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ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Gathering Music	"Organ Meditations"	organ
Welcome & Announcements		
Confession and Forgiveness		
Gathering Song	"God is Here!"	ELW 526
Greeting		
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

First Reading	Acts 1:6-14	
Psalm	Psalm 68:4-10, 32-35	
Children's Hymn	"Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises"	ELW 535, vs. 1
Children's Word	When You Pray	
Gospel	John 17:1-11	
Sermon	And This is Eternal Life	
Hymn of the Day	"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"	ELW 364, vs. 1,4,5
Nicene 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	"Thine the Amen"	ELW 826
Dismissal		
Sending Music	"Christ Has Triumphed, Alleluia!"	organ



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Call to Worship	"Come, Thou Almighty King"	Bethel Ensemble
Confession and Forgiveness		
Gathering Song	"God is Here!"	ELW 526
Greeting		
Kyrie		ELW p. 147
Canticle of Praise	"This is the Feast"	ELW p. 148
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

Musical Offering	"The Mystery of Years"	Chancel Choir
First Reading	Acts 1:6-14	
Psalm	Psalm 68:4-10, 32-35	
Children's Hymn	"Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises"	ELW 535, vs. 1
Children's Word	When You Pray	
Gospel Acclamation	"Alleluia"	ELW p. 151
Gospel	John 17:1-11	
Sermon	And This is Eternal Life	
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MEAL

Gathering of Gifts	"Wherever He Leads, I'll Go"	Bethel Ensemble
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		
	"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"	ELW 494
	"You Servants of God"	ELW 825
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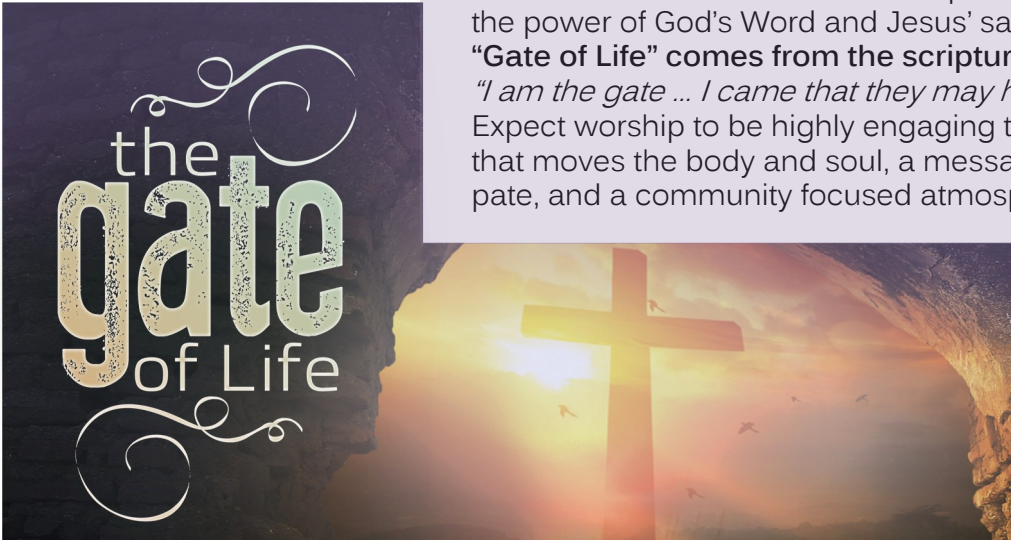
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Welcome to Our Contemporary Service!

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.



May 17th, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bible Reading	Acts 1:6-14
Children's Sermon	When You Pray
Gospel	John 17:1-11
Sermon Title	And This is Eternal Life

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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3 OF THE MANY THINGS HAPPENING AT BETHEL

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2. This year's first **Bethel Bikers ride will be on Tuesday, June 2nd at 6 pm**. We will have a meeting at Bethel on Tuesday, May 26th at 6 pm outside at the picnic table.
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- SUNDAY, MAY 17TH, 2026 -

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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