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GATHERING

Gathering Music	"Seasonal Meditations"	organ
Welcome & Announcements		
Gathering Song	"Baptized in Water"	ELW 456
Celebrating the Promise of Baptism		
Greeting		
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

First Reading	Isaiah 42:1-9	
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Children's Hymn	"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"	ELW 815, vs. 1
Children's Word	Baptism	
Gospel	Matthew 3:13-17	
Sermon	My Son the Beloved	
Hymn of the Day	"Remember and Rejoice"	ELW 454
	(verses 1,2,4,5)	
Nicene Creed		
Prayers of Intercession		
Gathering of Gifts		
Offering Prayer		

MEAL

Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Words of Institution		
The Lord's Prayer		ELW p. 154
Distribution		
Post Communion Blessing		

SENDING

Blessing		
Sending Song	"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"	ELW 551
	(verses 1,2,4)	
Dismissal		
Sending Music	"Festival Postlude"	organ



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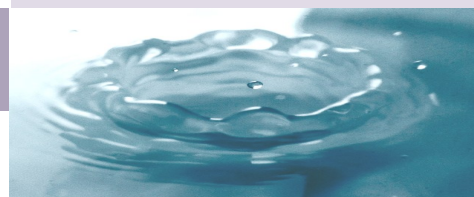
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Kyrie		ELW p. 203
Canticle of Praise	"Glory Be to God in Heaven"	ELW p. 204
Prayer of the Day		

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Musical Offering	"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"	Chancel Choir
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Gospel Acclamation	"Alleluia"	ELW p. 205
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Installation of Bethel Women's Board Officers		
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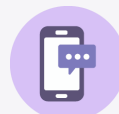
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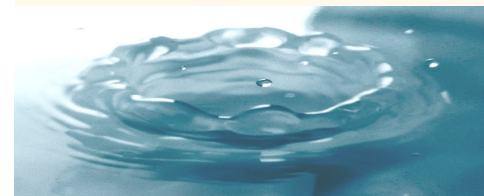
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- SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH, 2026 -

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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10:10 am Gate of Life (Contemporary Service with Holy Communion)
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- **Videos of our services** are posted on our website to be viewed at any time: www.bethellutheran.com/worshiponline

HOLY COMMUNION

All the baptized believing that Jesus is truly present in the bread & wine are welcome to take communion (including visitors). Holy Communion is offered during our Saturday worships at 6 pm and Gate of Life Contemporary service on Sundays at 10:10 am. Our 9 am & 10:30 am Sunday services offer Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

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Welcome to Our Contemporary Service!

Gate of Life is a service that will impact you musically, visually, and with the power of God's Word and Jesus' salvation as its backbone. **The name "Gate of Life" comes from the scripture John 10:9-10**, where Jesus says: *"I am the gate ... I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."* Expect worship to be highly engaging through the use of images, music that moves the body and soul, a message that encourages all to participate, and a community focused atmosphere with Christ at the center.

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Worship Participants:

Preacher: Rev. Lisa Hawe

The Gate of Life Worship Leader: Michele Nyman

Note: On Sunday, Jan. 25th, our Gate of Life worship will be at 9 am. After, we invite you for fruit, coffee, and donuts (free-will donation) in Bethel Hall. Then at 10:10 am, please join our annual meeting in the sanctuary.

Do you enjoy The Gate of Life?

WE INVITE YOU TO VOLUNTEER!

If you would like to **be a part of the Gate of Life service** in a musical way, helping with visuals, or behind the scenes work, please contact Michele Nyman at nyman@bethellutheran.com.

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