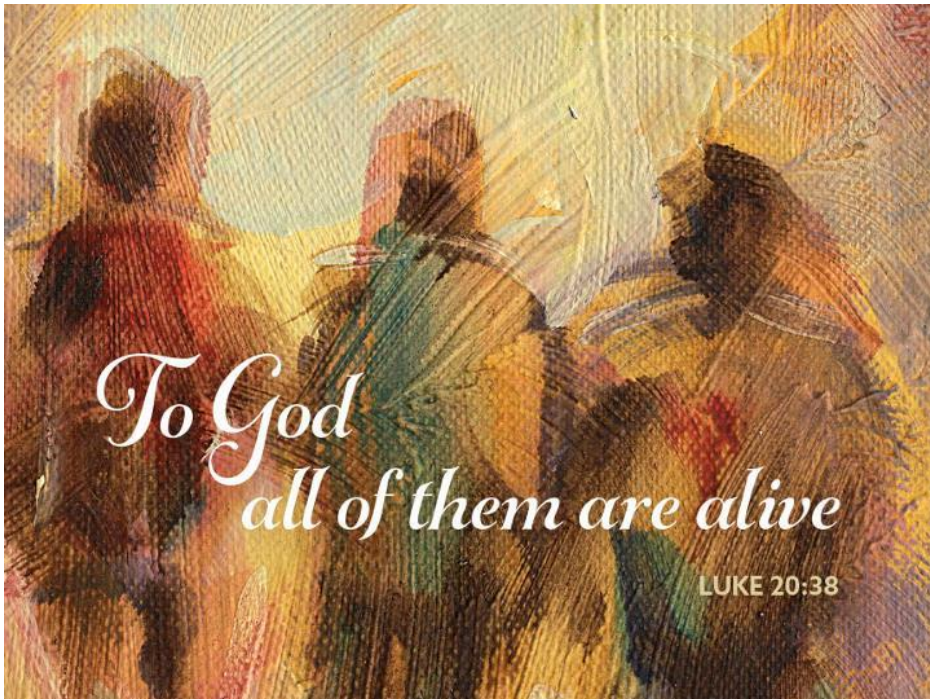




SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025



### **Introduction**

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

## GATHERING

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING MUSIC

### PRaise TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY (ELW #858)



- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend you;
- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
if with his love he be - friend you.  
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,  
you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises.  
We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

Hear the good news:

God the Faithful One loves you, + in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.  
**Amen.**

## 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.**

## KYRIE

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

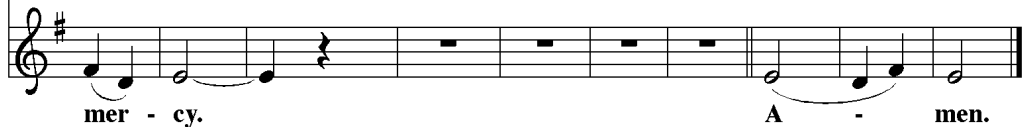
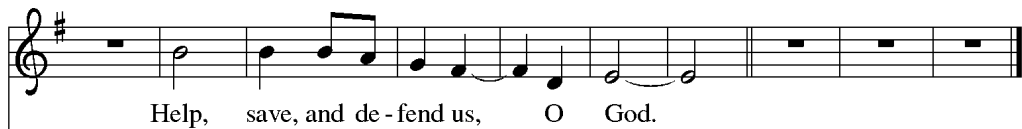
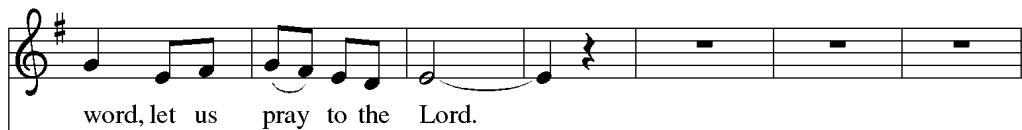
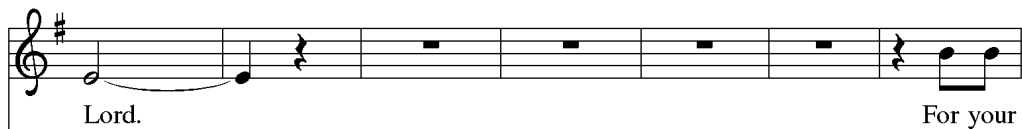
Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the





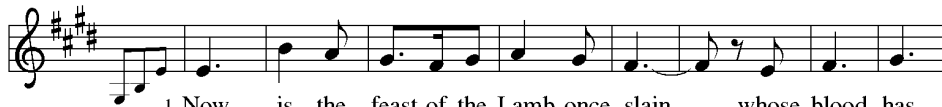
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11-22

<sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. <sup>12</sup> But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; <sup>13</sup> esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. <sup>14</sup> And we urge you, brothers and sisters, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. <sup>15</sup> See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. <sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup> but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup> abstain from every form of evil. <sup>1</sup> Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup> Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] <sup>28</sup> and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; <sup>30</sup> then the second <sup>31</sup> and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup> Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup> Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## SERMON

## A RISING TIDE LIFTS ALL BOATS

PASTOR DAVID YOUNG

- 1) Our LIFT initiative stands for the following: Learning, Intentional discipleship, Fellowship, and Togetherness. How might you find a place in this initiative? Where might the Spirit be leading you to consider leadership, involvement, or developing something new?
- 2) Consider someone with whom you disagree. How might you intentionally seek common ground with them this week?
- 3) What is an influential person/experience/struggle that has made a lasting impact on your faith, life and spiritual journey? How and why did this happen for you?

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### **"I WILL FOLLOW"**

Music and lyrics: Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Reuben Morgan  
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## OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

## 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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition will end with "Hear us, O God" and the response will be "**Your mercy is great.**"

## HONORING OF VETERANS CEREMONY

Led by George Donovan Sr. Hospital Corpsman Petty Officer 1st Class "FMF USN "  
Edie Donovan LT. COL. , USAF "RET."

## SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

———— MEAL ————

## OFFERING

*Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the ongoing ministry of Bethel Lutheran Church! In-person gifts may be placed in the offering plates, mailed to Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church (2077 N. Frederick Pike, Winchester, VA 22603), given online at [www.bethelwinchester.com](http://www.bethelwinchester.com) or using the adjacent QR code.*



## MUSIC FOR REFLECTION- WHAT DOES IT COST TO FOLLOW JESUS?

## AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT (ELW #465)

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



*Refrain*



may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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### OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God,

**Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you . We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be the signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### THE 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 our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

HOLY HOLY HOLY

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!

JESUS' WORDS ABOUT COMMUNION



## LORD'S PRAYER



Our God \_\_\_\_\_ in heav-en, \_\_\_\_\_ ho - ly is your name, \_\_\_\_\_ your  
reign come, \_\_\_\_\_ your will done, \_\_\_\_\_ on earth as in heav-en \_\_\_\_\_  
Give us today our dai-ly bread, and help us forgive as we have been for - giv-en \_\_\_\_\_  
In the time of tri-al \_\_\_\_\_ lead us in - to light, \_\_\_\_\_ for yours is \_\_\_\_\_ the  
king-dom, \_\_\_\_\_ and the power, \_\_\_\_\_ and the glo-ry, \_\_\_\_\_ for - ev - er. Our  
God, \_\_\_\_\_ in heav-en, \_\_\_\_\_ ho-ly is your name, ho-ly is your name. \_\_\_\_\_

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## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the Table.

**For the Lord Jesus is with us, and all are welcome!**

### THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Welcome to the Lord's Table!

Everyone, regardless of age and denomination, is invited to join us for Holy Communion. If you prefer a blessing, simply inform the communion distributors. The ushers will direct your row when it is time to come forward.

You will receive the bread from the first Holy Communion distributor. You will pick up the cup of wine or juice from the tray held by the second distributor. For those who need gluten free a pre-packaged **gluten-free** wafer and a cup of **grape juice** is also available.

Once you have communed, you are invited to return to your seat for silent reflection or singing

# LAMB OF GOD

Congregation:      Congregation or Assistant:

Lamb of God,      you

Lamb of God,      you

Congregation:

take a-way the sin of the world:  
break the chains of ha-tred and fear:  
are the way of jus-tice and peace:  
are the way of mer-cy and love:      have mer-cy on us,

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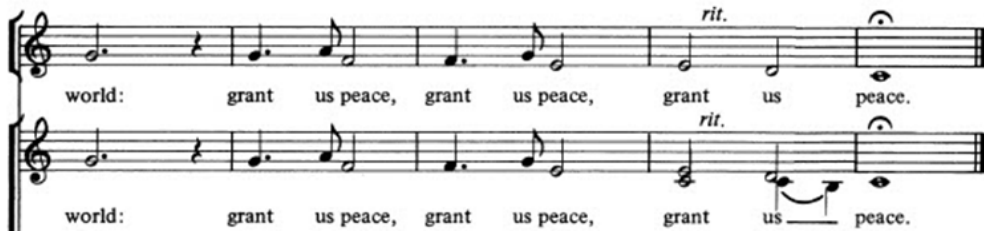
mer-cy on us,      mer-cy on us.

Final time

Congregation or Assistant:

us.      Lamb of God,      you take a-way the sin of the

us.      Lamb of God,      you take a-way the sin of the



## COMMUNION HYMN

### “I LOVE YOU LORD”

Music and lyrics Laurie Klein

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## COMMUNION BLESSING

### SENDING

## BENEDICTION

## SENDING SONG

### “SHINE, JESUS, SHINE”

Music and Lyrics: Graham Kendrick

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

*Thank you for worshiping with us today.*

We hope every person felt welcomed here, especially our guests. We trust that our time together has filled you with a sense of joy and peace, and we invite you to return soon.

## COUNCIL NOMINEES



**Robert Cutler** is a lifelong Christian whose faith has guided his personal and professional life. Alongside his wife, Kristal, he finds joy in serving the Lord through music, fellowship, and community outreach at Bethel Lutheran Church. Together, they cherish time with their family and seek to model Christ's love in their daily lives. Rob is honored to be considered for church council and looks forward to helping strengthen Bethel's mission and ministry.



**Shari Fletcher** is an active member of her community, serving on the Bethel Worship Assistant Team, Quilting Team, Hospitality and Reception Team, and Christmas Decorating Team. An Air Force veteran, she is also a proud life member of both AMVETS and the DAV. Volunteering is one of Shari's greatest passions--she enjoys giving back through many causes including serving on the planning team for the AFSP Out of the Darkness Walk. Shari lives in Gore, VA with her significant other/ex-husband, Jim, along with her cats, and she cherishes time spent with her two adult children, Jason and Casey and her grandchildren Eli and Cortland(Jason's).



Jennifer LaFollette has been part of the Bethel family for 18 years. A lifelong Lutheran, she's a wife and mom of two boys, and she completed all four years of the Disciple class—an experience she found deeply meaningful. She's served on the God's Work, Our Hands committee, traveled with a Bethel group to Tanzania, loves to bake and make strawberry jam each year, and admits she'd rather eat than cook.

### **Advent and Christmas 2025 at Bethel**

**Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** - 1st Sunday in Advent 9:30am Worship

10:45am Advent Wreath Making & Christmon Tree in Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** - 6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer

**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** - 2nd Sunday in Advent 9:30am Worship

10:45am Sanctuary Decorating with Liturgical Arts Team

**Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** - 6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer

**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** - 3rd Sunday in Advent 9:30am Christmas Cantata during Worship

**Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** - 6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer

**Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** - 4th Sunday in Advent 9:30am Worship, 6:30pm Blue Christmas Worship (TVOR)

**Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve**

3:00pm Christmas in a Barn Worship (Cloverdale Barn)

7:00pm Candlelight Communion Worship (Bethel Sanctuary)

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