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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### GATHERING

Gathering Music		organ
Welcome & Announcements		
Confession and Forgiveness		
Gathering Song "All Creatures, Worship God Most High"		ELW 835
	(verses 1,2,5,6)	
Greeting		
Prayer of the Day		

### WORD

First Reading	Isaiah 40:6-8	
Psalms	Psalms 23	
Children's Hymn	"On Eagle's Wings"	ELW 787, chorus
Children's Word	A Grassy Spot	
Gospel	John 6:1-14	
Sermon	Grass Sings	
Hymn of the Day	"Joyful, Joyful"	ELW 836
Apostles' Creed		ELW p. 152
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	"God of Grace and God of Glory"	ELW 705
	(verses 1,3,4)	
Dismissal		
Sending Music		organ

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## Worship Participants

**Preacher:** Rev. Byron Meline  
**Lector:** Marc Patterson  
**Organist:** Jenna Scheitel  
**Minister of Music & Worship:**  
 Brock A. Besse



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### GATHERING

Gathering Music	"Morning Meditations"	organ
Welcome & Announcements		
Call To Worship	"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"	Connie Post & Sue Garcia
Confession & Forgiveness		
Gathering Song	"All Creatures, Worship God Most High" (verses 1,2,5,6)	ELW 835
Greeting		
Kyrie		ELW p. 147
Canticle of Praise	"This is the Feast"	ELW p. 149
Prayer of the Day		

### WORD

Musical Offering	"Amazing Grace"	Connie Post & Sue Garcia
First Reading	Isaiah 40:6-8	
Psalms	Psalms 23	
Children's Hymn	"On Eagle's Wings"	ELW 787, chorus
Children's Word	A Grassy Spot	
Gospel Acclamation	"Alleluia"	ELW p. 151
Gospel	John 6:1-14	
Sermon	Grass Sings	
Hymn of the Day	"Joyful, Joyful"	ELW 836
Apostles' Creed		ELW p. 152
Prayers of Intercession		
Gathering of Gifts	"How Great Thou Art"	Renee Thoreson
Offering Prayer		

### MEAL

Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Words of Institution		
The Lord's Prayer		ELW p. 154
Distribution	"Lamb of God"	ELW p. 154
Distribution Hymn	"Blessed Assurance"	ELW 638
	"Now the Green Blade Rises"	ELW 379
Post Communion Prayer		

### SENDING

Blessing		
Sending Song	"God of Grace and God of Glory"	ELW 705, vs. 1,3,4
Dismissal		
Sending Music	"Fugue in G Major"	organ

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**Preacher:** Rev. Byron Meline

**Worship Leader:**

Rev. Michael Mandsager

**Lector:** (9 am) JoAnn Greseth  
(10:30 am)

**Organist:** Brock A. Besse

**Minister of Music & Worship:**

Brock A. Besse

**Sign Language Interpreter:**

Becky Wulff



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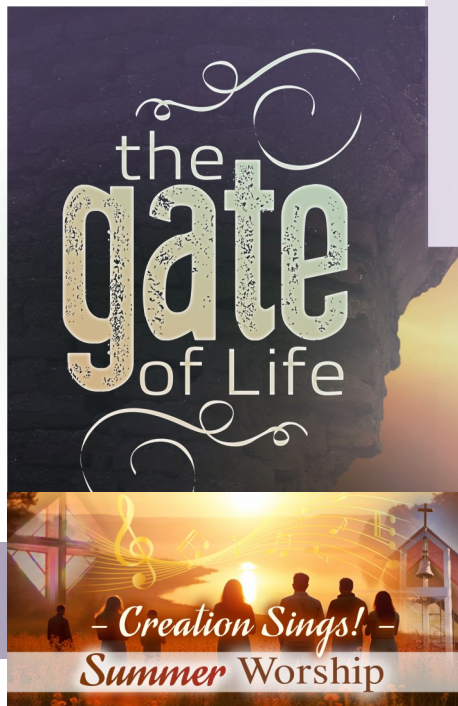
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## Welcome to Our Contemporary Service!

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.



August 17th, 2025  
10th Sunday after Pentecost

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## WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bible Reading	Isaiah 40:6-8
Gospel	John 6:1-14
Children's Sermon	A Grassy Spot
Sermon Title	Grass Sings

### Worship Participants:

**Preacher:** Rev. Byron Meline

**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](mailto:nyman@bethellutheran.com).

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## INFORMATION

### WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- **Saturdays:** 6 pm
- **Sundays:** 9\* am | 10:30 am  
10:10 am Gate of Life (Contemporary Service with Holy Communion)  
\* 9 am in-person worship offers an ASL interpreter and is recorded and available on Sunday mornings by 11 am through our YouTube channel: [youtube.com/user/RochBethelLutheran](https://youtube.com/user/RochBethelLutheran)
- **Videos of our services** are posted on our website: [www.bethellutheran.com/worshiponline](http://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 & 10:30 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 aides.
- Assisted listening devices are available, please ask one of the ushers.
- Parenting room available on the back left of the sanctuary. Our nursery is open during Sunday services for parents to stay with their children.

## 3 OF THE MANY THINGS HAPPENING AT BETHEL

1. We will wrap up our "Creation Sings" summer preaching series on August 30-31st with the theme, "**Animals Sing!**" Pastor Lisa is inviting you to submit a photo of yourself with an animal for worship slides that day. To join in the fun, **submit your photo via email** to [info@bethellutheran.com](mailto:info@bethellutheran.com) by August 21st!
2. Save the Date! We are thrilled to announce the official dedication of our newly installed Wicks organ console and antiphonal division, set for **Sunday, Oct. 5th, at 2 pm** in the sanctuary. Featuring a special performance by renowned organist and composer Paul Fey. Don't miss this unique opportunity to experience the majesty of the Wicks pipe organ in the hands of one of today's most extraordinary talents!
3. This fall, Pastor Michael will offer a **bible study group (4 pm in Room 115) based on Dan Erlander's Manna and Mercy**. We will meet Oct. 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th, Nov. 5th, 12th, 19th, and Dec. 3rd, and 10th. To register, email Pastor Michael at [mandsager@bethellutheran.com](mailto:mandsager@bethellutheran.com) by Sept. 12th to order your copy of Manna and Mercy. Likewise, **we invite Bethel men to join Pastor Michael in gathering around God's word, hearing inspiring stories, and doing occasional service projects**. We'll meet in Room 115 at 6 pm, on Oct. 9th, 22nd, and 29th, and on Dec. 10th and 17th. Find further details at [bethellutheran.com/calendar-events](http://bethellutheran.com/calendar-events)

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### ARE YOU NEW AT BETHEL?

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### CHILDREN'S NOISY OFFERING

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