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ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Gathering Music	"Organ Meditations"	organ
Welcome & Announcements		
Confession and Forgiveness		
Gathering Song	"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"	ELW 504
Greeting		
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

First Reading	Jeremiah 31:31-34	
Psalms	Psalms 46	
Children's Hymn	"This Little Light of Mine"	ELW 677, vs. 1
Children's Word	Written On Our Hearts	
Gospel	John 8:31-36	
Mission Minute	Stewardship Video	
Sermon	My Refuge and Strength	
Hymn of the Day	"Take My Life, That I May Be" (verses 1, 4-6)	ELW 685
Nicene Creed		ELW p. 112
Prayers of Intercession		
Gathering of Gifts & 2026 Commitments		
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	"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" (verses 1,3 - to the tune of ELW 712)	ELW 678
Dismissal		
Sending Music	"A Mighty Fortress"	organ



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Gathering Music	"Morning Faith Meditations"	piano
Welcome & Announcements		
Call To Worship	"I Stand in Awe"	Bethel Brass
Confession & Forgiveness		
Gathering Song	"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"	ELW 504
Greeting		
Kyrie		ELW p. 98
Canticle of Praise	"Glory to God"	ELW p. 99
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

Musical Offering	"On This Rock We Stand"	Chancel Choir
First Reading	Jeremiah 31:31-34	
Psalms	Psalms 46	
Children's Hymn	"This Little Light of Mine"	ELW 677, vs. 1
Children's Word	Written On Our Hearts	
Gospel Acclamation	"Alleluia"	ELW p. 102
Gospel	John 8:31-36	
Mission Minute	Stewardship Video	
Sermon	My Refuge and Strength	
Hymn of the Day	"Take My Life, That I May Be"	ELW 685
	(verses 1,4-6)	
Nicene Creed		ELW p. 104
Prayers of Intercession		
Gathering of Gifts & 2026 Commitments		
	Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone	Sing for Joy
Offering Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer		ELW p. 112

SENDING

Blessing		
Sending Song	"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"	ELW 678
	(verses 1,3 - to the tune of ELW 712)	
Dismissal		
Sending Music	"Fantasia in D Major"	organ



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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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October 26th, 2025

Reformation and Commitment Sunday

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Children's Sermon	Written on Our Hearts
Sermon Title	My Refuge and Strength

Worship Participants:

Preacher: Rev. Anjanette Bandel

The Gate of Life Worship Leader: Michele Nyman

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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2. The Thanksgiving dinner team is bringing back **Bethel's Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner** this year! Make sure to check our eNews for updates. If you would like to join the Thanksgiving dinner team, please contact Art Larson (larsonart@charter.net). Our Thanksgiving eve worship will be held on **November 26th at 7 pm**.
3. All Saints weekend is **November 1st and 2nd** and all of our worship services will name those Bethel members who have died and whose funerals/memorial services have been at Bethel or officiated by a Bethel pastor since the last All Saints weekend. We will give thanks for their life among us and the promises given to them in Christ.

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BAPTISM

- **Sunday, October 26th** -
- **10:30 am** -

Sullivan Daniel Schultz, son of
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Sponsor: Brooklyn Schultz

CHILDREN'S NOISY OFFERING

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