

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 20, 2018

Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church



We are glad you are here and we pray God will be real to you as you worship. Bethel is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Knowing God loves all creation and holds us all, we welcome you who walk through our doors and you who are outside those doors. We welcome everyone and honor the rich diversity and giftedness that age, sexual orientation, race, belief, emotional and physical health, gender identity, marital status and station in life bring to the Bethel family and our relationships.

PRELUDE

GATHERING & WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP TO HONOR OUR IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE SISTERS AND BROTHERS

- C: God of all Creation, You who welcome all your children, and embrace even the prodigal ones, help us open our hearts and welcome all who come, searching as our ancestors did, for the promise of a new land, a new life.
- C: Root out fear from our souls; help us form the words “Sister” and “Brother” as we greet the newcomers. Let us remember that, with your grace, there are enough loaves and fishes to go around if we come together as your family.
- C: Give us the courage and the compassion to respect the rights of all in this country of abundance to embrace all in the name of your love.

Restrooms are located in the basement on the east side of the building. A gender neutral restroom is located behind the worship space next to the church office. Please ask the Usher or Greeter for assistance. There is also a rocking chair in the rear of the Sanctuary. Please use it as you wish.

GATHERING SONG

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's

cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,

past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;

there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



Refrain
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



Refrain
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



Refrain
God; to make all things new.

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

FIRST READING

Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

P: Holy Word, holy wisdom.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 8: 22-27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15

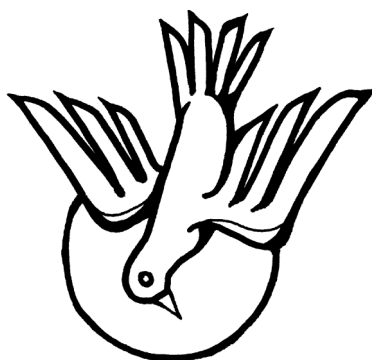
[Jesus said,] "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

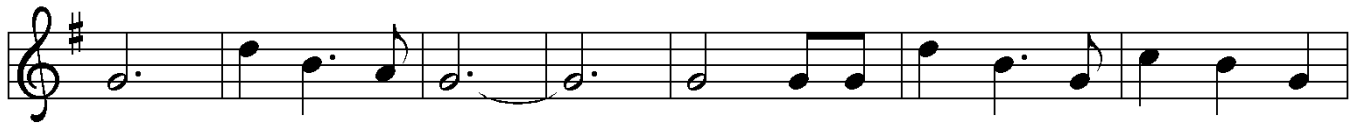
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON



- 1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.



SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. **Amen**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Our welcome extends to the Communion Table. We recognize that this is Christ's Table and Christ's invitation. Please come forward as you are invited. If you prefer not to receive Communion at this time, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing – just fold your arms across your chest so that we know you prefer a blessing. Wine is served from the first chalice; grape juice is served from the second. We also offer gluten-free bread and individual cups of wine.



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

LORD'S PRAYER

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



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION


COMMUNION HYMN

Spirit of Gentleness

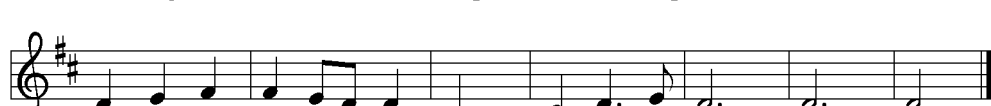
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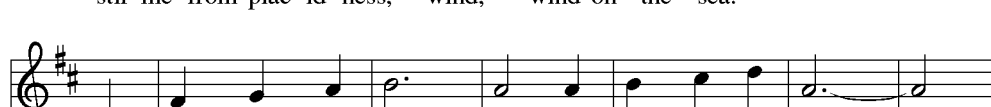
Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



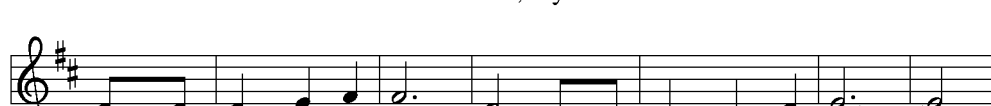
call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



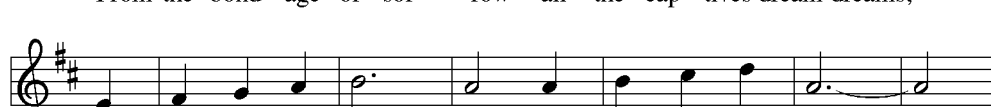
stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



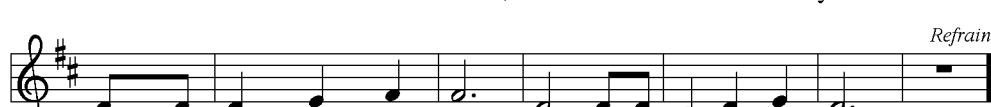
1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



Refrain
"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen**

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED FOR SARAH ALLEN AND TIMMY STRAW

The liturgy concludes:

For your compassionate and gracious hearts, your many gifts and for the freedom with which you shared them, and for your ministry with us, we gladly say:

Thanks be to God.

THANKSGIVING FOR PASTOR MIKE AND BARB AT THE CONCLUSION OF HIS CALL

Pastor Michael Keys, on June 5, 2011, we of Bethel Lutheran Church called you to be pastor in this place

People of God, members of Bethel Lutheran Church, do you release Pastor Mike Keys from service as your pastor.

We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SENDING

CHOIR

The Lord Bless You and Keep You - Lutkin

SENDING HYMN

God Be with You Until We Meet Again

Unison *Harmony*

1. God be with you till we meet again; by his coun - sels
2. God be with you till we meet again; 'neath his wings pro-
3. God be with you till we meet again; when life's per - ils
4. God be with you till we meet again; keep love's ban - ner

4

guide, up - hold you, with his sheep se -
tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na
thick con - found you, put his lov - ing
float - ing o'er you, smite death's threat - 'ning

6 *Unison*

cure - ly fold you: God be with you till we meet again.
still pro - vide you: God be with you till we meet again.
arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet again.
wave be - fore you: God be with you till we meet again.

The musical score is written for a choir in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system is marked 'Unison' and 'Harmony' and contains four verses of the hymn. The second system begins at measure 4 and continues the melody and harmony. The third system begins at measure 6 and is marked 'Unison', concluding the hymn with a final chord.

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: **Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world! Go in peace to do as you have been told: to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

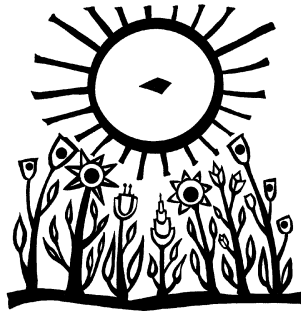
NEW OVENS FOR THE BETHEL KITCHEN

For the past few months, the kitchen crews have been nursing along the ovens from our November 2012 remodel. This week the electronics gave out completely and repairs were costing as much as a new oven. So with a very busy weekend upon us – Cab & Cab, Sunday Breakfast and Celebration for Staff, we have purchased a new double oven that is being installed this week.

The cost of the double ovens with similar features is \$2069. I would like to offer a challenge to all Bethelites to do a second offering this Sunday to cover the cost of the ovens. There is already a matching gift that can double your donation. Will you join us in this effort?

Pastor Mike and Pastor Christine

A big **THANK YOU** from Pastor Mike and Barb for the kindness, fun and challenges we have faced together as Bethel Lutheran Church. You will remain in our prayers, thoughts and memories for almost seven years of Bethel.



Stewardship of Service	Today:	Next week - May 27:
Ministers:	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor:	Pastor Michael Keys	
Pastor:	Pastor Christine Core	Pastor Christine Core
Musician:	Timmy Straw	LeAnn Michaels
Usher:	Shirley Kolpin	
Reader:	Holly Redfern	
Communion:		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coming Up:

- June 10** Church Barbeque - following worship
- June 16 & 17** Pride 2018 Weekend! If you're interested in being involved: Staffing the Sacred Space Booth – this is a safe place for festival goers to stop for conversation, prayer, a blessing or the offer of Holy Communion. We are present at the Festival to hold space to serve others, to declare clearly everyone is loved and no one is ever excluded from the love of God. Pride Parade - Sunday, June 17 - more information to come.
- June 17** Bp. David Braver-Rieke will preach
- June 24** Sunday Parkways - please be aware that streets abutting Bethel will be closed off for bicyclists and you may need to allow extra time for parking.

**Thank you to everyone for all your support and efforts to make
Cab and Cab a great success!**

Prayer Requested for:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
For all victims of shooting violence	Peace and comfort and that our distress of our hearts become action to prevent more violence	Bethel Staff
Vance	Prayers for healing	Gabe Moody-Burghard
Elizabeth Presberg	For healing and comfort, as her health is fragile	Joann Noll
Katie Reitel	Prayers of healing, strength and comfort for Katie and support for her family	The Bentleys
David Lingnau	Prayers for healing and comfort; prayers for Stephanie and the rest of the Burdick family	Pr. Christine
Shirley and Jeff Kolpin	Prayers of healing for Jeff; peace and comfort for Shirley	Cate Milburn
John Gowdy	Preparing for surgery	Pr. Christine
Susan Frossard	Peace, comfort, and relief from pain; prayers of comfort for her husband, Mike	Pr. Christine
Regina Seman	Healing, strength and comfort for health issues	Svea Erickson
Mike Baggs	Prayers for peace	Pr. Christine
Our prayers continue for many among us: for Bertha Anderson, the family of Skip Getman, Dennis Mitchell, Dale Tersey, Timothy Collins, Elizabeth, Rob, Jacob Bard, Miles Bard, Annalu Lingnau, Ben Lingnau, Jr., Ben Lingnau III, Paul Beezhold, Mary Rix, Patricia Connor, Bob & Nancy Leon, Steve Garrick.		