

The mountains sing of the awesome beauty of God, a beauty we see in the natural world and the beauty of God's presence in our world through the person of Jesus Christ, whose coming to earth as a baby in Bethlehem we celebrate – even in the middle of the summer!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Gathering Music	"Organ Meditations"	organ
Welcome & Announcements		
Confession and Forgiveness		
Gathering Song	"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (verses 1-3)	ELW 283
Greeting		
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

Psalm	Psalm 121	
Second Reading	Isaiah 40:9-11	
Children's Hymn	"On Eagle's Wings"	ELW 787, chorus
Children's Word	Christmas in July	
Gospel	Luke 2:8-20	
Sermon	Mountains Sing	
Hymn of the Day	"Go Tell it on the Mountain"	ELW 290
Apostles' Creed		ELW p. 152
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	"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"	ELW 270
Dismissal		
Sending Music	"D Major Voluntary"	organ



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Worship Participants

Preacher:

Rev. Byron Meline

Lector: Greg Hagen

Organist: Jim Bahler

Minister of Music & Worship:

Brock A. Besse



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GATHERING

Gathering Music	"Organ Meditations"	organ
Welcome & Announcements		
Confession & Forgiveness		
Gathering Song	"There in God's Garden" (verses 1,4,6)	ELW 342
Greeting		
Kyrie		ELW p. 147
Canticle of Praise	"This is the Feast"	ELW p. 149
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

Musical Offering	"I Sing of God"	Lewis & Sue Jenkins
First Reading	Genesis 1:11-12, 29-30	
Psalm	Psalm 1	
Children's Hymn	"On Eagle's Wings"	ELW 787, chorus
Children's Word	The Trees of the Field	
Gospel Acclamation	"Alleluia"	ELW p. 151
Gospel	Luke 13:6-9	
Sermon	Trees Sing	
Hymn of the Day	"How Great Thou Art"	ELW 856
Sacrament of Holy Baptism:	Avery Jean Sutherland (10:30 am)	
Apostles' Creed (9 am)		ELW p. 152
Prayers of Intercession		
Gathering of Gifts		
Offering Prayer		

MEAL

Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Words of Institution		
The Lord's Prayer		ELW p. 154
Distribution	"Lamb of God"	ELW p. 154
Distribution Hymn	"Let Us Break Bread Together"	ELW 471
	"When In Our Music God is Glorified"	ELW 851
Post Communion Prayer		

SENDING

Blessing		
Sending Song	"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"	ELW 774
Dismissal		
Sending Music	"March"	organ



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Rev. Michael Mandsager

Worship Leader:

Rev. Lisa Hawe

Lector: (9 am) Gloria Schad
(10:30 am)

Organist: Jim Bahler

Minister of Music & Worship:

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Sign Language Interpreter:

Becky Wulff



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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



July 20th, 2025
6th Sunday after Pentecost



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WORSHIP INFORMATION

Psalm	Psalm 1
Gospel	Luke 13:6-9
Children's Sermon	The Trees of the Field
Sermon Title	Trees Sing

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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BAPTISM

- **Sunday, July 20th, 10:30 am -**
Avery Jean Sutherland,
 daughter of Tyler & Taryn
 Sutherland.
 Sponsors: Tara Churchill,
 Tanya Sutherland, Tori
 Sutherland, Tricia Felmlee

FLOWERS BY THE ALTAR

The flowers by the altar are in
 honor of Avery Jean's baptism
 given by her grandparents
 Carolyn & Kevin Johnson

CHILDREN'S NOISY OFFERING

Our children offerings will be
 directed to support
Food 4 Kidz

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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 recorded and
 available on Sunday mornings by 11 am through our YouTube channel:
youtube.com/user/RochBethelLutheran
- **Videos of our services** are posted on our website:
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 open during Sunday services for parents to stay with their children.

3 OF THE MANY THINGS HAPPENING AT BETHEL

1. July 27th is the next **CYF Sunday FUN Day at Bethel and it's Christmas in July!** Join us for Christmas
 cookies and fancy coffee between 9 and 10:30 am worship. There will also be bounce houses and activities
 for the kids in the courtyard starting at 10 am. Stay for lunch which will be served started at 11:30 am. All of
 these activities are free and open to everyone!
2. Join us for **blood pressure checks** again this weekend! The parish nurse will be checking blood pressure
 this Sunday, July 20th, from 8:30-10:45 am.
3. The last day to secure tickets for **"Shrek The Musical" featuring Bethel's own Pastor Lisa** performing in the
 orchestra is Sunday, July 20th. The tickets will be for the **Sunday, July 27th, 3 pm** performance at the
 Sheldon Theatre in Red Wing, MN. The group ticket rate is \$22/person. If you would like to ride the Bethel
 bus to the show, we ask for an additional \$3 to put toward gas. There is only room for 13 on the bus, so get
 your spot reserved soon. The bus will leave the church at **1:15 pm**. Contact the Bethel church office if you
 are interested in attending with the Bethel group on July 27th. Register here: bit.ly/shrekmusical2025.

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