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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### GATHERING

**Gathering Music** "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies" organ  
**Welcome & Announcements**  
**Confession and Forgiveness**  
**Gathering Song** "How Good, Lord, To Be Here" ELW 315  
 (verses 1-3, 5)  
**Greeting**  
**Prayer of the Day**

### WORD

**First Reading** Exodus 24:12-18  
**Second Reading** 2 Peter 1:16-21  
**Children's Hymn** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" ELW 815, vs. 1  
**Children's Word** Do Not Be Afraid  
**Gospel** Matthew 17:1-9  
**Sermon** A Cloudy Day  
**Hymn of the Day** "Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair" ELW 316  
 (verses 1, 2, 5)  
**Nicene 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** "Immortal, Invisible" ELW 834, vs. 1,2,4  
**Dismissal**  
**Sending Music** "March Jubilant" organ



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## Worship Participants

### Preacher:

Rev. Anjanette Bandel

**Lector:** Paul Wittmer

**Organist:** Jim Bahler

**Minister of Music & Worship:**  
Brock A. Besse



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## 'Prayground' for Children

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**Gathering Music** "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies" organ  
 "10,000 Reasons" Bethel Ensemble

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call To Worship** "I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing" Cherubs &  
 "Cooperate" Orffestra (9)  
 "You Are My All in All" Bethel Ensemble (10:30)

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**Gathering Song** "How Good, Lord, to Be Here" ELW 315  
 (verses 1-3, 5)

**Greeting**

**Kyrie & Canticle of Praise** ELW p. 203 - 204

**Prayer of the Day**

### WORD

**Musical Offering** "Joyful, Joyful" Bethel Ensemble

**First Reading** Exodus 24:12-18

**Second Reading** 2 Peter 1:16-21

**Children's Hymn** "I Want to Walk" ELW 815, vs. 1

**Children's Word** Do Not Be Afraid

**Gospel Acclamation** "Alleluia" ELW p. 205

**Gospel** Matthew 17:1-9

**Sermon** A Cloudy Day

**Hymn of the Day** "Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair" ELW 316  
 (verses 1, 2, 5)

**Nicene Creed**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Gathering of Gifts** "You Are My All in All" Bethel Ensemble (9)

**Offering Prayer**

### MEAL

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Words of Institution**

**The Lord's Prayer** ELW p. 112

**Distribution** "Lamb of God" ELW p. 208

**Distribution Hymns** "Beautiful Savior" ELW 838  
 "I Love to Tell the Story" ELW 661

**Post Communion Prayer**

### SENDING

**Blessing**

**Sending Song** "Immortal, Invisible" ELW 834, vs. 1, 2, 4

**Dismissal**

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## Worship Participants

**Preacher:** Rev. Anjanette Bandel

**Worship Leader:**  
 Rev. Michael Mandsager

**Lector:** Shirley Jordahl (9 am)  
 Ryland Eichhorst (10:30 am)

**Organist:** Jim Bahler

**Minister of Music & Worship:**  
 Brock A. Besse

**Sign Language Interpreter:**  
 Melissa Almer



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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



**February 15th, 2026**

## Transfiguration of Our Lord / Last Sunday after Epiphany

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## WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bible Reading	Exodus 24:12-18
Children's Sermon	Do Not Be Afraid
Gospel	Matthew 17:1-9
Sermon Title	A Cloudy Day

### Worship Participants:

**Preacher:** Rev. Anjanette Bandel

**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 ('Side by Side' - Families together at worship)  
10:10 am Gate of Life (Contemporary Service with Holy Communion)  
\*9 am in-person worship offers an ASL interpreter and is Live-streamed through our YouTube channel: [youtube.com/user/RochBethelLutheran](https://youtube.com/user/RochBethelLutheran)
- **Videos of our services** are posted on our website to be viewed at any time: [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 at the back left of the sanctuary; nursery staffed during the 9 am worship and open for parents and children during other services.

## A SEASON OF RENEWAL: LENT AT BETHEL

**Sensing the Gospel**

Join us during Lent as we prepare for the celebration of Easter!

- **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18th:** Noon, 5:30\* & 7 pm
- **Midweek Services During Lent (Joyous Light Evening Prayer)**  
**Wednesdays, Feb. 25th through March 25th**  
Noon (Sanctuary) and 6 pm (Chapel)

\*Service with a Sign Language Interpreter  
\*Service will be live-streamed through our YouTube channel

**Note:** For our midweek Lenten services, our sign language interpreters, Melissa and Becky, are available to interpret upon request by Deaf individuals. To help us coordinate effectively, we kindly ask for at least 12 to 24 hours' notice when interpretation services are needed. Please contact our church office.

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### 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.

### FLOWERS BY THE ALTAR

The flowers by the altar are in honor of the **50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Dan & Synneva Hicks**. They were married on Valentine's Day.

### CHILDREN'S NOISY OFFERING

Our children offerings will be directed to support **Bundles of Love**.

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