

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 8, 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

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People



- 1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
2 They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

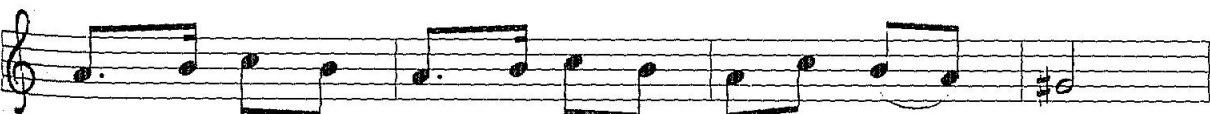
Refrain



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



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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

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom.
Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and
peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Ezekiel 2:1-5

[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

P: Holy Word, holy wisdom.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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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.

[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.


Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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Children's Message

Sermon



1. Lord, you give the great com-mis-sion: "Heal the sick and
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap-
 3. Lord, you make the com-mon ho-ly: "This my bod-y,
 4. Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Fa-ther, what they
 5. Lord, you bless with words as-sur-ing: "I am with you

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 preach the word." Lest the church ne-glect its mission,
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your promise,
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo-ry,
 do, for-give." Yet we hoard as pri-vate treasure
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re-stor-ing,

And the gos-pel go unheard, Help us wit-ness to your
 Life a-bun-dant meant for each, Give us all new fer-vor,
 Dai-ly lift life heav-en-ward, Ask-ing that the world a-
 All that you so free-ly give. May your care and mer-cy
 May we serve as you in-tend, And, a-mid the cares that

pur-pose With re-newed in-teg-ri-ty;
 draw us Clos-er in com-mu-ni-ty;
 round us Share your chil-dren's lib-er-ty; With the Spir-it's
 lead us To a just so-ci-e-ty;
 claim us, Hold in mind e-ter-ni-ty;

gifts em-power us For the work of min-is-try.

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.



Litany for the Beginning of Service by Pastor Terry Moe

Called on June 17, 2017 by Bethel Lutheran Church

Presiding Pastor: Dear Members and Friends of Bethel Lutheran Church: Baptized into the priesthood of Christ, we are all called by the Holy Spirit to offer ourselves to the God of all creation in thanksgiving for what God has done and continues to do for us. Today we give thanks to God for the ministry that God has given to the people of Bethel Lutheran Church and for the faithful service of its members and former pastors, most recently Pastor Michael Keys. And now we ask God's guidance as we begin this new part of our journey together; this period of discovery and discernment, a time to build new and deeper relationships, an opportunity to experiment and evaluate, and to use the power of our imaginations to move boldly to the future . Let us pray together.

Congregation: Gracious God, you have blessed and sustained us for many years and have given us this life together in the Christian community of this congregation. Be with us now, we pray, as we enter a new phase of our life together. Comfort us as we grieve the past or look anxiously to the future. Bless us and guide us as we reflect upon our history and dream dreams about our future, so that we might prepare for the next stage in our congregation's life. Give us courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us in our call to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, to seek justice while we serve our friends and neighbors where ever we encounter them, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Transition Pastor: As we begin this time together, we begin new relationships. I have been called to Bethel Lutheran Church by its membership. I your call to become your Transition Pastor: to be one of God's servants to come alongside you to open new ways of being and talking through the many transitions our life together presents. I pledge to you my commitment as a minister of the gospel among you: I will pray for you, listen to you, assist you and your Pastor, Christine Core, encouraging and challenging you as we move through this time together.

Congregation: And we, the people of Bethel Lutheran Church, receive you with gratitude as a servant of God and pledge our partnership with you as we continue to use the gifts God has given us, in the many ministries of the gospel in this place: in worship, education, proclamation, service, and stewardship.

Transition Pastor: May God bless us and lead us as we together embark on this new journey. And may we view this time as a time of learning and growth as God's Spirit instructs and prepares us for the future mission and ministry of the Church of God in this place. Amen

Prayers of the People

Response to each prayer petition:

God of all mercies,

Hear us as we pray.

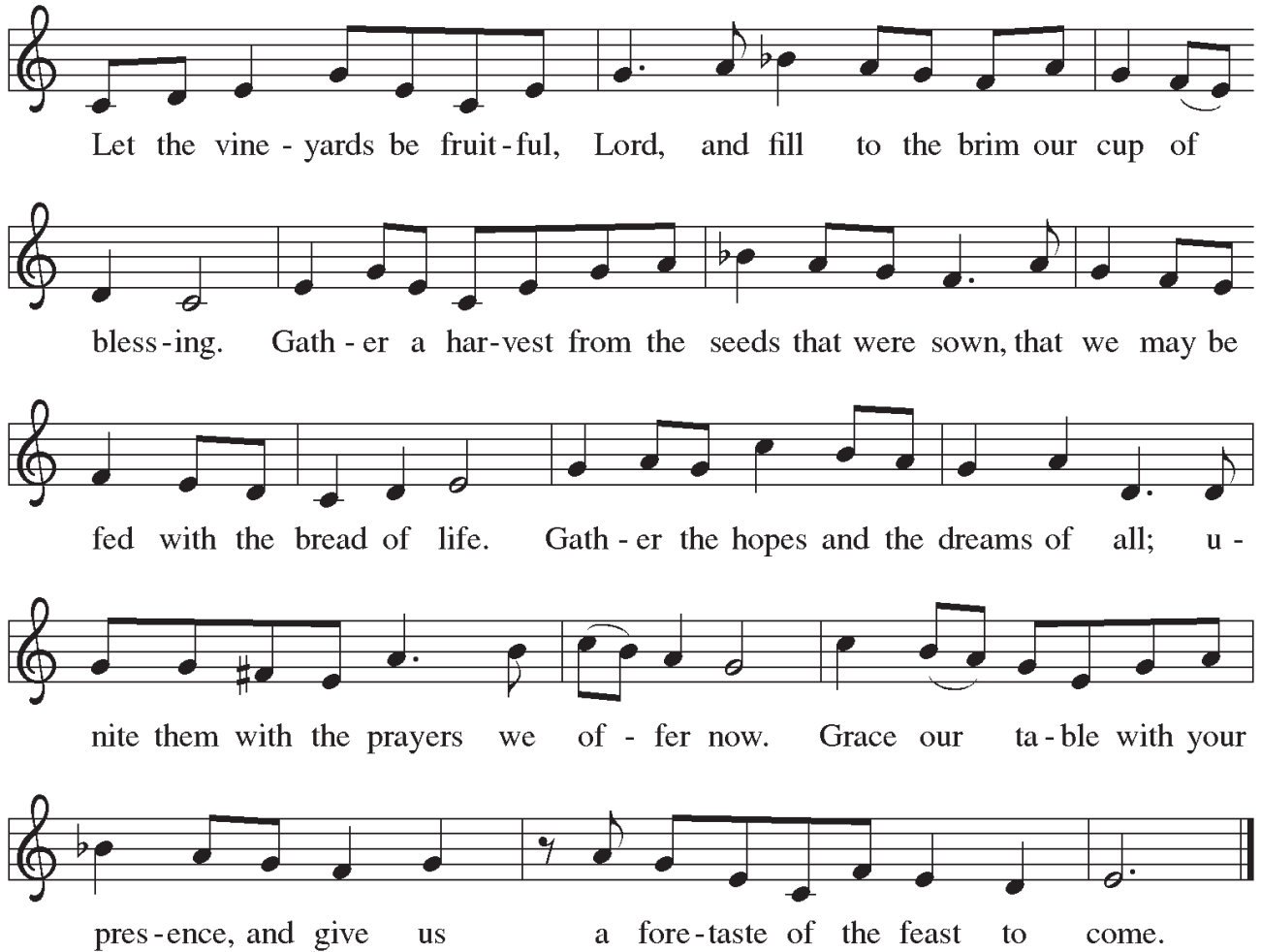
Sharing of the Peace

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.

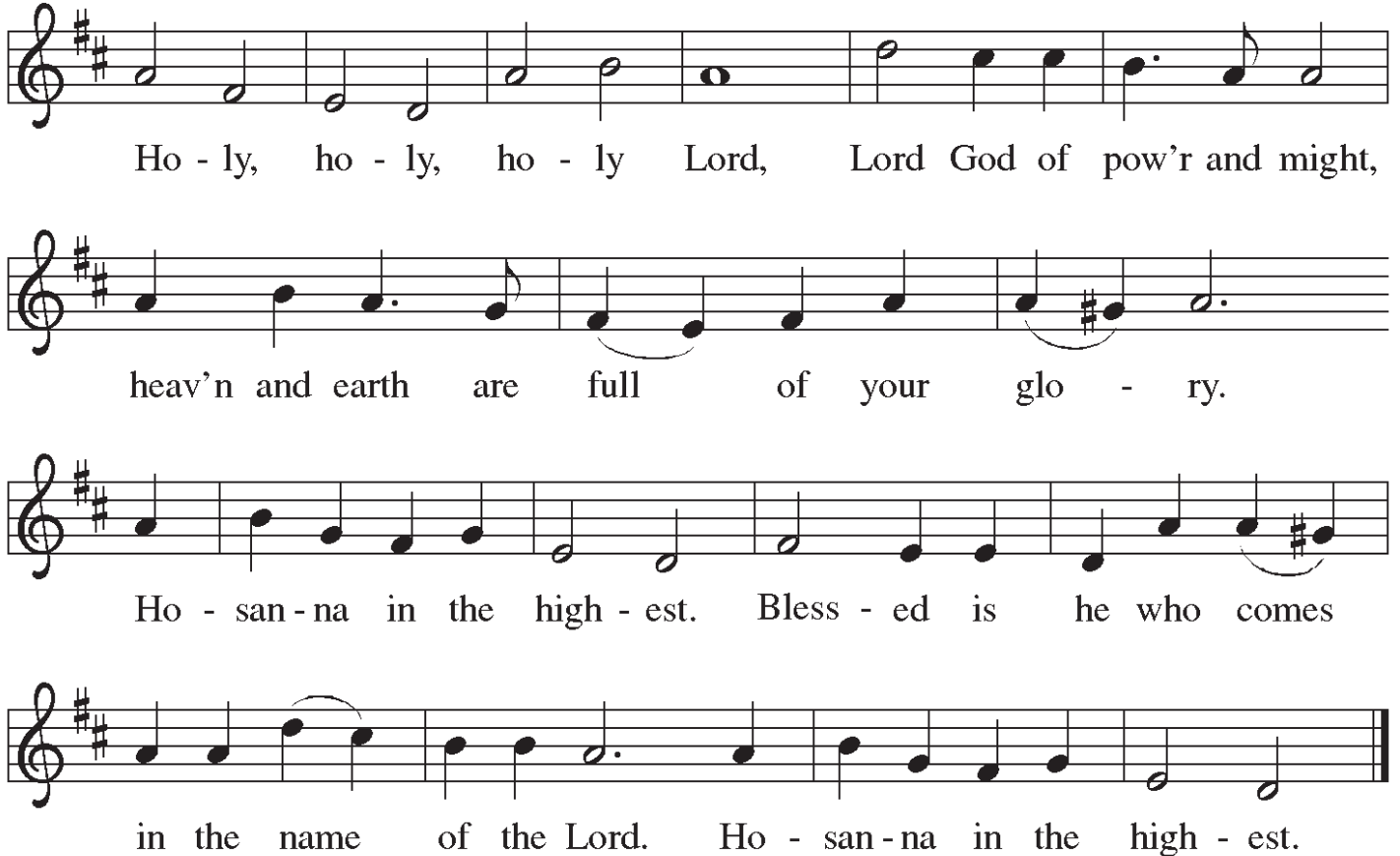
Lift up your hearts.

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

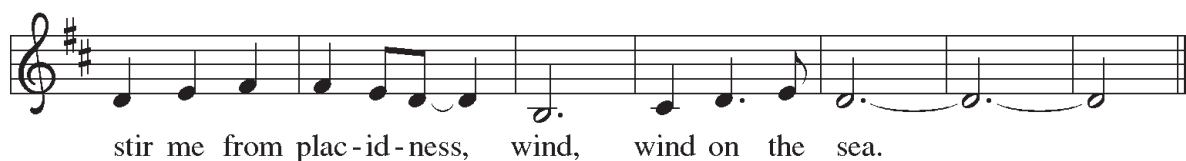
Invitation to Communion

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

Communion Distribution

Communion Hymn

Spirit of Gentleness



- 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.



“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

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

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

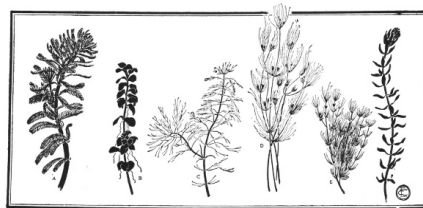
Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Dismissal

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
Thanks be to God.



Prayer Requested for:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
For all families separated by immigration policy	Prayers for courage to stand with those crossing our borders; living in the shadows; and risking all to support their families; and that all families are reunited.	The Bethel Community
For the LGBTQAI Community	Prayers that we all have strength to stand against the ignorance of sexism, the promotion of racism, and the condemnation and defamation of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people.	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 8	Next Week - July 15
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	LeAnn Michaels
Usher:		
Reader:	Marlo Edman	
Communion:	Sonia Fornoni	Tammy Gover
Preparation of the Altar:		Linda Worthington

Bethel News

Coming Up:

July 8	Installation of Pastor Terry Moe as Interim Transition Pastor; Pastor Christine Core preaching
July 14	Hygiene Saturday, 9 am – noon – Need one more volunteer
July 15	Pastor Terry Moe is preaching
July 15	Women's Planning Retreat – immediately following worship. Contact Cate Milburn for more information.
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 28	Hygiene Saturday, 9 am – 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:

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!

WOMEN'S RETREAT Planning meeting July 15

Do you think you'd like to participate this year? Plan on a relaxing weekend with good friends (who will be better friends soon) October 5, 6 and the morning of October 7 on the beautiful McKenzie River, east of Eugene. We've picked a study of the Book of Ruth for this weekend. Join us at the planning meeting immediately following worship July 15. We'll need a fairly firm head count by then so we make sure there are enough pillows in the cabins.