



12th Sunday After Pentecost

August 12, 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

Out of the depths I cry to you, O God:

We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus, and we thirst for you, O God.

O God, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus, and we thirst for you, O God.

There is forgiveness with you and I wait for you O God, my soul waits.

We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus, and we thirst for you, O God.

In your words I hope. My soul waits for you, God, more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning:

We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus, and we thirst for you, O God.

God of Healing and Transformation, we hunger and thirst for your abundant life; we bring you our sorrow and ask for the bread of joy; we bring you our despair and ask for the bread of hope; we bring you our weariness and ask for the bread of inspiration. Meet us here. We need the bread of heaven to sustain us for our journey to find our way, that we may be one with you. In Jesus' name we pray, **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

You are Holy (Sing 2x)



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

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

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

1 Kings 19:4-8

[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

P: Holy Word, holy wisdom.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:25--5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, 2 and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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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. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the sixth chapter.

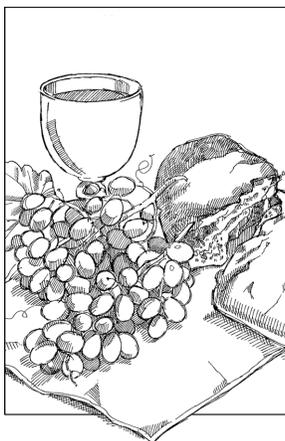
Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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Children's Message

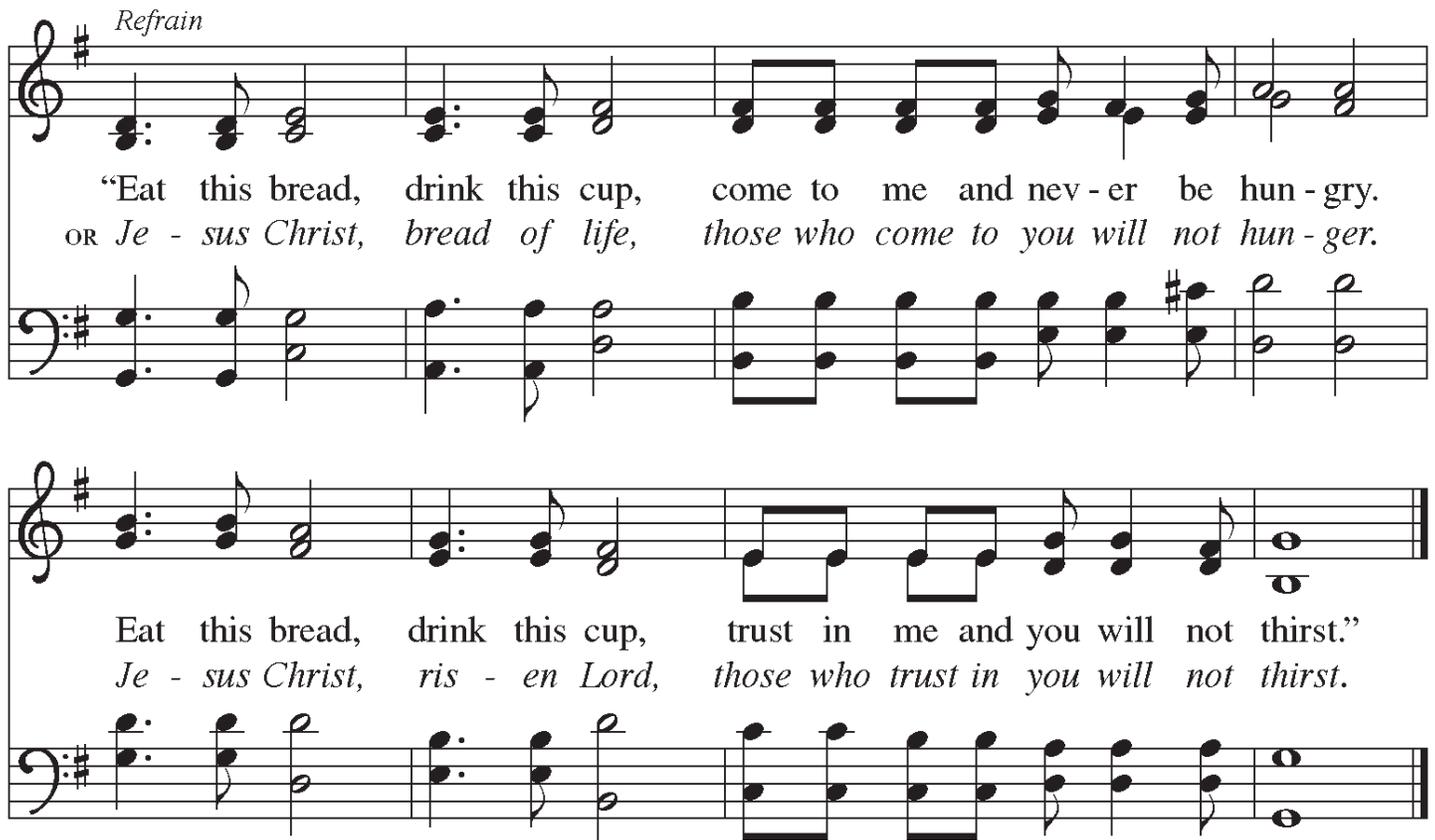
Sermon



Hymn of the Day

Eat This Bread (sing contemplative Taize style; at least 3x)

Refrain



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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.

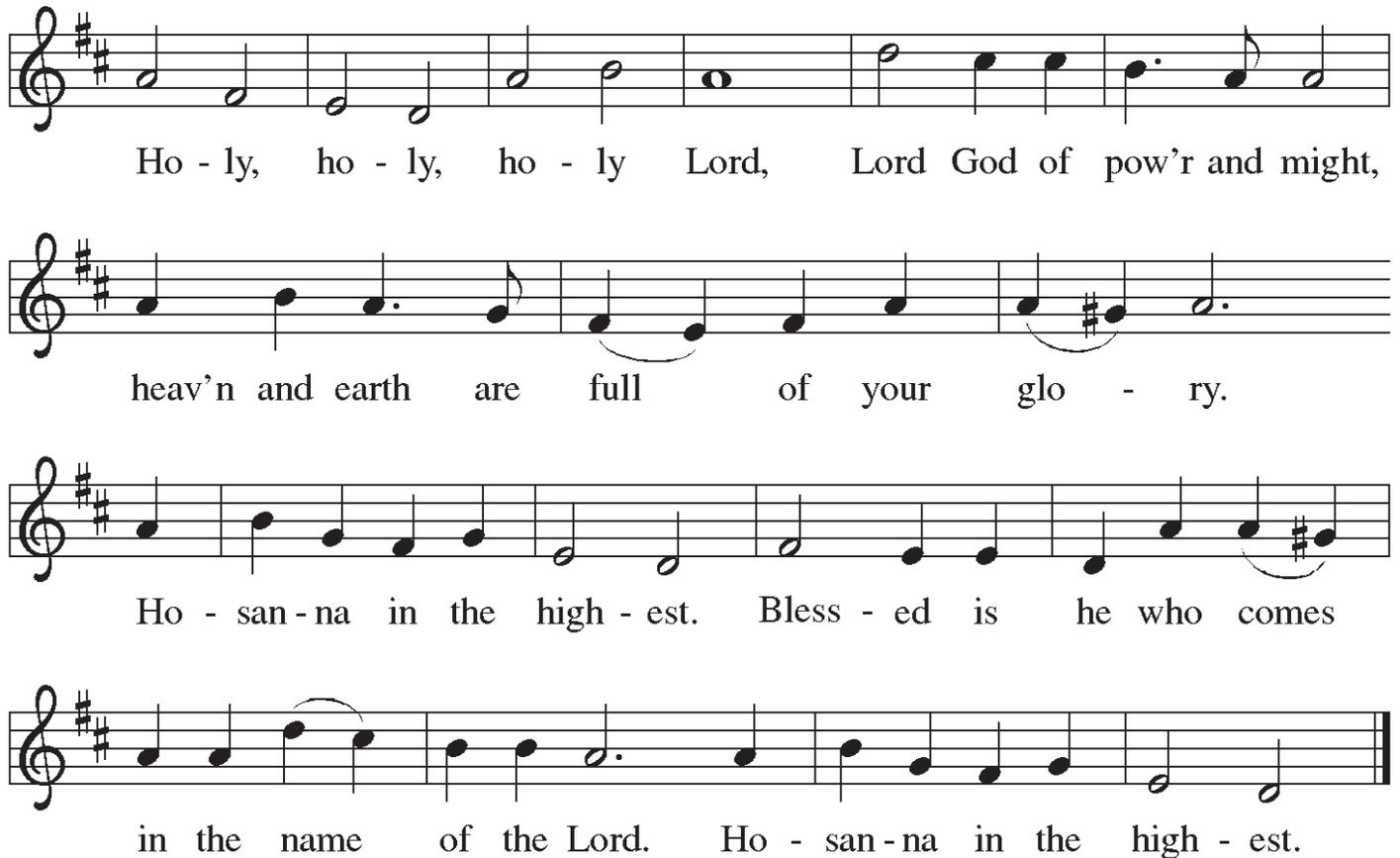
Lift up your hearts.

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

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art



- 1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!
- 2 How won - der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—
- 3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,
- 4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,
- 5 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!



How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!
thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!
bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.
for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.
On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.

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

I Come with Joy

Verse 1

*I come with joy to meet my Lord,
Forgiven, loved and free,
In awe and wonder to recall
His life laid down for me,
His life laid down for me.*

Verse 2

*I come with Christians far and near
To find, as all are fed,
Our true community of love
In Christ's communion bread,
In Christ's communion bread.*

Verse 3

*As Christ breaks bread for us to share
Each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one,
And strangers now are friends,
And strangers now are friends.*

Verse 4

*And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence always near,
Is in such friendship better known:
We see and praise Him here,
We see and praise Him here.*

Verse 5

*Together met, together bound,
We'll go our diff'rent ways,
And as His people in the world,
We'll live and speak His praise,
We'll live and speak His praise.*



Dismissal

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

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
Family and friends of Susan Frossard	Prayers for peace and comfort following Susan's 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 12	Next Week - Aug 19
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
Preacher:		Deacon Sue Best
Musician:	LeAnn Michaels	LeAnn Michaels
Usher:		Ronda Bard
Reader:		
Communion:	Jackie Calder	Joann and Emily Noll
Preparation of the Altar:		Joe Tancredi

Bethel News

COMING UP:

- August 15** YDIC Board Meeting
- August 19** Deacon Sue Best preaching
Congregation Council Meeting
- August 25** Bethel Block Party and Rummage Sale
Showers Hygiene Program
- September 9** Sunday Morning Children's Education begins
- October 5-7** Women's Retreat on the McKenzie River

SAVE THE DATE:

ANNUAL BETHEL BLOCK PARTY AND RUMMAGE SALE, Saturday, August 25, 9 am to 2 pm

- It's time to bring clean out closets. Any furniture that can be easily placed in the trunk of a car is welcomed. Nothing larger please. No POD this year, use the office next to the Library (where Pr. Mike used to often reside).
- Music and entertainment
- Bouncy house grilled dogs & sno-cones
- And a whole lot of fun!

Watch for the email to sign up to help ... Set up begins early Saturday morning (7 am)

WOMEN'S RETREAT, October 5-7 on the beautiful McKenzie River!

Get your registration in this week so we can make sure there are enough pillows and materials for everyone. The planning of the meals and the logistics continue with Cate Milburn and Shirley Kolpin leading the charge. Deacon Sue Best, who is commissioned into the Ministry of Word and Service in the ELCA, will join Pastor Christine in leading the retreat focused on the Book of Ruth. Let Cate (email: catemilburn@yahoo.com or phone at 971-269-9899) know if you're attending no later than August 19, 2018, or talk to Pastor Christine.

OUR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

INTRODUCING SUPER SERVICE SATURDAYS First Sunday of Each Month

We invite children of all ages for Super Service Saturdays. It is a time to gather, play, sing and have planned "work parties". Before we say goodbye 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. Younger children will be treated to a Godly Play lesson; older children will gather for a more in-depth discussion of the Gospel. There will be time for singing and learning music. Older children will sometimes borrow books from Pastor Christine's lending library to the younger ones. This program will begin in September.

OLDER CHILDREN (fifth grade and older) Beginning in September

Pastor Christine is forming what prior generations called Confirmation Class. Children, fifth grade or older, will gather to talk about the Bible, become closer to one another, participate in community service as well as ask questions in a safe space free of parents.