

Creation in Christ celebrates the ongoing creation of the world in and through Christ, who sustains, unites, and holds all created things. We hear today of the triune God who creates all things: sun and moon, shining stars, sea monsters, creeping things and flying birds—and, yes, even human beings. God-in-Christ still takes care of all things and invites us to join in as caretakers of God's good creation.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Gathering Music	"Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven"	organ
Welcome & Announcements		
Mission Minute	Adult Education Forums	Mark Smith
Confession and Forgiveness		
Gathering Song	"For the Beauty of the Earth" (verses 1,2,4)	ELW 879
Greeting		
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

First Reading	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	
Psalm	Psalm 148	
Second Reading	Acts 17:22a, 24-28	
Children's Hymn	"All Things Bright & Beautiful"	on screen
Children's Word	A New Holiday!	
Gospel	John 1:1-5	
Sermon	Created for Life	
Hymn of the Day	"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"	ELW 836
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	"God, Whose Almighty Word" ELW 673
Dismissal	
Sending Music	"Sing Alleluia" organ



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Worship Participants

Preacher:

Rev. Michael Mandsager

Lector: Lin Gentling

Organist: Jim Bahler

Minister of Music & Worship:
Brock A. Besse



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'Prayground' for Children

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GATHERING

Gathering Music	"Blessed Jesus at Thy Word"	organ
Welcome & Announcements		
Call to Worship		Merle Savage
Confession and Forgiveness		
Gathering Song	"Where Charity and Love Prevail" (verses 1,3,5)	ELW 359
Greeting		
Kyrie		ELW p. 138
Canticle of Praise	"This is the Feast"	ELW p. 139
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

Musical Offering	"The Lord is My Shepherd"	Sue Garcia & Matthew Wallace
Psalm	Psalm 119:33-40	
Second Reading	Romans 13:8-14	
Children's Hymn	"All Things Bright & Beautiful"	on screen
Children's Word	Listen	
Gospel Acclamation	"Alleluia"	ELW p. 142
Gospel	Matthew 18:15-20	
Sermon	The Space Between Us	
Hymn of the Day	"In All Our Grief"	ELW 615
Apostles' Creed (9 am)		
Sacrament of Holy Baptism:		
	Emmett Joel Nelson and Brielle Salomé Quiñonez (10:30 am)	
Prayers of Intercession		

MEAL

Gathering of Gifts		
Offering Prayer		
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Words of Institution		
The Lord's Prayer		
Distribution	"Lamb of God"	ELW p. 146
Distribution Hymn	"Come, Let Us Eat"	ELW 491
	"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"	ELW 659
Post-Communion Blessing		

SENDING

Blessing		
Sending Song	"Lord, Speak to Us" (verses 1,2,4)	ELW 676
Dismissal		
Sending Music	"The Call to Victory"	organ



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Preacher: Rev. Lisa Hawe

Worship Leader:

Rev. Anjanette Bandel

Rev. Michael Mandsager

Lectors: Gloria Schad (9 am)

Gretchen Turri (10:30 am)

Organist: Jim Bahler

Sign Language Interpreter:

Melissa Almer

Minister of Music & Worship:

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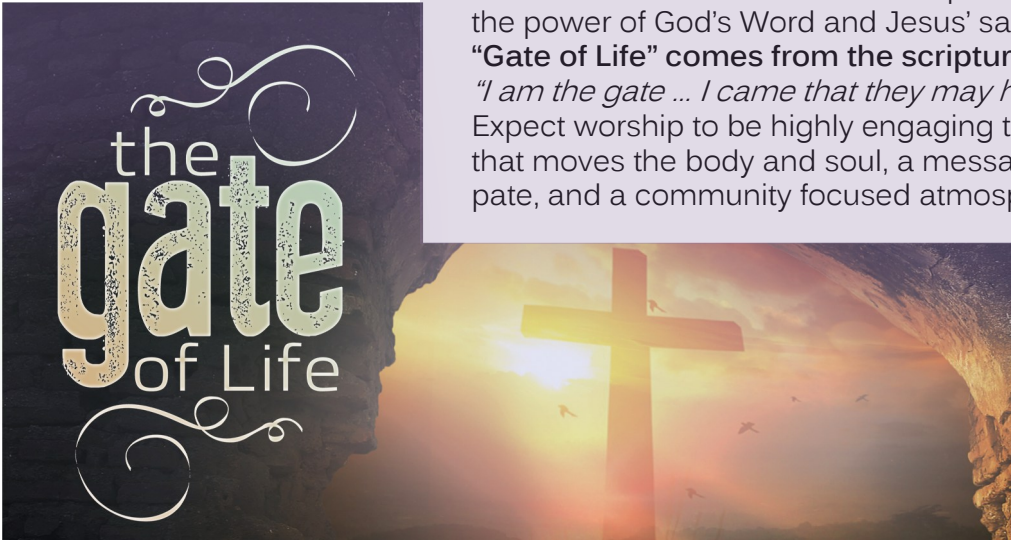
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Welcome to Our Contemporary Service!

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.



Sunday, September 6, 2026
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bible Reading	Romans 13:8-14
Children's Sermon	Listen
Gospel	Matthew 18:15-20
Sermon Title	The Space Between Us

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* & 10:30 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. **Young in Spirit returns September 17th** at noon in Bethel Hall! Enjoy a devotion and delicious roast beef lunch, followed by a fun Fall Kickoff featuring The Sing Along Gang, performing beloved folk songs and favorites from John Denver, the Everly Brothers, Neil Diamond, and Peter, Paul & Mary. Reservations are due September 15 by calling Judy Pucci at 507-282-0155 or the church office. Lunch is \$15, payable by cash or check at the door. The cost of the meal still applies for cancelations. No charge for the program only.
2. Our Bethel Lutheran Church congregation has had a strong fiscal year. Thank you for your generosity to the Bethel Annual Fund and the Building Mortgage Reduction Fund. On July 29th, Bethel made the last payment of our \$5.7 million mortgage. Save the date to celebrate with us on Nov. 14th and 15th. Join one of our two upcoming **We're Glad You Asked** meetings scheduled on Rally Sunday, September 13th at 11:30 am in the Chapel or online at 7 pm—RSVP to pastor Anjanette (bandel@bethellutheran.com) to receive the Zoom link.
3. Join us for **Rally Weekend** next weekend! On Saturday, we will have a snack mix after worship! On Sunday, you are invited to our Rally Weekend Brunch from 9:15-10:45 am in Bethel Hall. We will be serving egg bake, muffins, breads, fruit & coffee. Volunteers are needed to help serve the snack mix on Saturday and brunch on Sunday. Children, Youth, and Family Ministry is hosting the Rally Day Carnival along with a Meet the Leaders event through a scavenger hunt! Families should plan to attend worship and allow time for Meet the Leaders from 10 - 10:30 am. We will have bounce houses, kids' activities, a photo booth, and more fun activities starting at 10:30 am in the courtyard! New families are encouraged to attend an orientation meeting in Rooms 213/214 to learn more about all of the opportunities for kids and families at Bethel.

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.

BAPTISMS

- **Sunday, Sept. 5th, 10:30 am -**
Brielle Salomé Quiñonez, daughter of Marcos Quiñonez Aguirre & Bridgette (Ladsten) Quiñonez.
Sponsor: Max Ladsten

Emmett Joel Nelson, son of Thomas Nelson & Danielle (Graves) Nelson.
Sponsors: Brandon Adams & Courtney Graves

CHILDREN'S NOISY OFFERING

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