

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 22, 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

Caring and Gracious God, you are the shepherd who gathers us to celebrate with grateful thanksgiving the community in which we live.

We are nourished by its diversity, brought about by the unique gifts each person contributes. Be with us in this time of worship and encourage us to never cease welcoming the strangers we meet and accepting the gifts they bring.

Grant that they will enrich our lives and will be a reminder of the joy that comes when all will be one in you. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

O God, we live in a diverse community. There are people of different colors and abilities. There people with different sexual orientations. There are people on the left and the right, young and old, rich and poor. Yet, our church doesn't reflect this diversity. We would love others as you do, but we can't. We've erected walls built upon our biases, fears, and insecurities that keep us apart. Forgive us that we cannot love as unconditionally as you. Help us to take down those walls so we may welcome the stranger and truly be one community together. Amen

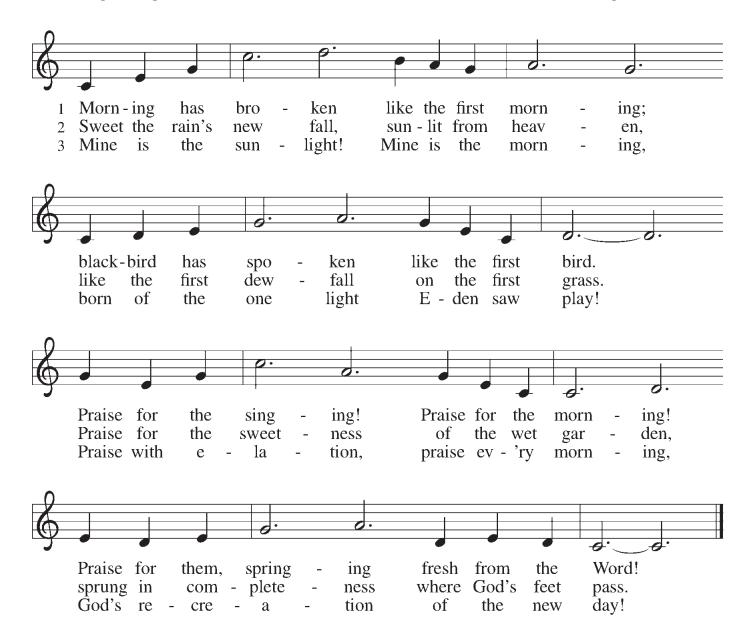
We know we fall short in our discipleship. We've confessed our sins before God. We look to God to repent of our sins and transgressions. Through God's overflowing steadfast love, grace and mercy, God forgives all our transgressions. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins. In the name of Creator God, Jesus, his Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

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

Morning Has Broken



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



Salutation

God be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

P: Holy Word, holy wisdom.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

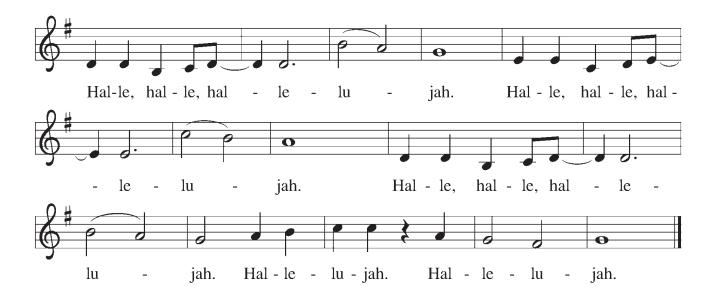
Ephesians 2:11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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Gospel Acclamation



The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the sixth chapter.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

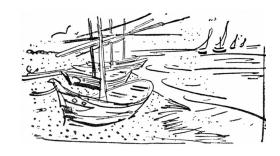
When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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Children's Message

Sermon





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

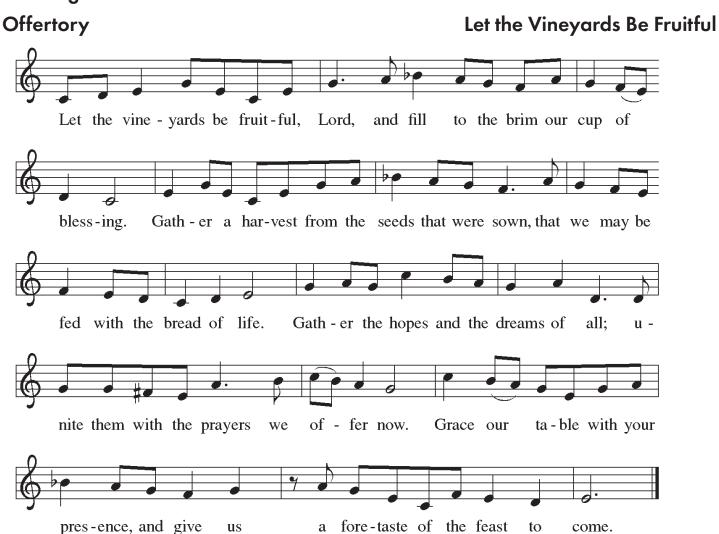
Response to each prayer petition: God of all mercies,

Hear us as we pray.

Sharing of the Peace

WE CELEBRATE THE MEAL

Offering



Offertory 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

come.

us

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.

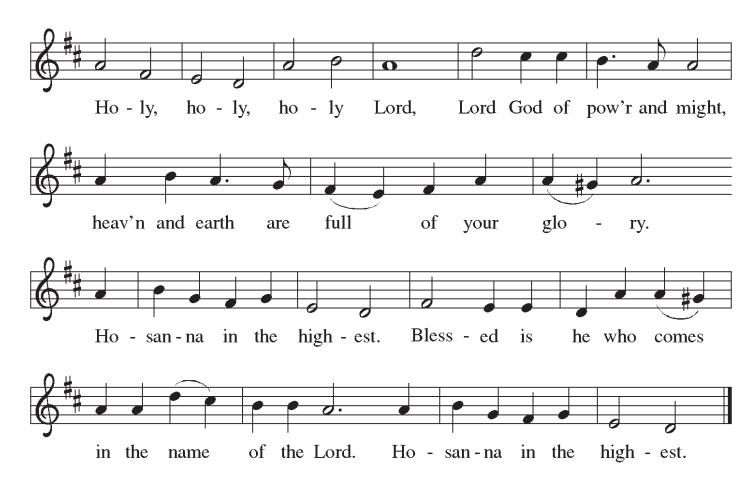
Lift up your hearts.

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, out duty and our joy ... join their unending hymn.



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

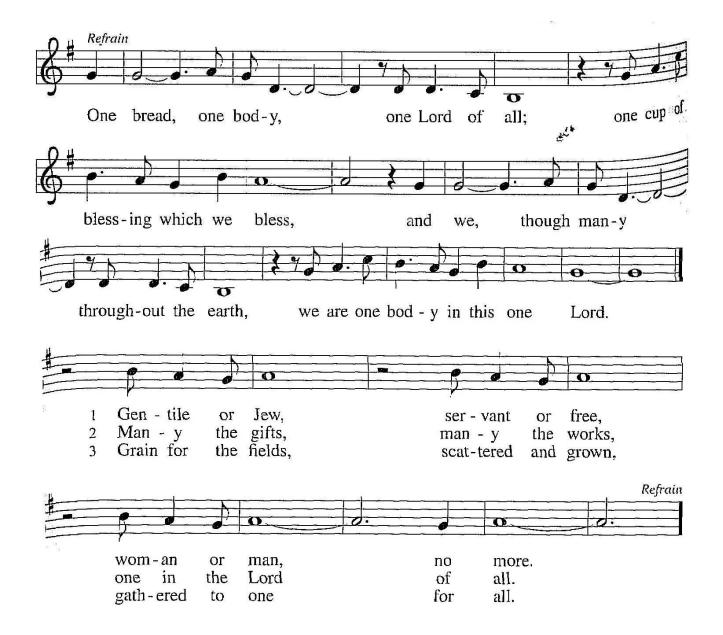
Invitation to Communion

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

Communion Distribution

Communion Hymn

One Bread, One Body



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

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care; In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare: Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are; Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

2 We are Thine, do Thou befriend us, Be the guardian of our way; Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray: Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray; Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

3 Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be; Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free: Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee; Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.

4 Early let us seek Thy favor, Early let us do Thy will; Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Thy love our bosoms fill: Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still; Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

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
June Hassebroek	Prayers of thanksgiving for successful heart valve replacement surgery. Prayers for continued healing and regaining of strength.	The Pastors
Katie Reitel	Prayers of healing, strength and comfort for Katie and support for her family	The Bentleys

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 22	Next Week - July 29
Ministers:	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Preacher:	Pastor Ron Werner, Jr.	
Pastor:	Pr. Christine Core	Pr. Christine Core
Pastor:	Pr. Terry Moe	Pr. Terry Moe
Musician:	Carol Biel	LeAnn Michaels
Usher:	Joe Tancredi	Joe Tancredi
Reader:	Karen Anderson	Naso Michaels
Communion:	Paul and Tammy Gover	Sonia Fornoni
Preparation of the Altar:	Tammy Gover	Annika and Simone Michaels

Bethel News

Coming Up:		
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, and an organizer with the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice.	
July 25	Youth Drop-In Board Meeting at 6:30 pm	
July 28	Hygiene Saturday, 9 am – noon	
July 29	Pastor Christine is preaching	
August 5	Lay Lead Service, many thanks to Cate Milburn who will lead worship	

SAVE THE DATE:

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION MEETING July 22

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 Music and Entertainment Bouncy House Grilled dogs & Snow-cones
- And a whole lot of fun!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Hygiene Program | Volunteers are needed for 8/11, 8/25 and 9/8



The Neighborhood Hygiene Program could use your volunteer help throughout this summer. Go to Sign Up Genius to sign up for a shift. We are at the ready to train new volunteers also. Contact Robin Moody for more information.

Sunday Morning Service Sack Lunch | Volunteers are needed for August

A big welcome and a huge thank you to Margie Strieff who has agreed to coordinate the Sack Lunch Giveaway Program! Margie would love to hear from you ... a team of 2 or more is welcomed into the kitchen on a Friday or Saturday to prepare the take-away Sack Lunches for our Sunday guests. The demand for a sack lunch has doubled in the last year. Contact Margie or sign up on the calendar in the kitchen if you are able to help out. This is a great project for the kids!

THANK YOU!!! for all you do!