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ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Gathering Music	"Hour of Worship"	organ
Welcome & Announcements		
Mission Minute	Food for Kidz	
Confession and Forgiveness		
Gathering Song	"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" (verses 1,2,4)	ELW 623
Greeting		
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

First Reading	Exodus 17:1-7	
Second Reading	Romans 5:1-11	
Children's Hymn	"Oh, How I Love Jesus"	on screen, chorus
Children's Word	Thirsty	
Gospel	John 4:5-42	
Sermon	Living Water	
Hymn of the Day	"As the Deer Runs to the River"	ELW 331
Apostles' Creed		
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	"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"	ELW 618
Dismissal		
Sending Music	"O Sing Unto God"	organ



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Greeting		
Kyrie		ELW p. 138
Canticle of Praise		ELW p. 139
Prayer of the Day		

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Musical Offering	"Living Water of Life"	Chancel Choir
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Children's Hymn	"Oh, How I Love Jesus"	on screen, chorus
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Gospel Acclamation	"Return to the Lord"	ELW p. 142
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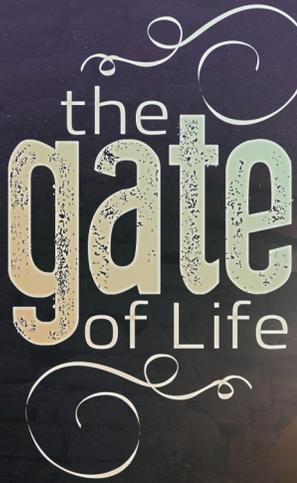
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Welcome to Our Contemporary Service!

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.



the gate of Life

March 8th, 2026
Third Sunday in Lent

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Bible Reading	Exodus 17:1-7
Children's Sermon	Thirsty
Gospel	John 4:5-42
Sermon Title	Living Water

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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Side by Side
10:30 AM WORSHIP

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