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ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Gathering Music	"Prelude in C Major"	organ
Welcome & Announcements		
Confession and Forgiveness		
Gathering Song	"Take My Life, That I May Be" (verses 1-3)	ELW 685
Greeting		
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

First Reading	Romans 8:38-39	
Second Reading	Acts 8:26-40	
Children's Hymn	"This is the Day"	on screen
Children's Word	Inside the Chariot	
Gospel	Matthew 28:18-20	
Sermon	Faces of Our Faith: Ethiopian Eunuch	
Hymn of the Day	"Baptized and Set Free"	ELW 453
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	"Lord, You Give the Great Commission" (verses 1,2,5)	ELW 579
Dismissal		
Sending Music	"Go With God"	organ



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Preacher:

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Lector: Dave DeLone

Organist: Jim Bahler

Minister of Music & Worship:
Brock A. Besse



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Gathering Music	"Prelude in C Major"	organ
Welcome & Announcements		
Call to Worship	"Spirit of the Living God"	Dave Dettmann
Confession and Forgiveness		
Gathering Song	"Take My Life, That I May Be" (verses 1-3)	ELW 685
Greeting		
Kyrie		ELW p. 203
Canticle of Praise	"Glory be to God"	ELW p. 204
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

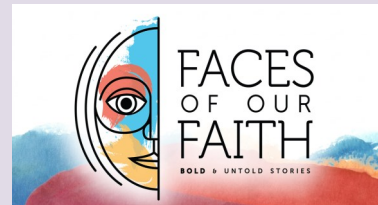
Musical Offering	"How Can I Keep From Singing?"	Dave Dettmann
First Reading	Romans 8:38-39	
Second Reading	Acts 8:26-40	
Children's Hymn	"This is the Day"	on screen
Children's Word	Inside the Chariot	
Gospel Acclamation	"Alleluia"	ELW p. 205
Gospel	Matthew 28:18-20	
Sermon	Faces of Our Faith: Ethiopian Eunuch	
Hymn of the Day	"Baptized and Set Free"	ELW 453
Sacrament of Holy Baptism:	Theo Oliver Stoehr	
Prayers of Intercession		

MEAL

Gathering of Gifts	"Goodness of God"	Jeana Nylen
Offering Prayer		
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Words of Institution		
The Lord's Prayer		ELW p. 154
Distribution	"Lamb of God"	on screen
Distribution Hymns	"Here I Am, Lord"	ELW 574
	"Amazing Grace"	ELW 779
Post-Communion Blessing		

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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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Sunday, August 16th, 2026
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



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Sermon Title	Faces of Our Faith: Ethiopian Eunuch

Worship Participants:

Preacher: Rev. Lisa Hawe

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
- **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. Bethel's Side by Side worship service held on **Sunday mornings at 10:30 am will resume on Sunday, August 30th.** Side by Side' Worship is a service where families worship together, followed by children (Sunday School: Pre-K - 4th Grade) transitioning to their own activity stations for deeper exploration of the day's theme.
2. Join our Bethel Book Club on **August 18th at 3:30 pm** in Room 115. We will be discussing *"Theo of Golden"* by Allen Levi. It is a beautifully crafted novel about the power of creative generosity.
3. **Sunday Morning Education & Confirmation** Are Coming! Are you ready? Registration is open for Sunday Morning Education (age 3 by 9/1/26 through 12th grade) and Confirmation (7th & 8th grade). We also need Sunday morning leaders! It's easier than ever—just read the weekly email, show up, and lead stations prepared by CYF staff following a large-group lesson. No lesson planning required! **Confirmation kicks off September 23rd** with Parent Night. Scan the QR code to visit the CYF Ministry page for registration links, schedules, volunteer opportunities, and more!



BAPTISM

- **Sunday, August 16th, 9 am -**
Theo Oliver Stoehr, son of
Dylan & Sirena (Brekke) Stoehr

Sponsors: Matt and
Kellie Brekke

CHILDREN'S NOISY OFFERING

Our children offerings will be
directed to support
Food for Kidz

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