

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 23, 2025



Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

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ENTER TO WORSHIP – LEAVE TO SERVE

“Setting Three”

**Congregation Stands*

Congregation responses are in bold

WELCOME

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

arr. by Kosnik

***BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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.**

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

*Gathering Hymn

“Jesus Shall Reign”

intro by Hildebrand

ELW # 434

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

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.**

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The congregation is seated.

THE WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from the twenty third chapter of Jeremiah

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 46 *Congregation will read responsively*

- ¹ God is our ref-¹uge and strength, a very present¹ help in trouble.
² **Therefore we will not fear, though the¹ earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths¹ of the sea;**
³ though its waters¹ rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble¹ with its tumult.
⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-¹y of God, the holy habitation of¹ the Most High.**
⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall¹ not be shaken; God shall help it at the¹ break of day.
⁶ **The nations rage, and the¹ kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth¹ melts away.**
⁷ The LORD of¹ hosts is with us; the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.
⁸ **Come now, regard the works¹ of the LORD, what desolations God has brought up-¹ on the earth;**
⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in¹ all the world: who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the¹ shields with fire.
¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that¹ I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted¹ in the earth.”**
¹¹ The LORD of¹ hosts is with us; the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:11-20

A reading from the first chapter of Colossians

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things

hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Holy Gospel**

Luke 23:33-43

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ [[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him,

saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” ⁴³ He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Krista Monroe

Sermon

Peggy Terhune

*Hymn of the Day

“Rejoice, for Christ is King!”

ELW #638

intro by Sadowski

***APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church let us confess our faith.

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**

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church in the world, its leaders, and its mission to share the good news of healing and restoration. Inspire us to embody the beloved community in ways that faithfully witness to the Holy Spirit.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the trembling mountains and glad streams of creation. Preserve and renew your coastlines, deep seas, forests, and grasslands. Guide all who tend flocks or care for creatures of all kinds. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for leaders and advocates in government, civic life, and public safety. Support equity across the globe, and heal division with accountability and truth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in body or spirit, or sick (*especially*). Comfort all in need of your tender care. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this part of the body of Christ gathered around word and sacrament. Bring us into authentic community where all ages are valued and experience God's faithfulness together. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for all who have died in faith (*especially*). May we remember them faithfully until we are gathered with you in the paradise you promise. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace is Shared

The Peace of Christ be with you always **and also with you.**

*Christian Fellowship is one of the most blessed gifts given to us by our God.
Please take a moment to greet those around you and extend to them the peace of Christ.*

The congregation is seated.

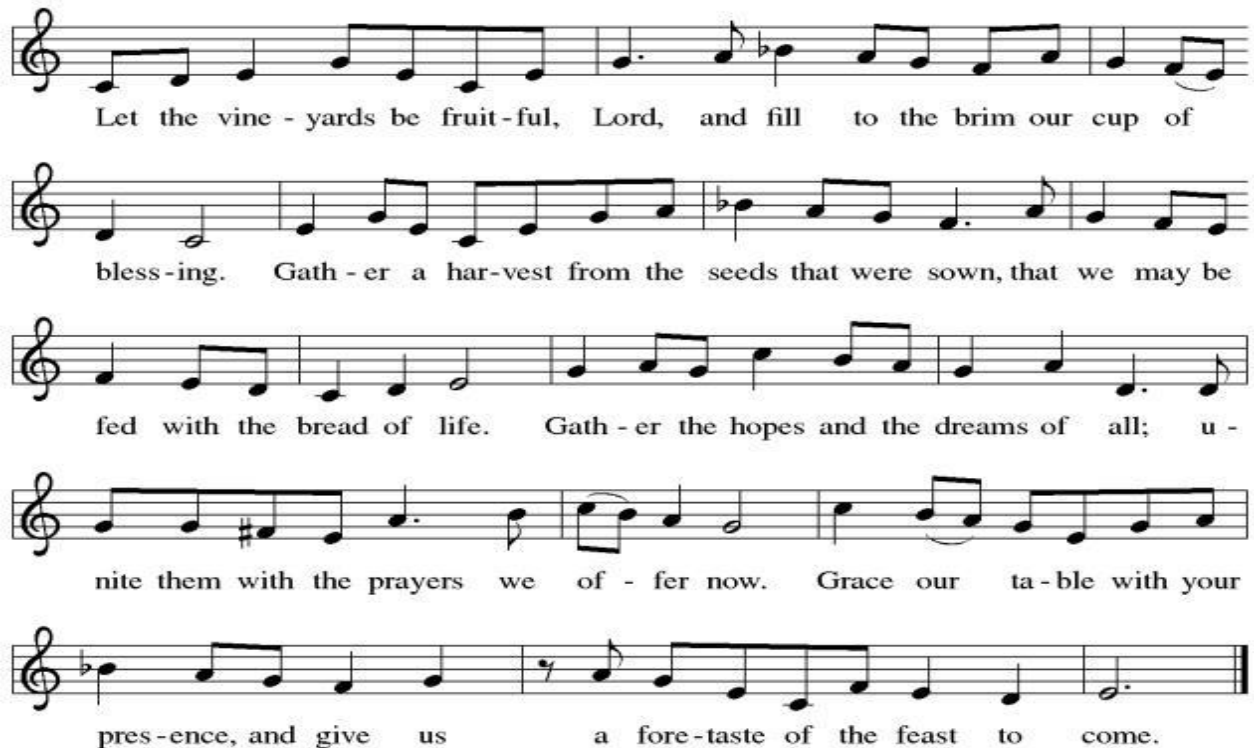
Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Every Knee Shall Bow”

by Berry

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. 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 the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things.

*Lord's Prayer

*Blessing

God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you

for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ✠ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn**

“Lift High the Cross”

ELW #660

intro by Hobby

*Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

*Postlude

*Our worship service has ended.
Our worship thru service begins.*

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IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

HOMEBOUND/HOSPITAL/NURSING HOME

Betty Shuping	Home of Daughter, 336-513-4035
Katrina Kurfees	Home of Daughter,
Linda Plummer	Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab., Memory Unit
Peggy Swicegood	Continue prayers
Carolyn Hicks	Continue prayers
Marcia Miller	Recuperating at her home
Elaine Stiller	Continue prayers
Dawn Leach	Recuperating at her home
Eric Leach	Continue prayers
Danny Norman	Continue prayers (brother of Ellen Webb)
Ellen Webb	Recuperating at her home
Robert & Gathel Meachem	Brookdale, Room 34, 2201 Statesville Blvd.
Cody McDowell	Continue prayers
Dave Hibbard	Recovering at his home

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome everyone to Bethel Lutheran Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship and bid a special welcome to guests in our midst. May you find peace, comfort, strength, and hope as our Lord comes to us in his word. Please take a moment to register your attendance by signing your name on the fellowship pad as it is passed in each pew.

The Eternal flame for November is given to the Glory of God by Peggy and Bob Terhune in memory of James Chandler Terhune, Bob's dad.

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Pastor Joseph Miller in loving memory of his mother, Mrs. Arline Miller, who entered the Church Triumphant on November 23, 2017.

Following worship today a brainstorming session will be held. Lunch will be provided by the LMIM. Discuss and plan what outreach may look like in our church and community in 2026. Where do you see God calling us to help others?

Sadly, there are a few stars remaining on the Star Tree. If you haven't claimed one and will there is still time remaining. These presents need to be back next Sunday, December 30th. This is a ministry we've enjoyed in years past. Will you bring some happiness to a child on Christmas?

Wednesday, November 26th; our traditional soup and sandwich meal followed by our Thanksgiving Eve service with Holy Communion celebrated. It is a wonderful way to share and celebrate our many blessings with church family.

Advent teachings and family fun will follow worship next Sunday, November 30th. Advent customs and family traditions will be shared along with fellowship to start our Advent Season.



Keep the Blessing Box in mind when you are grocery shopping.

We will keep the blessing box full, if you donate food. We want food that is easy to prepare, and is in cans or containers not affected by bad weather. You may not be aware, but as soon as we fill it, often the next day it is empty. It is getting a lot of use. Please help us feed our members and neighbors! **Please note:** If you need food, please contact Peggy (704 305-0752 / peggy.terhune@gmail.com), She will make sure to get you what you need, whether it is formula, dinners, or whatever we can help with. Bethel wants to help you! This is a great outreach and is certainly used in our local community.

Please check your mailbox in the narthex regularly to keep updated with activities here at Bethel.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY

Christ the King Sunday

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Choir Practice

10:30 a.m. Worship

Lunch to Follow by LMIM

Brainstorming Session

MON:

3:30 – 6:00 p.m. Diaper Drive Thru *(volunteers are needed)*

WED:

6:00 p.m. Soup and Sandwich meal

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service with
Holy Communion

THURS

Happy Thanksgiving

First Sunday of Advent November 30th

TODAY

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Choir Practice

10:30 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion

THURS:

9:30 a.m. JOY Ringers practice

Attendance/Contribution Information for 11/16/2025

Worship Service 57

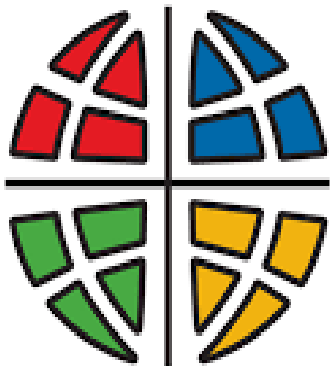
	Given Given 11/16/2025	Given Year to Date	Needed Weekly to Attain Budget
Current	\$5,270.00	\$127,431.98	\$ 3,459.00
Benevolence	\$105.00	6,150.00	\$ 77.00
Building Improvement	\$60.00	\$20,265.00	\$ 170.00

BETHEL'S MINISTERS

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