

Christ the King Sunday

November 26, 2023

# Welcome to Bethel! We're glad you're here!

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2023



## All Are Welcome!

We mean it when we say “all are welcome” – no matter where you are on your faith journey or how you identify. Your presence is important to us – we are not complete without you. Our Worship & Music team is continually listening and adapting our worship practices to reflect our desire to welcome ALL of GOD’S children.

### Hospitality Details

We firmly believe that there is no age limit in GOD’S house. Young or old, you are an essential part of our worship community. Families with young children are encouraged to sit near the front of the sanctuary so children can see what is happening. If a young child gets antsy during long periods of inaction like the sermon, they are welcome to quietly play in front of the sound table near the door.

Those participating in worship who find standing for long periods of time difficult are encouraged to take care of themselves and adapt the “Lutheran Aerobics” of frequent standing and sitting to meet their needs. Traditions of standing at certain times during the liturgy are not meant to cause pain or discomfort. Please sit or stand in ways that make your time with us comfortable.

If you need a restroom, you have options:

In the main building, one is located through the side door near the piano. It can also be accessed by going outside through the main door and re-entering the building using the door located under the bell tower. The restroom will be to your left.

A larger, wheelchair accessible restroom with a baby changing table, is located in our back building. Go through the iron gate to the left of the sanctuary. As you enter the back building the restroom is immediately to your left. Feel free to ask the usher for directions as well.



## Sunday School for All Ages

(following worship)

Our two “Lisas” will have the kids in Lentz Hall for Bible Stories and crafts.

Pastor Carolyn will meet with the adults. They will be using the book, *The Forty Parables of Jesus*, by Gehard Lohfink.



Next Sunday we enter the Season of Advent. We will have our traditional Wednesday evening gatherings on Dec 6, 13, and 20. The Worship and Music team made some changes this year in hopes of making things more accessible to our members.

We will **worship at 5:30pm** using the Holden Prayer Service as usual. This quiet liturgy helps keep us centered in the light of Christ during the rush of December. After worship, **around 6:15pm** we will enjoy **soup** together in Lentz Hall.

A sign-up sheet for providing soup, bread, and dessert is available today. We will also need a few folks to commit to coming at 5:15 to set up Lentz Hall. See Terri Larson for details.

## Introduction to the day

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the diverse people of God.*

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

*The congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit and turn to face the baptismal font.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved.

**Amen.**

Holy One,  
**we confess that we are not awake for you.**  
**We are not faithful in using your gifts.**  
**We forget the least of our siblings.**  
**We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**  
**We are infected by sin**  
**that divides your beloved community.**  
**Open our hearts to your coming,**  
**open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,**  
**open our hands to serve your creation.**  
**Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children,  
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.  
Through † Jesus you are forgiven,  
by Jesus you are welcome,  
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!  
Let us live in the promises prepared for us  
from the foundation of the world.  
**Amen.**

*Please turn and face the altar for the Gathering Song.*

**GATHERING SONG** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* (ELW 634)



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,  
 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—  
 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.  
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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 Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball  
 to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.  
 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
 We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

**GREETING** (ELW p. 138)

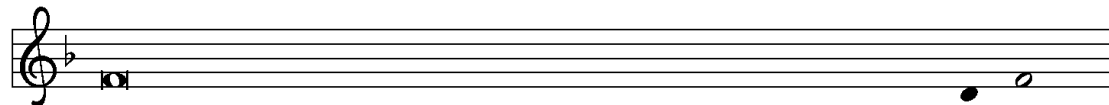
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**KYRIE** (ELW p. 138)



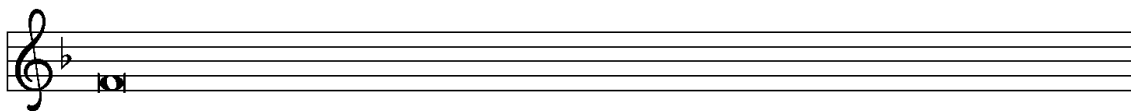
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



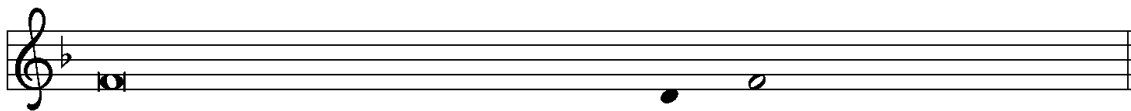
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



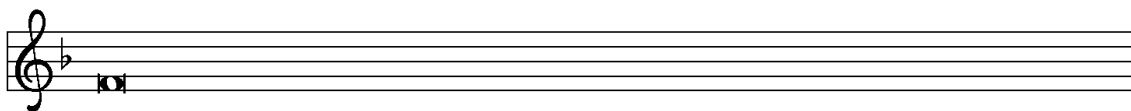
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



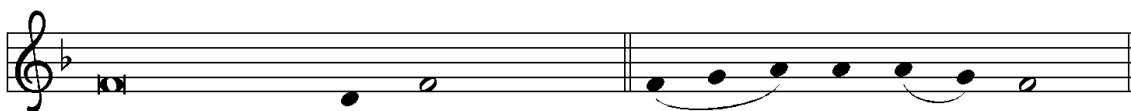
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

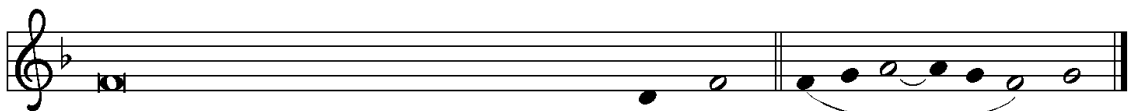


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



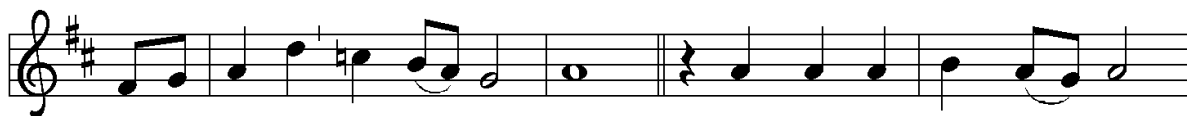
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 139)

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and

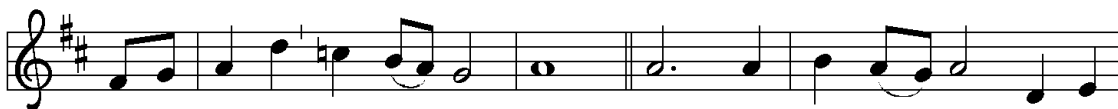


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,

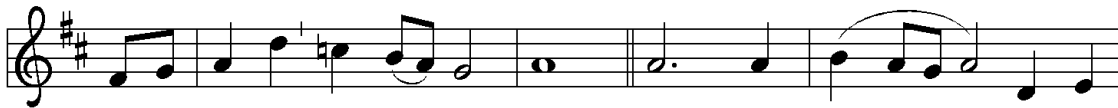


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 142)

Let us pray.

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (Barbara Morris)

*Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.*

*A reading from Ezekiel.*

<sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

<sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

<sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed

them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:** Psalm 95:1-7a (Barbara Morris)

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup>**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>**Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

<sup>7a</sup>For the LORD is our God,  
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23** (Barbara Morris)

*In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.*

*A reading from Ephesians.*

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason

<sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Word of God, word of life.

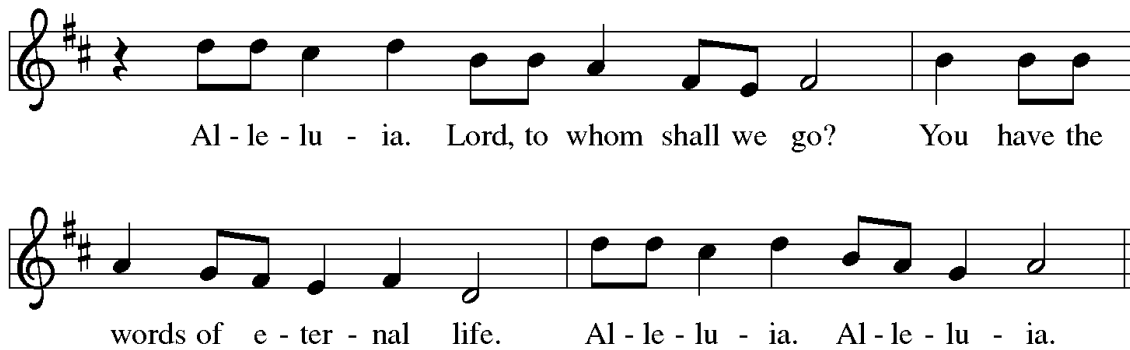
**Thanks be to God.**

**KIDS' MESSAGE** (Lisa Herlocker)

*The congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit to welcome the Gospel.*



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46 (Pr. Carolyn Brodt)

*Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## SERMON (Pr. Carolyn Brodt)

The congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit for the Hymn of the Day.

## HYMN OF THE DAY *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (ELW 855)



- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

## CREED

Let us join with Christians throughout the world and confess our shared faith using the words of the 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.**

*Please be seated*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (Barbara Morris)

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Holy God, from Christ we receive our call to feed, clothe, and welcome. Direct your church to respond to this call with faithfulness and generous love. We pray for the work of ELCA World Hunger and partnerships with global feeding ministries. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In Christ, the rock of our salvation, we are brought into union with all of creation. With mountains, seas, dry lands, and animals of the field, we seek your guidance and protection. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In Christ we know merciful judgment. Guide rulers of every nation in ways of humble leadership and wise decision-making. Allow aid to come to all who are underserved and care to any who are neglected. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In Christ we feel the depth of your love and care toward us. Nourish all who hunger, connect any who are isolated, and surround all who experience rejection or abuse. We pray for those who suffer. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In Christ we are made the people of his pasture. Inspire the outreach and social ministries of this congregation. We pray for all people who serve and attend to the needs of others. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Holy God, in Christ we are welcomed home. We praise you for the faithful witness of those who have served you and extended your welcome and love to us. Unite us with them as one body of Christ. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Additional prayer requests provided by congregation members to be added here by reader.*

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE** (ELW p. 143)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

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## **OFFERING**

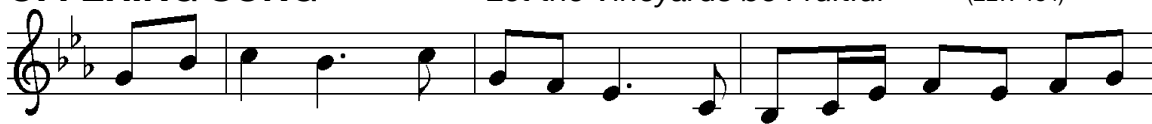
*We acknowledge that all we have is a gift from God and in gratefulness we return to God a portion of the time, finances, and gifts that God has given us. Thank you so much for your continued support.*

*The congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit for the song as offerings are brought to altar.*

## OFFERING SONG

*Let the Vineyards be Fruitful*

(ELW 184)



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of all goodness,  
generations have turned to you,  
gathered around your table,  
and shared your abundant blessings.

Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,  
and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self  
and care for all that you have made,  
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

**Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:  
surrounded by evil and bordered by death  
we appeal to you,  
our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge.

We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace  
and promised an end to injustice and harm.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,  
the sacrifice of his life and death  
and the victory of his resurrection,  
we await with all the saints  
his loving redemption of our suffering world.  
Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine  
and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son:  
teach us your mercy and justice,  
and make all things new in Christ.  
Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us using the language of our hearts.  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.**  
**Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

There is a place for you at the banquet.  
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

*All are welcome to join in our communion celebration.  
Please have a seat and follow the directions of Pastor Carolyn and the usher.*

## **COMMUNION**

*The congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit for the song at the conclusion of Communion.*

## SONG AFTER COMMUNION

*Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise*

(ELW 207)



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.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus,  
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.  
Sustain us on the journey,  
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,  
and give us glad and generous hearts  
as we meet you on the way.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

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## BLESSING

May the God of all creation,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved,  
who strengthens us for service,  
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!  
The blessing of God,  
Sovereign,  
✠ Savior,  
and Spirit,  
be with you today and always.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

(ELW 389)



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

*Please be seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*After brief announcements related to the ministry of Bethel are shared from the podium microphone, the congregation is invited to stand and face the font.*

## DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God and we will.**



## Finance Update

To meet our 2023 Operating Expenses each month, Bethel needs **\$6968**

### Giving in November

11/5	=	\$2860
11/12	=	\$999
11/19	=	\$
11/26	=	\$
Total for Month	=	\$3859

**TOTAL for October = \$8459**

Thanks for your ongoing support of  
Bethel's Ministries!



### Consider Online Giving

Sign up for Online Giving at our website, [bethelroseville.org](http://bethelroseville.org)

If you prefer to give by traditional check, please mail it into the church office at 1050 Douglas Blvd., Roseville CA 95678 or drop it into the basket during worship.

Use the QR code below to access e-giving from your phone



### Upcoming Scripture Readings

Next Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

- Isaiah 64:1-9
- Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
- 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
- Mark 13:24-37

## Today's Worship Team

**Usher:** Mavis Hotchkiss  
**Reader:** Barbara Morris  
**Sound:** Rick Mendonsa  
**Zoom:** Jeff Dodge/Scott Larson  
**Altar Guild:** Loraine Anderson  
**Kids Message:** Lisa Herlocker  
**Musician:** Jeff Dodge

## Next Week's Worship Team

**Usher:** Kelly Mendonsa  
**Reader:** Bruce Seiler/Nancy Garman  
**Sound:** Rick Mendonsa  
**Zoom:** Jeff Dodge/Scott Larson  
**Altar Guild:** Loraine Anderson  
**Kids Message:** Pr. Carolyn Brodt  
**Musician:** Wing and a Prayer

## "Noisy Offering!"

Encouraging the participation of our youngest members in worship is important to us. When they help collect the offering each week, they may be confused when folks don't drop something in the basket. So, please consider dropping a little spare change into the basket when it comes your way as a "noisy offering." The "noisy offering" will be periodically donated to a local charity.

## Prayer Requests

Yellow paper is available as you enter for you to write prayer requests on. Return the paper to an usher no later than during the Hymn of the Day. The reader will include it during the Prayers of the People. It is our hope that this will help all those worshipping in the sanctuary and on online to hear the prayers.

## Contact Pastor Carolyn

Contact Pr. Carolyn first to double-check her office hours. She is available Tuesday – Thursday most weeks.

[pastor@bethelroseville.org](mailto:pastor@bethelroseville.org)  
916-781-3333 (office)





Looking for a little end of the week fun?  
Join Rick & Kelly Mendonsa **each Friday at 6:30pm**  
in Lentz Hall for some games and fellowship.  
Bring your own food and drinks – and games you'd  
like to play with the group. This is a low-key activity  
for all ages and skills.  
*Bring a friend and join the fun!*



November 7 – Roger Linn  
November 9 – Loraine Anderson  
November 21 – Hudson McBain  
November 26 – Scott Larson  
November 26 – Allison McBain

*Blessings to all of our November Birthdays; please  
let us know if we accidentally left you off this list!*

# Annual Holiday Wreath Sale!

**Order wreaths and other evergreens directly online and help support  
the youth of Bethel. Funds raised will help send our youth to camp and other retreat  
opportunities throughout the year.**

**Visit GiftItForward.com or use the QR code on the poster in the back of the sanctuary to see all  
the great options available – including some new wreath designs!  
Orders arrive directly from FedEx in early December and **can be ordered through December 8<sup>th</sup>.****

**Each order placed using the code: **BETHELCA002** earns our youth **\$8.****

## Community Action Team (CAT) Update

### **New Ways to Help our Local Community this Fall**

*(through November 26)*

Our friends at **St. Vincent de Paul** have moved their feeding program back inside beginning this month. Besides our bi-monthly cooking & serving opportunity (see Scott Larson for details) they are now seeking **donations of both Egg Noodles and Elbow Macaroni**. *Bring your donation to Bethel and we'll see it gets delivered to them.*

**Acres of Hope** is beginning to prepare to serve their clients this winter. They are seeking **donations of Children's Tylenol, Pedialyte, Disinfecting Wipes, and Paper Towels**.

Acres of Hope also wishes to remind you of their **Renew Thrift Store** at 1725 Santa Clara Dr. (behind the Golden 1) in Roseville. All donations including those listed above, as well as other household items, clothing, jewelry, shoes, handbags, and more, can be donated between 9:30am – 2:00pm Monday through Friday.

(Bring donations to the door at the back of the store and ring the bell)

For more information about donating or shopping check out their website: <https://www.acresofhopeonline.org/renew-stores/>

# December at Bethel

## Annual

### St. John's Christmas "Store"

We are collecting donations for the women at the shelter run by the St. John's Program for Real Change in Sacramento. Our donations are used to set up a "store" for the children living there to "shop" for a gift for their mother.

This year about 55 women are being housed at the shelter along with 43 children.

The best donations are things like cozy socks, gloves, journals, lotions, and other small items that don't need electricity or batteries.

We will also need gift bags.

Donations may be left in the back of the sanctuary through Dec 17<sup>th</sup>.

Interested in helping with the "store"?

We will be heading down on Dec 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00pm. We'll spend about 2 hours there.

Contact Cindi Roxworthy to volunteer or to get your questions answered.



## Help Decorate

**Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am**

The Worship & Music Ministry Team would like to ask congregation members to help with making the sanctuary beautiful for our Advent/Christmas seasons. Since **December 9<sup>th</sup>** is a regularly scheduled work day, we'll dovetail with that activity and are asking for help on that day starting at **9:00am**.

Some of the decorating involves climbing ladders. So we are especially looking for assistance from some tall – perhaps younger – members. The Christmas tree will be available to decorate and getting garland ready to hang.

*There will be donuts for helpers!*

*Hope to see you there!*

## Save these Dates!

### December 3 – First Sunday in Advent

Special "Themed" Liturgy – "God with Us" – throughout Advent

### Wednesdays, December 6, 13, and 20

Advent Worship Gathering at 5:30pm **AND** Soup Supper at 6:15pm

**NOTE** – new start time for both worship (Holden Evening Prayer) and soup supper fellowship

### Saturday, December 9 at 9:00am

Decorating the Sanctuary – All ages encouraged to come help – Donuts provided – (see above for details)

### Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am

Worship led by our Little Lutherans

### Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – morning worship gathering at 9:00am

Special 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent Liturgy by variety of congregation members

### Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Gathering

Two options including communion – 5:00pm and 11:00pm – we will be joined by our friends at Incarnation

### Monday, Christmas Morning, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

Celebrate with a simple gathering of guitar-led Christmas carols including communion

### Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am

Special "Lessons and Carols" worship gathering

### Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm – *tentative plans*

Family New Year's Eve Celebration

# Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church

*Following the example set by Jesus Christ and being mindful of our Lutheran heritage of acceptance through God's grace, we welcome all to God's table. We invite all who are seeking God's love and grace to join us in worship and fellowship. We welcome all because God welcomes all, knowing that God's love is all-inclusive and stronger than any pressure to conform to the labels this world gives us.*

*We commit to providing a safe and welcoming place for people of any age, ethnic or national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome and love all no matter their socio-economic circumstances, outward appearance, immigration status, political affiliation, or anything that could seemingly divide us. The nature and extent of one's addictions, physical and mental health, or criminal history have no bearing on our commitment to welcome all.*

*We affirm today, tomorrow, and for all of our days, that we will intentionally strive to live as people of faith, people of compassion, people of love, and people of grace.  
We invite you to come as you are to Meet, Pray, & Love together.*

In the Season of Pentecost, we celebrate that the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit, we go out from worship to share God's love and grace among the vulnerable of our world.

No matter where you are on your faith journey, we invite you to explore with us.  
Welcome.

**Worship Gathering at 9:00am each Sunday  
Sunday School for All Ages at 10:15am (Sept - May)**



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*Bethel is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Nisenan people, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.*

