

Worship Notes

WE HOLD IN PRAYER

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SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026
10:30 AM WORSHIP | DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg, Preacher
Jamie Johnson, Worship Leader

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The purpose of human life is to serve,
and to show compassion and the will to help others.

—Albert Schweitzer

WELCOME

to Bethel Lutheran Church!

We're so glad you're with us today. At Bethel, our mission is to Connect, Grow, and Serve God and others. Today we hear a powerful reminder from Scripture: we are chosen, valued, and given purpose. In a world that often defines worth by achievement or status, God declares something different—you belong, and you are sent. As we worship today, may we be reminded that our purpose is not something we wait to discover, but something we live out right now, wherever God has placed us.

*You are invited to stand, as you are able.

All who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome and encouraged to join us for communion, regardless of church membership or denomination.

The Prelude: "On Wings of Living Light" Monica Weekes, organ
Raymond H Haan | CCLI: #679069

The Welcome/Announcements

***The Opening Hymn: "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" #470**

*The Greeting:

Leader: You are chosen and called by God.

People: We are built upon the cornerstone, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The Responsive Reading:

L: Once we were not a people—

P: now we are God's people.

L: Once we had not received mercy—

P: now we have received mercy.

L: We are a chosen people—

P: a royal priesthood, a holy nation.

L: Called out of darkness—

All: into His marvelous light.

*The Prayer of the Day:

L: Gracious God,

P: You have chosen us, called us, and given us purpose.

Help us to see ourselves as You see us—loved, valued, and sent. Remind us that our purpose is not something we wait to live out, but something we live each day. Guide us to reflect Your love in all we do, so that others may come to know You. Through Jesus Christ, our cornerstone. Amen.

*The Sharing of God's Peace:

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always...

P: And also with you!

The Children's Message: Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg

The Music Ministry: "Simple Gifts" Monica Weekes, organ
Emma Lou Diemer | CCLI: #679069

First Scripture Lesson: 1 Peter 2:4–10

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

The Second Scripture Lesson: Acts 7:55-60

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

***The Gospel Acclamation: "The Strife is O'er" #666**
(vs. 1)

*The Gospel: John 14:1-14

The Message: "I Have a Purpose" Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg

The Hymn: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" #645

***The Nicene Creed: pg. 104**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from
Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*The Offering Prayer:

L: Generous God,

**P: You have given us purpose and called us to be Your people.
Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude. Use them to
share Your love and to help others discover their purpose in
You. Amen.**

Giving our First and Best to God through our Offering

The Offering Music: "For the Beauty of the Earth"
Monica Weekes, organ
Emma Lou Diemer | CCLI: #679069

*The Great Thanksgiving:

L: The Lord is with you.

P: The Lord is with you, too.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right and joyful that we give You thanks and praise.
For You have chosen us and built us upon Christ, the
cornerstone. When the world rejects and overlooks, You call
and claim. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, You
give us purpose—not for ourselves alone, but to share Your
love with the world.

*The Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer:

**ALL: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth,
as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*The Invitation to Communion:

L: This is Christ's table, where we are reminded who we are and
whose we are. Come, for all is ready.

The Communion Hymn: "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life" #816

*The Communion Blessing

*The Prayers of God's People:

L: God who calls and sends...

P: Help us to live our purpose.

*The Closing Blessing:

***The Closing Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation" #796**

*The Sending:

L: You have been chosen.

P: We will live with purpose.

L: You have been called.

P: We go to share Christ's love.

The Postlude: "Jigsaw Fugue" Monica Weekes, organ
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