

11th Sunday After Pentecost

August 05, 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

You call your people to prayer and praise in many ways. This day, bring us together just as you called the people of Israel to gather manna in the desert to eat and sustain life.

God of unity, give us this day our daily bread.

Offer us the nutrients we need to remain connected to you. As spiritual beings, we desire to receive food that endures—faith, hope, and love.

God of grace, give us this day our daily bread.

All life is created and nourished by you! May we grow into new circles of understanding and being, reflecting the ways in which we have been touched by your holy manna.

Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread.

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy God, we confess that we often spoon-feed ourselves both things and ideas that do not provide us the energy we need to do your work. This creates space between you and us, between ourselves and each other, as members of Christ's one body. Oftentimes, we are willing to risk our sustained health and well-being for immediate satisfaction.

(We pause for a moment of silence and reflection)

Through Jesus, we have been given an example of one who was truly nourished and sustained by God. In Christ, we are forgiven, made whole, and restored to the one body.

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

O Day of Rest and Gladness



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



Prayer of the Day

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O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

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WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

P: Holy Word, holy wisdom.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

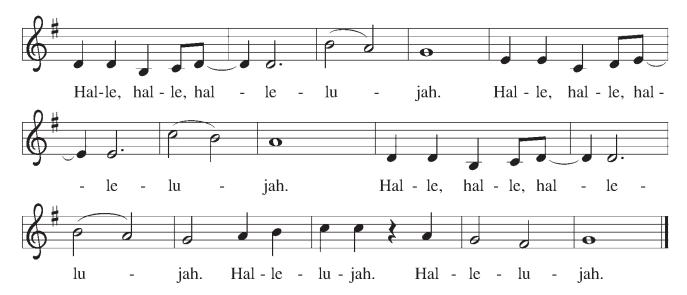
I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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Gospel Acclamation



The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the sixth chapter.

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' "Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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Children's Message

Message

Song: Everything I need is right in front of me (sing 4x) Can we be manna for each other (sing 4x)

Hymn of the Day

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!



- All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev-'ry voice in earth and Sing, broth-er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
- 3 Sing, broth er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
- 4 All who for love of God for give, all who in pain or sor row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful, throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night: clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare: fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -



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

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

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.

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.

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**

Thanksgiving for the Word

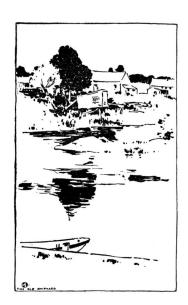
Let us pray.
Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being.
For your Word of life, O God, we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God, we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God, we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen



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

Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty; let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us, sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.

2 Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died; yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our people sighed? We have come over a way that with tears has been watered; we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered, out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast, by thy might, led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee, lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee; shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

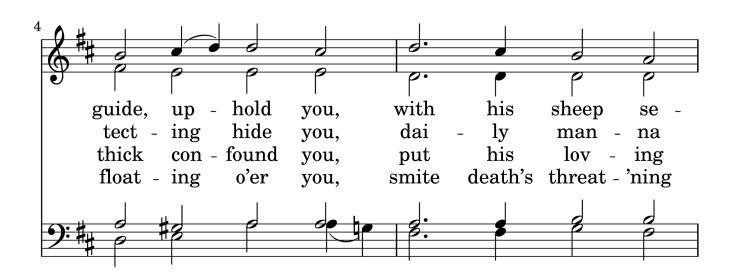
WE GO OUT TO SERVE

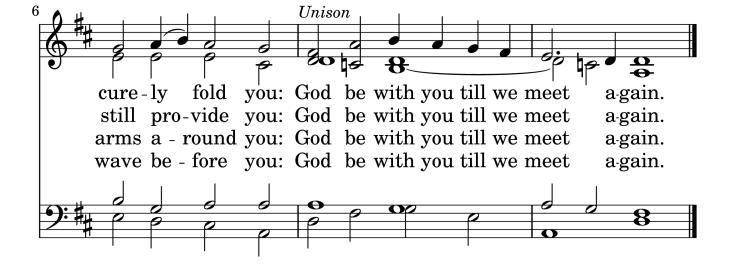
Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn God Be with You Till We Meet Again Harmony







Dismissal

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer Requested for:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
For the Immigrant and refugee	Prayers for those who leave their homes in search of new beginnings and possibilities, that they be welcomed and loved.	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
Jan Kimble	Prayers for healing and effective treatment for breast cancer.	Tammy Gover
Elizabeth Sorensen	Newly diagnosed with breast cancer, prayers for courage, strength, and staying positive as decisions are made for treatment.	Mary Rix
Richard VanDyke	For healing and good recovery from surgery	Jim VanDyke
Susan Frossard	Prayers for a peaceful passing	Pastor Christine
Pastor Jim Norlie	Prayers for healing and comfort following brain surgery to remove an aggressive malignancy.	Pastor Christine

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 - Aug 5	Next Week - Aug 12
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
Preaching & Presiding:	Cate Milburn	
Musician:	Jamie Vandenburg	LeAnn Michaels
Usher:		
Reader:	Marlo Edman	
Communion:	Jackie Calder	Jackie Calder
Preparation of the Altar:		

Bethel News

Coming Up:

Showers Hygiene Program August 11

August 12 Pastor Moe is preaching

August 10-12 Bethel Campout

August 15 YDIC Board Meeting

August 19 Deacon Sue Best preaching

Congregation Council Meeting

Bethel Block Party and Rummage Sale August 25

September 9 Sunday Morning Children's Education begins

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 Camparound rests next to the Middle Fork of the Willamette River. This scenic camparound is heavily shaded by towering hemlock, cedar and Douglas fir. Fishing and kayaking are popular pastimes. Ryan Burghard is coordinating.

Our Children's Programs



INTRODUCING SUPER SERVICE SATURDAYS First Sunday of Each Month We invite children of all ages for Super Service Saturdays. We will enjoy time to gather, play and sing. We'll have planned a "work party" of various jobs around Bethel that need doing, a time to consider a story from our Christian faith, perhaps a game or a simple craft. Before we say goodbye for the day we'll serve a small snack.

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S EDUCATION Beginning September 9 Children will continue to gather with parents during the sermon time for parent-led, lectionary-based lessons. The structure of this time is still under construction, but we are thinking younger children will be treated to a Godly Play lesson; older children who are reading will gather for a more in-depth discussion of the Gospel. There will be time for some singing and learning music; there will be times when the older children will borrow books from Pastor Christine's lending library and read to the younger ones. This program will begin in September.

OLDER CHILDREN (fifth grade and older) Beginning in September Together with the children of BLC, Pastor Christine is forming what parents and grandparents may have called Confirmation Class. Children, fifth grade or older, will gather to talk all things Bible and Luther. This is a time for our older children to become closer to one another, participate in community service as well as ask questions of importance in a safe space free of parents. If your child is younger than fifth grade, but you think they would benefit from a little more conversation, please talk with Pastor C.