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ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Gathering Music		organ
Welcome & Announcements		
Confession and Forgiveness		
Gathering Song	"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (verses 1, 2, 3, 6)	ELW 632
Greeting		
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

First Reading	Exodus 1:8-22	
Second Reading	Romans 8:12-25	
Children's Hymn	"This is the Day"	on screen
Children's Word	What To Do About Bullies	
Gospel	Luke 1:39-56	
Sermon	Faces of Our Faith: Shiphrah & Puah	
Hymn of the Day	"Canticle of the Turning"	ELW 723
Apostles' Creed		
Prayers of Intercession		

MEAL

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

SENDING

Blessing		
Sending Song	"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"	ELW 618
Dismissal		
Sending Music		organ



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Preacher:

Rev. Michael Mandsager

Lector: Lin Gentling

Organist: Jenna Scheitel

Minister of Music & Worship:
Brock A. Besse



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GATHERING

Gathering Music	"Morning Meditations"	organ
Welcome & Announcements		
Confession and Forgiveness		
Gathering Song	"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (verses 1,2,3,6)	ELW 632
Greeting		
Kyrie		ELW p. 203
Canticle of Praise	"Glory be to God"	ELW p. 204
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

Musical Offering	"Thy Will Be Done"	Toni Fabian
First Reading	Exodus 1:8-22	
Second Reading	Romans 8:12-25	
Children's Hymn	"This is the Day"	on screen
Children's Word	What To Do About Bullies	
Gospel Acclamation	"Alleluia"	ELW p. 205
Gospel	Luke 1:39-56	
Sermon	Faces of Our Faith: Shiphrah & Puah	
Hymn of the Day	"Canticle of the Turning"	ELW 723
Sacrament of Holy Baptism:	Niles Jay Birkholz	
Prayers of Intercession		

MEAL

Gathering of Gifts	"It Is Well With My Soul"	Lisa Hawe & Rob Schmidtke
Offering Prayer		
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Words of Institution		
The Lord's Prayer		ELW p. 154
Distribution	"Lamb of God"	on screen
Distribution Hymns	"Let Us Break Bread Together"	ELW 471
	"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"	ELW 618
Post-Communion Blessing		

SENDING

Blessing		
Sending Song	"Lift Every Voice and Sing"	ELW 841
Dismissal		
Sending Music	"Fugue in G 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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gate
of Life



Sunday, August 2nd, 2026
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



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WORSHIP INFORMATION

First Reading	Exodus 1:8-22
Children's Sermon	What to do About Bullies
Gospel	Luke 1:39-56
Sermon Title	Faces of Our Faith: Shiprah & Puah

Worship Participants:

Preacher: Rev. Michael Mandsager

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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INFORMATION

ARE YOU NEW AT BETHEL? We're glad you're here! Please stop by the Welcome Desk for more information about our vibrant Bethel church family.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- **Saturdays:** 6 pm (Traditional worship—spoken liturgy | Holy Communion)
- **Sundays:** 9 am* (Traditional worship—sung liturgy)
10:10 am** Gate of Life (Contemporary service | Holy Communion)
*9 am in-person worship offers an ASL interpreter and is Live-streamed through our YouTube channel: youtube.com/user/RochBethelLutheran
**On the 2nd Sunday of the month (June through August), join our blended (Traditional and Gate of Life) worship service in the courtyard.
- **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 worship at 6 pm and Gate of Life Contemporary service on Sunday at 10:10 am each week. Our 9 am Sunday services offer Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

- A looping system is installed for those with compatible hearing aids.
- Assisted listening devices are available, please ask one of the ushers.
- Parenting room at the back left of the sanctuary; nursery staffed during the 9 am worship and open for parents and children during other services.

3 OF THE MANY THINGS HAPPENING AT BETHEL

1. **Night to Unite is back!** Join us on **August 4th, 5:30-8:30 pm** in the Bethel Courtyard for a fun community evening featuring a **Neil Diamond tribute artist**. There will be free food, trivia, a DJ, firetrucks, kids activities, and Twin City Todd, a talented Neil Diamond tribute artist treating us to an exciting performance! We'll also be collecting new socks and underwear for students in need to support local schools.
2. The Men's Ministry August meeting will now take place on **Wednesday, August 12th at 6 pm** in Room 115. We will NOT meet on August 5th. We will be finishing our discussion of "Short Answers to Big Questions About the Bible" and brainstorming ideas for the fall. We hope to see you there!
3. Bethel's **Holy Strollers** walking group continues to meet on Tuesdays at 830 am. The following is our upcoming schedule: Aug. 4th - Quarry Hill Park; Aug. 11th - Cascade Walking Trail loop; Aug. 18th- John Withers Sports Complex. Everyone is invited to join in. Should you have questions about whether we are walking because of the weather, please call Jeanne Townsend at 507-269-0271, or the church office, staff will be notified of any changes.

To learn about more events subscribe to our weekly eNews by emailing us to info@bethellutheran.com or pick up a printed version through our **"Bethel Connection Box"** located by the entrance of our building.



BAPTISM

- **Sunday, August 2nd, 9 am -**
Niles Jay Birkholz, son of
Buckley & Nicole Birkholz

Sponsors: Joseph &
Sarah Eslait

CHILDREN'S NOISY OFFERING

Our children offerings will be
directed to support
Food for Kidz

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