

Welcome to worship

An ecumenical service of four congregations

- Bethel Lutheran Church
- Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church
- Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church
- Minnehaha United Methodist Church



You're invited to join in the gathering music—come to the front to sing, dance, and add percussion.

Gathering Music Funga Alafiya

Funga alafiya, ah-shay, ah-shay.

I welcome you into my heart today. I welcome you into my heart to stay.

Greeting and Welcome Pastor Brenda Froisland

Passing of the Light Deacon Dorothy Sparks

Opening Song This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go ...

Jesus gave it to me ...

Call to Worship Pastor Catrina Ciccone

One: Neighbors and newcomers, families and strangers,

All: we gather as a community created by God's steadfast love.

One: Strugglers and stragglers, pilgrims almost at the end of the journey,

All: each of us seeks to follow Jesus, the compassionate One.

One: Builders of bridges in fractured communities, those who stand on either side of walls of fear,

All: the Spirit of faithfulness calls us to live as one people – God's people!

Song Draw The Circle Wide, Mark Miller and Gordon Light

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Morning Prayer Pastor Becky Sechrist

Holy God, we gather in the beauty of this place to worship you and enjoy kinship with one another. Meet us here, stir within and among us, that we may hear your word for us today. Move us from the comfort of complacency into the acts of compassion. Lift us from watchful weariness to the joys of community where your love knows no limits. Open us once again to the wideness of your mercy and the transforming power of your love. Amen.

Storytime Pastor Sara Spohr

Readings Isaiah 1:1, 10-17, Luke 12:32-34

Deacon Dorothy Sparks

Isaiah 1:1, 10-17

The vision about Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah, Amoz's son, saw in the days of Judah's kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah.

Hear the Lord's word, you leaders of Sodom.
Listen to our God's teaching,
people of Gomorrah!

What should I think about all your sacrifices?
says the Lord.
I'm fed up with entirely burned offerings of rams
and the fat of well-fed beasts.
I don't want the blood of bulls, lambs, and goats.

When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from you,
this trampling of my temple's courts?

Stop bringing worthless offerings.
Your incense repulses me.
New moon, sabbath, and the calling of an assembly—
I can't stand wickedness with celebration!

I hate your new moons and your festivals.
They've become a burden that I'm tired of bearing.

When you extend your hands,
I'll hide my eyes from you.
Even when you pray for a long time,
I won't listen.
Your hands are stained with blood.

Wash! Be clean!
Remove your ugly deeds from my sight.
Put an end to such evil;

learn to do good.
Seek justice:
help the oppressed;
defend the orphan;
plead for the widow.

Luke 12:32-34

Don't be afraid, little flock, because your Father delights in giving you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to those in need. Make for yourselves wallets that don't wear out—a treasure in heaven that never runs out. No thief comes near there, and no moth destroys. Where your treasure is, there your heart will be too.

Sermon Pastor Brenda Froisland

Song What Does The Lord, Micah 6:8

What does the Lord	(What does the Lord)
Require of you?	(Require of you?)
What does the Lord	(What does the Lord)
Require of you?	(Require of you?)
Do justice	(Do justice)
Love mercy	(Love mercy)
Walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8	(Walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8)

Prayers of the People Pastor Becky Sechrist

One: Together, let us pray for ourselves, our congregations,
our friends, our family, our world...O God

All: Receive our prayer.

One: Those who suffer and those in trouble...O God

All: Receive our prayer.

One: The concerns of our community...O God

All: Receive our prayer.

One: Our nation and its leaders...O God

All: Receive our prayer.

One: Our world, its people, and its leaders...O God

All: Receive our prayer.

Prayer of Jesus

We invite you to pray by watching Deacon Dorothy Sparks.

Offering

Gifts designated to a church name will go to that church, and undesignated gifts will go to the community food shelves.

Song Help Somebody, Susan Werner

I got plenty and then some. What do I do?
Go out and help somebody get plenty and then some, too.

Got supper on the table, What do I do?
Go out and help somebody get supper on the table, too.

Got a roof over my head. What do I do?
Go out and help somebody get a roof over their head, too.

Celebration of Communion Pastor Sara Spohr and Pastor Becky Sechrist

All are welcome to participate in communion.

One: The wideness of God's mercy, the range of God's forgiveness, the infinite love of God, the Heart of hope which is never empty: all these gifts are ours, as God restores us to the fullness of life meant for us.

All: Restored in love, transformed by grace, gifted with forgiveness, we joyfully offer ourselves in service to all. Thanks be to God. Amen.

One: We remember the way that Jesus showed us your great love for us. He sought to bring hope, healing, liberation, and life, always and everywhere. On the last night of his life, Jesus gathered around a table with his disciples, his friends. Even knowing he had been betrayed, he still spoke words of life. While he was at table with them, he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and offered it to them saying, "Take and eat, this is my body broken for you." After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup and offered it to them, saying, "Take and drink. This is the cup of the new covenant poured out in my blood for the forgiveness of sins. As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, do so in remembrance of me."

Loving God, we ask you to pour out your Holy Spirit on these your gifts. As we eat and drink, may we become more fully your body, the church the world needs today. Open our eyes that we may see you in ourselves, in one another, and in all whom we meet. In Jesus' name. *Amen.*

One: Come, all you who are loved by God,
Come, and be fed with the food that God freely gives;
Come, and quench your thirst from the Waters of Life;
Come, and let your spirits be filled again with the goodness of your Creator.

Prayer after Receiving Pastor Sara Spohr and Pastor Becky Sechrist

One: You have given yourself to us, O God.

All: Now we give ourselves for others.

One: Your love has made us a new people;

All: As a people of love we will serve you with joy.

One: Your glory has filled our hearts.

All: Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

Sending Song One Foot/Lead with Love, Melanie DeMore

Refrain (sing twice)

You gotta put one foot in front of the other and lead with love.
Put one foot in front of the other and lead with love.

Don't give up hope.
You're not alone.
Don't you give up.
Keep movin' on. Refrain

Lift up your eyes.
Don't you despair.
Look up ahead.
The path is there. Refrain

I know you're scared.
And I'm scared, too.
But here I am
Right next to you. Refrain

Sending Forth Pastor Brenda Froisland

Traveling Music For Such a Time as This, Jonathan Rundman

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Pastor Brenda Froisland

Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church

Pastor Catrina Ciccone, Deacon Dorothy Sparks

Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church

Pastor Sara Spohr

Minnehaha United Methodist Church

Pastor Becky Sechrist, minnehaha.org livestream

A special thank you to musicians leading worship today.

Kat Vann, John Walsh, Noah Wright, and Elena Dant



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In gratitude, Bethel Lutheran Church amplifies God’s grace, nourishes all creation, reaches out, and builds community. We are a Reconciling in Christ community. Bethel’s Children, Youth, and Family Ministry bridges generations to model, equip, and encourage a foundation of trust in God’s story.

All are welcome without exception. Come as you are.

September 11


God’s Work, Our Hands

Initial plans include making school bags for Lutheran World Relief, food, fun, volunteering at Bethel, and maybe painting.

Sunday Worship

10 a.m.

Come worship as you are, or join the livestream.



On Wednesdays we explore the readings for the following Sunday. Please feel free to join us.

Bible Study

Our Wednesday morning Bible study continues throughout the summer.
Every Wednesday at 12 Noon - we meet online:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81542792093>

8/3	Isaiah 1:1,10-17; Luke 12:32-34
8/10	Matthew 18:21-35
8/17	2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Ephesians 4:1-6
8/24	Proverbs 25:6-7; Luke 14:1, 7-14
8/31	NO BIBLE STUDY



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Our mission is to share the Good News. God loves Deaf people and their loved ones. We love Deaf people and their loved ones TOO. **We believe that the body of Christ includes ALL people.**

August 14

Social Sunday

Learning and discussion around the themes of Trauma, Grief, and Loss. Potluck to follow.

August 21, 28, and September 4

Worship, 10:30 am

We continue our sermon series on the book of Ruth.

September 11

Social Sunday

Field Trip to Como Zoo, followed by a picnic at Como Park.

- You can participate in just the zoo, just the picnic, or both.
- Tickets to the zoo are free, but require a reservation.
- Let Pastor Catrina know how many tickets you would like to reserve.



Lake Nokomis
Lutheran Church

lakenokomischurch.org

We believe there's enough for everyone—enough grace, space, courage, hope, and to share. We are called and transformed to create a world of abundance. Our congregation is part of the New Branches Community—an innovative building partnership with Living Table UCC and Spirit of St. Stephen's Catholic Community in South Mpls.

August 14-September 4

Sunday Worship, 9:00 a.m.

In the book of Ruth, we find out that love is a mighty, merciful, and mysterious shape-shifter. Ruth is a love story, but not necessarily that kind of love story. Ruth experiences the highest highs and the lowest lows of the human experience and love is with her, in one form or another, her whole life long.

Christ & Culture in Film: CODA

Tonight, 6 p.m.

What's your story? How can contemporary films help us tell God's story and our own? **Adults and youth are invited for conversations around the Oscar winning film CODA.** As a CODA (Child of Deaf Adults,) Ruby is the only hearing person in her deaf family. When the family's fishing business is threatened, Ruby finds herself torn between pursuing her passion at Berklee College of Music and her fear of abandoning her parents.



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We're a thriving multi-generational, multicultural congregation with a specific inclusion of the LGBTQIA+ communion. Our Christian faith drives us to take action in our neighborhood through local missions, activism, and sharing the unconditional love of God with our neighbors.

We make good things happen here.

- A place where everyone is welcome.
- Faith development in a positive, non-judgmental way.
- Meaningful worship with varied music.
- Sunday morning worship services with livestream option.
 - 10 a.m. Outdoor summer worship on side lawn.
 - 9 a.m. + 10 a.m. Worship during the school year.
- Dynamic children and youth programs with parent support.
- Opportunities for service to others.
- Opportunities for close, life-long friendships.

August 28, 10 a.m.

Join us for our blessing of the animals worship service.

