

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 15, 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

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Welcome

Call to Worship

prayer written by Rabbi Jack Riemer

We cannot merely pray to You to end war, for we know You made the world in a way that we must find our own paths to peace within ourselves and with our neighbors.

**We cannot merely pray to You to end starvation;
for You have already given us the resources
with which to feed the entire world
if we would only use them wisely.**

We cannot merely pray to You to root out prejudice; for You have already given us eyes with which to see the good in all persons, if we would only use them.

**We cannot merely pray to You to end despair;
for You have already given us the power
to clear away slums and to give hope,
if we would only use our power justly.**

We cannot merely pray to You to end disease; for You have already given us great minds with which to search out cures and healings if we would only use them constructively.

**Therefore, we pray to You instead
for strength, determination, and willpower,
to do instead of just to pray,
to become instead of merely to wish,
for Your sake and for ours, speedily and soon,
that our land may be safe, and that our lives may be blessed.**

Amen

Restrooms are located in the basement on the east side of the building. A gender neutral restroom 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

By All Your Saints

(SUNG TO TUNE OF ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR)

*By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest,
Your holy name, O Jesus, forevermore be blest!
You rose, our King victorious, that they might wear the crown
And ever shine in splendor reflected from your throne.*

*With joy your Church remembers, Saint Nicholas, the blest,
Who gave up earthly treasures, And Jesus' name confessed.
The poor and weak he welcomed, The heretic he scorned;
Through faith and life and preaching, Christ's Gospel he adorned.*

*Then let us praise the Father, And worship God the Son
And sing to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One,
Till all the ransomed number, Who stand before the throne,
Ascribe all power and glory, And praise to God alone.*

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.



Glory to God

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al- might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Salutation

God be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Amos 7:7-15

This is what [the Lord God] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' "

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; 13but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' "

P: Holy Word, holy wisdom.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. 5He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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Gospel Acclamation

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the sixth chapter.

King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Let Justice Flow like Streams



- 1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
- 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
- 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

Affirmation of Faith - from *The New Zealand Book of Common Prayer*

You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.

Prayers of the People

Response to each prayer petition:
God of all mercies,
Hear us as we pray.

Sharing of the Peace

WE CELEBRATE THE MEAL

Offering

Offertory

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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**

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.

Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

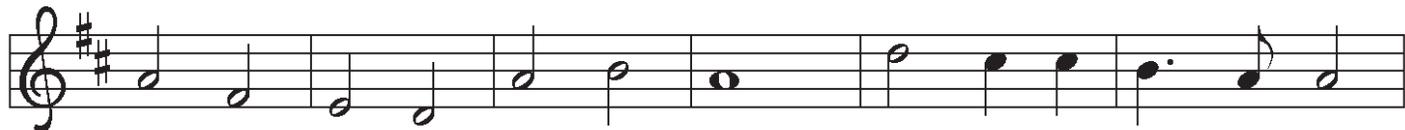
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... join their unending hymn.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

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

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

Communion Distribution

Communion Hymn

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

*Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your Word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.*

*If my way is dark, help me understand
Should I start to faint, refresh with your command.
If the thorns surround, lift me to high ground.*

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Prayer After Communion

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are our God forevermore. **Amen**



WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture;
4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



from this meal of love and grace;
af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
God has called us to re - ceive;
cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion
bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.
to re - lease and to con - sole.
Spir - it - ed then let us live.
from this day and un - to death.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



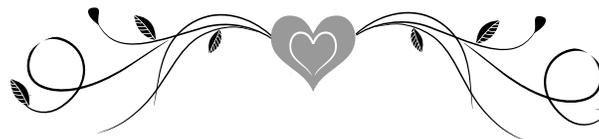
God, the won - der of our days.
Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

Dismissal

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer Requested for:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
Celebration of the Ordination of Pastor Leo Bancroft	Thanksgiving for, and in celebration of, Pastor Leo's ministry	Pastor Christine
For the Immigrant	Prayers for comfort for those who face rejection and pain in this country and that they may know the value of their life and work	The Bethel Community
For immigrant children whose families are broken and separated	That the flawed immigration might be justly reformed and dignity of all be restored.	The Bethel Community
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
Regina Seman	Healing, strength and comfort for health issues	Svea Erickson
Our prayers continue for many among us: for Bertha Anderson, Dale Tersey, Timothy Collins, Elizabeth, Rob, Jacob Bard, Miles Bard, Annalu Lingnau, Ben Lingnau, Jr., Ben Lingnau III, David Lingnau, Mary Rix, Patricia Connor, Bob & Nancy Leon.		



Stewardship of Service	Today - July 15	Next Week - July 22
Ministers:	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor:	Pr. Christine Core	Pr. Christine Core
Pastor:	Pr. Terry Moe	Pr. Terry Moe
Musician:	LeAnn Michaels	Carol Biel
Usher:	Joe Tancredi	Joe Tancredi
Reader:		Karen Anderson
Communion:	Tammy Gover	Tammy Gover
Preparation of the Altar:	Linda Worthington	Tammy Gover

Bethel News

Coming Up:

July 15	Pastor Terry Moe is preaching
July 15	Congregational Council Meeting following worship
July 15	Women's Planning Retreat following worship. Contact Cate Milburn for more information. Thanks to Shirley Kolpin for convening.
July 22	Family Faith Formation Meeting following worship
July 22	Pastor Ron Werner, Jr. , Pastor Ron is a pastor in the ELCA and community organizer in Portland. He is the co-founder of Youth Collectivist, facilitating the startup and sustainability of neighborhood-based ecumenical youth ministries and Awakening Leadership, an interfaith school of clergy and lay leaders. He is a statewide organizer with the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice, accompanying congregations from diverse faith traditions in the work of Sanctuary.
July 25	Youth Drop-In Board Meeting at 6:30 pm
July 28	Hygiene Saturday , 9 am to noon
July 29	Pastor Christine is preaching
August 5	Lay Lead Service ; many thanks to Cate Milburn who will step in to lead worship

SAVE THE DATE:

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION MEETING *July 22 following worship*

To best address the needs of our children, who are all above average, let's spend some time to reassess our Faith Formation program and consider adjustments going forward. All loving adults are invited to gather after worship for no more than one hour.



BETHEL GROUP CAMPOUT *August 10-12*

Join the group at Black Canyon Campground. East of Eugene, just shy of 2 1/2 hours south of Portland. Black Canyon Campground rests next to the Middle Fork of the Willamette River. This scenic campground is heavily shaded by towering hemlock, cedar and Douglas fir. Fishing and kayaking are popular pastimes. Ryan Burghard is coordinating.

ANNUAL BETHEL BLOCK PARTY *Saturday, August 25*

- Rummage Sale – Save your “treasures”, it will be time to bring them in soon.
- Music and Entertainment
- Bouncy House
- Grilled dogs and Snow-cones
- And a whole lot of jocularity!