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ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Gathering Music	"Organ Meditations"	organ
Welcome & Announcements		
Confession and Forgiveness		
Gathering Song	"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" (verses 1,2,4)	ELW 645
Greeting		
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

Psalm	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	
Second Reading	1 Peter 2:2-10	
Children's Hymn	"Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises"	ELW 535, vs. 1
Children's Word	Building Blocks	
Gospel	John 14:1-14	
Sermon	A Place For You	
Hymn of the Day	"I Received the Living God"	ELW 477
Nicene Creed		
Prayers of Intercession		

MEAL

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

SENDING

Blessing		
Sending Song	"Let All Things Now Living"	ELW 881
Dismissal		
Sending Music	"Christ is Risen"	organ



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Call To Worship	"Steal Away"	Men's Quartet
Confession and Forgiveness		
Gathering Song	"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" (verses 1,2,4)	ELW 645
Greeting		
Kyrie		ELW p. 147
Canticle of Praise	"This is the Feast"	ELW p. 148
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

Musical Offering	"If You Love Me"	Chancel Choir
Psalm	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	
Second Reading	1 Peter 2:2-10	
Children's Hymn	"Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises"	ELW 535, vs. 1
Children's Word	Building Blocks	
Gospel Acclamation	"Alleluia"	ELW p. 151
Gospel	John 14:1-14	
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MEAL

Gathering of Gifts	Graduating Seniors Slides "Larghetto"	Bethel Ringers
Offering Prayer		
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Words of Institution		
The Lord's Prayer		ELW p. 112
Distribution	"Lamb of God"	ELW p. 154
Distribution Hymns	"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" "Jesus Loves Me!"	ELW 619 ELW 595
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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May 3rd, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bible Reading	1 Peter 2:2-10
Children's Sermon	Building Blocks
Gospel	John 14:1-14
Sermon Title	A Place for You

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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1. Bethel Courtyard is bringing forth blooms and new life, and **we could use your help with weekly watering.** Please consider signing up to help water for a week (or more) in the next 3+ months so that we keep the Courtyard looking great! If you have questions, please contact Sue McKinley (507) 271-5790. To volunteer, please sign up here: bit.ly/beautificationteam.
2. **Prayer shawls** are handmade with love and prayers. We will be having a distribution of the shawls on Sunday, May 3rd, 2026. A shawl is intended to be a reminder of God's present love, wear it in time of prayer, for every time and every occasion, joyful or sorrowful. There is no charge for the shawl but, as always, we appreciate any donation that is made so we can continue to make the shawls for all. And as always, the shawls are available in the office with the staff willing to help with this.
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CHILDREN'S NOISY OFFERING

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- SUNDAY, MAY 3RD, 2026 -

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