

## 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



SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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## WORSHIP INFORMATION

First Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Gospel Mark 1:21-28

Children's Sermon Spreads Quickly!

Sermon What is this?

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](mailto:nyman@bethellutheran.com) or Pastor Jason at [burggraff@bethellutheran.com](mailto:burggraff@bethellutheran.com).

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### GATHERING

Gathering Music	"Organ Meditations"	organ
Welcome & Announcements		
Confession & Forgiveness		
Gathering Song	"Rise, Shine, You People" (verses 1,2,4)	ELW 665
Greeting		
Prayer of the Day		

### WORD

Bible Reading	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	
Psalm	Psalm 111	
Children's Hymn	"Oh, How I Love Jesus"	on screen
Children's Word	Spreads Quickly!	
Gospel	Mark 1:21-28	
Sermon	What Is This?	
Hymn of the Day	"Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" (verses 1,2,5)	ELW 886
Apostles Creed		
Prayers of Intercession		
Gathering of Gifts		
Offering Prayer		

### MEAL

Sacrament of Holy Communion
Words of Institution
The Lord's Prayer
Distribution
Post Communion Blessing

### SENDING

Reception of New Members		
Blessing		
Sending Song	"Jesus Shall Reign" (verses 1,2,4)	ELW 434
Dismissal		
Sending Music	"Raise Your Song On High"	organ



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## Worship Participants

**Preacher:** Rev. Lisa Hawe  
**Lector:** Sharon Jones  
**Organist:** Jim Bahler  
**Minister of Music & Worship:**  
 Brock A. Besse



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Welcome & Announcements		
Call To Worship	"My Shepherd is Jesus"	Cherubs (9 am)
Confession & Forgiveness		
Gathering Song	"Rise, Shine, You People!" (verses 1,2,4)	ELW 665
Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Arkady Grace Kenitz & Heather Kenitz (10:30 am)		
Greeting		
Kyrie (9 am)		on screen
Canticle of Praise (9 am)	"Christ, Be Our Light"	ELW 715, vs. 1
Prayer of the Day		

### WORD

Musical Offering	"Follow Me"	Chancel Choir
Bible Reading	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	
Psalm	Psalm 111	
Children's Hymn	"Oh, How I Love Jesus"	on screen
Children's Word	Spreads Quickly!	
Gospel Acclamation	"Alleluia"	on screen
Gospel	Mark 1:21-28	
Sermon	What Is This?	
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Apostles Creed (9 am)  
 Prayers of Intercession  
 Gathering of Gifts  
 Offering Prayer  
 The Lord's Prayer

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**Worship Leader:**

Rev. Anjanette Bandel

**Lector:** Shirley Jordahl (9 am)

Gretchen Turri (10:30 am)

**Organist:** Jim Bahler

**Minister of Music & Worship:**

Brock A. Besse

**Sign Language Interpreter:**

Melissa Almer (9 am)



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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
- **Sundays:** 9\* am | 10:30 am  
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 available on the back left of the sanctuary. Our nursery is offered during Sunday services.

## 3 OF THE MANY THINGS HAPPENING AT BETHEL

1. As a member of the SE MN Synod of the ELCA, Bethel is among congregations in the Zumbro River Conference. The annual assembly is **Sun., Feb. 4th at 1 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran, Rochester**. This year's meeting will include voting on positions for the 2025 Churchwide Assembly. If you have interest in attending or being nominated at this meeting for the Churchwide Assembly, please contact Pastor Anjanette.
2. **Nominations** are now being accepted for the **WELCA** pins which will be distributed at our **April 13th** Spring Coffee. If you have someone you would like to nominate, please go to the Women's Bulletin Board in the lobby, get a form and fill it out, return it to the Mission Growth mailbox in the office no later than **March 22nd**.
3. Every year we reach out to our recently graduated Bethel members with a small **care package** and notes from our youth. Packages will be assembled by 9th graders and mentors and are meant for recent Bethel graduates whether they're attending college, joined the military, are working, etc. If you are a recent graduate or have a recent graduate in your family, please sign them up for a care package by **Feb. 2nd**. Please visit [bit.ly/mentorministryservicejan24](https://bit.ly/mentorministryservicejan24) for more information.

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## PRAYERS

### Synod Joined in Prayer: January 27 & 28, 2024

- Pontoppidan Lutheran Church, Ellendale
- Vista Lutheran Church, New Richland
- Calvary Lutheran Church, Mankato
- Disabilities Learning and Education Ministry, Colombia
- Mazoezi Igurubi Lutheran Church, Tanzania
- Lutheran Institute Kiomboi, Tanzania

## BAPTISMS

Sunday, January 28, 10:30 am  
**Arkady Grace Kenitz**, daughter of Elijah & Heather Kenitz.

**Heather Rose Kenitz**

**Sponsors:** Jon & Chy'aire Nagy

## CHILDREN'S NOISY OFFERING

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

## CONTACT

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