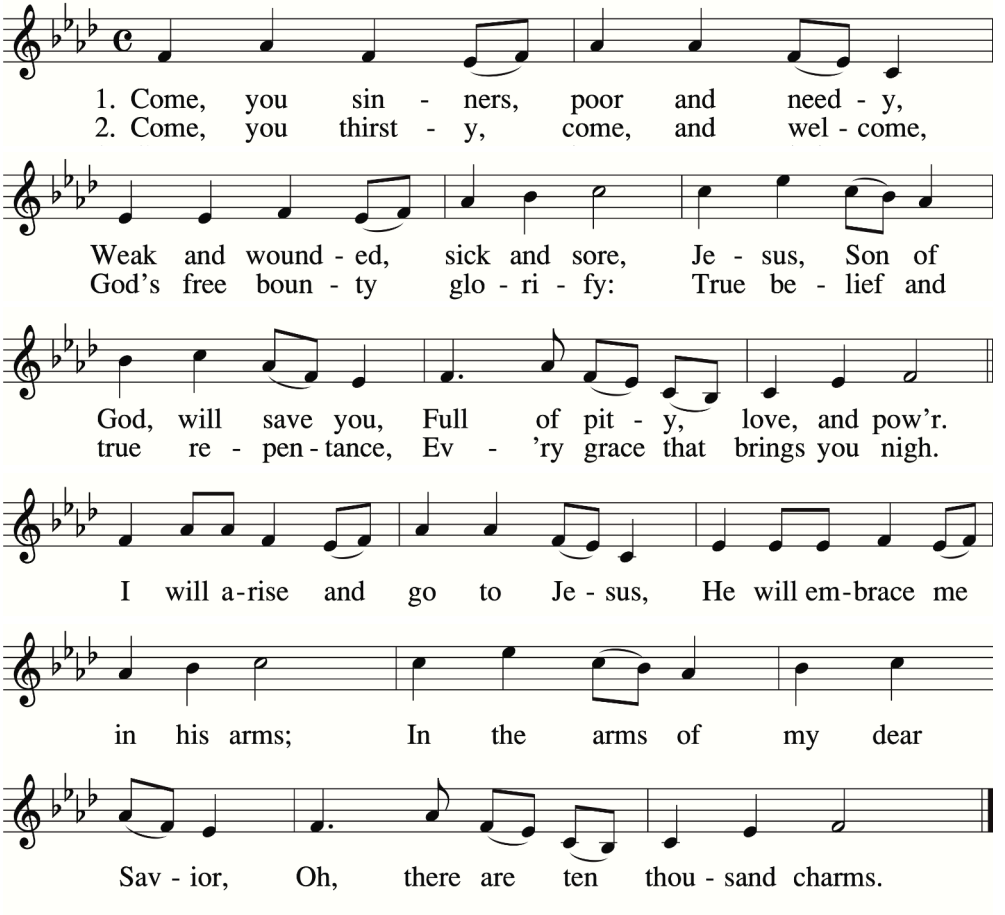
and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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 *"Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy"* (stanzas 1 & 2)

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



+ Holy Gospel *Matthew 9:10-13*

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

10 And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and
were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said
to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"
12 But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician,
but those who are sick. 13 Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy,
not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

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

Reading *Micah 5:2-5a, 6:1-8*

A reading from Micah.

2 But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.
3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.
4 And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth,
5 and he shall be the one of peace.

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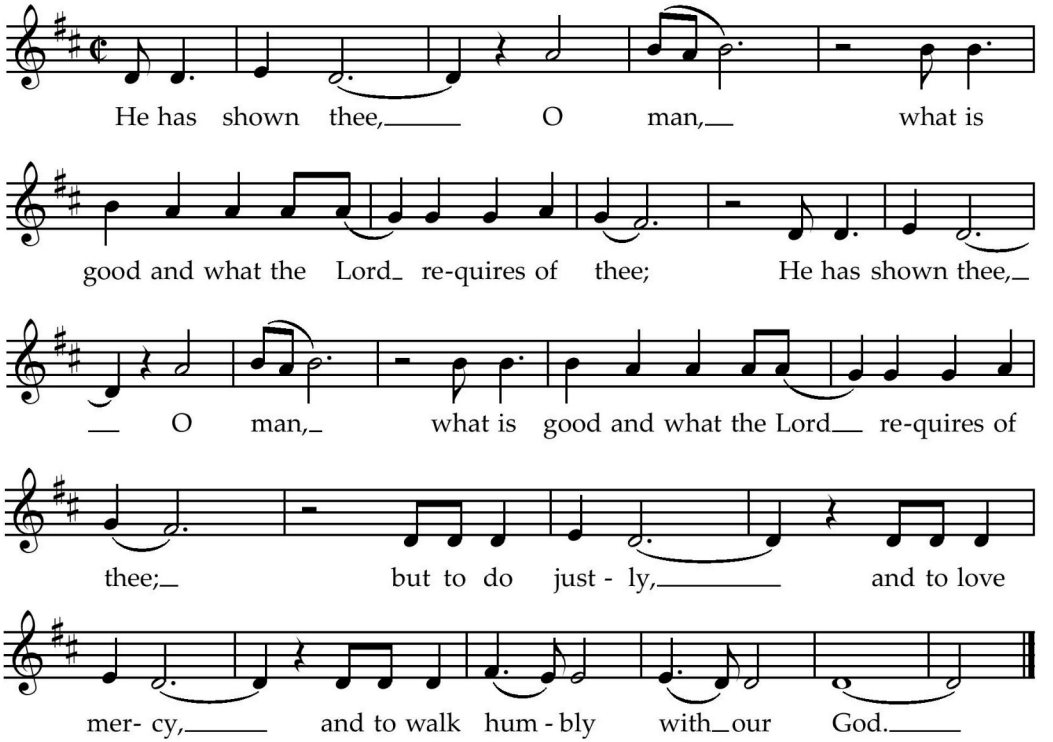
1 Hear what the Lord says:
Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.
2 Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.
3 "O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.
5 O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."
6 "With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
8 He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

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

HOMILY

+ Hymn of the Day *"Micah 6:8"*



+ 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

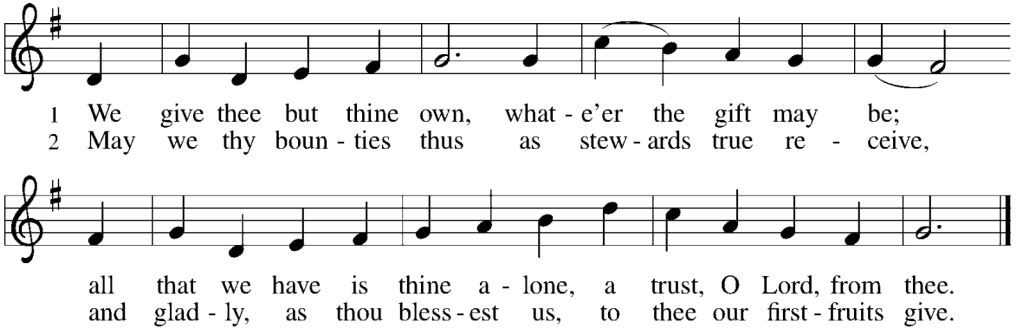
Generosity is part of who we are as God's people. Guests can use their QR code to give via Breeze, Bethel's trusted online giving platform. Select "Member Faith Giving" to give to the general budget. Members can use their QR code to sign into Breeze to give a one-time gift or to schedule an automated 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 (8:30) *"V. Musette from 'Organ Book: Ten Pieces'"* Jean Langlais
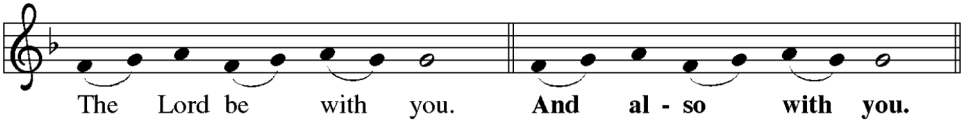
(10:30) *"Who Will Speak"* Marty Haugen

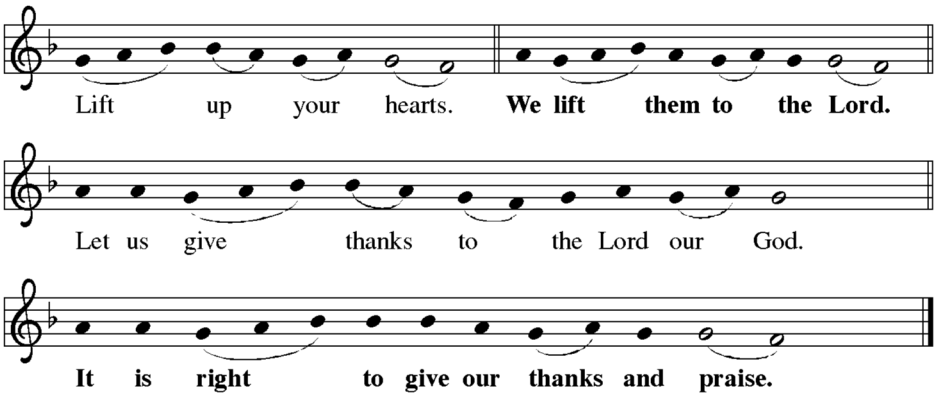
+ Offertory *"We Give Thee but Thine Own"* ELW #686 stanzas 1 & 2



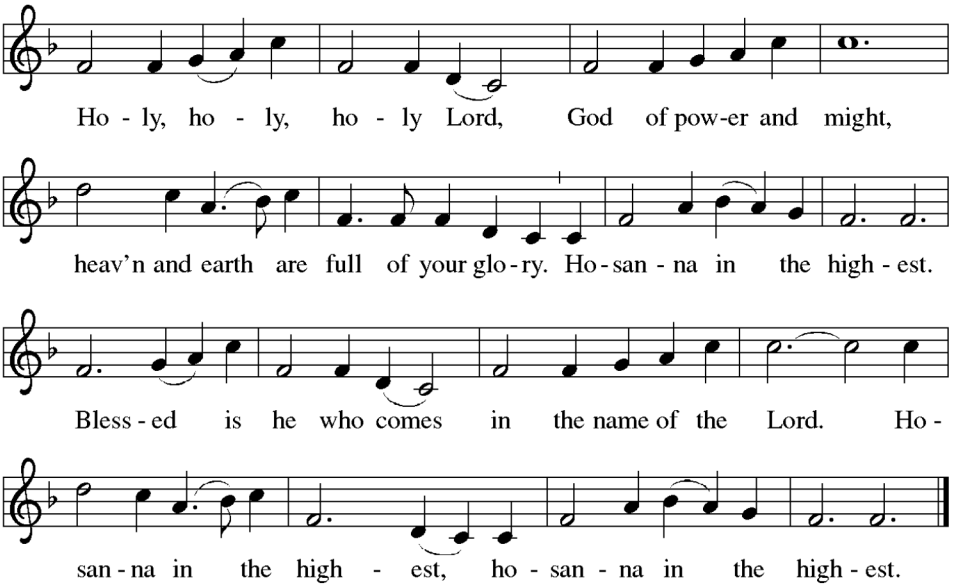
✠ Meal ✠

+ 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.**
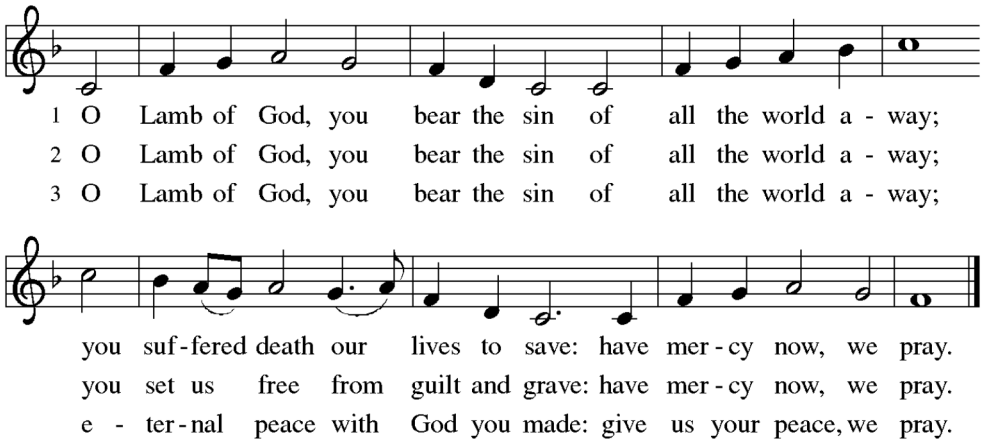
+ The Lord's Prayer

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 Hymn *"Now We Join in Celebration"* ELW #462

+ 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 Justice Flow Like Streams"* ELW #717

+ Dismissal

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

Postlude *"Toccata in F Major from 'Organ Works'"* Johann Pachelbel

Worship Leaders

Pastor Ben Schori
Assisting Minister: (8:30) Rolf Kragseth (10:30) Ellen Haefner

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Sunday Attendance

November 8	in person attendance
8:30 am	**206**
10:30 am	**106**
Total	**312**

Next Sunday…

The text of the day will be
Isaiah 36:1-2a, 13-18; 37:1-7; 2:1-4
with **Matthew 5:14-16.**
Pastor Inger preaches.

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This Week — November 16-21

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

Monday

noon	**Bible Text Study @ The Vault**
6:30 pm	**Resonance Bell Choir**

Tuesday

9:45 am	**Bethel Staff**
noon	**Lydia Circle**
2:00 pm	**Grief & Loss Support**
5:00 pm	**Personnel**
6:30 pm	**Church Council**

Next Week:

Christ the King
One service at **9 am** followed by the Advent Festival at **10 am**

Wednesday

3:30 pm	**SPARK**
5:30 pm	**Bistro** (Pizzas & Salads)
5:30 pm	**Reconciling In Christ (RIC)** (Room 55)
6:15 pm	**Ring Forth**
7:00 pm	**6th Grade Connections**
	7th, 8th, & 9th Grade Confirmation
	HangTime
	Church Choir rehearsal
8:05 pm	**Brio**

Thursday

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

Friday

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

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