

13th Sunday After Pentecost

August 19, 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

Come into this household of God that we might all listen to God's Word and discern the wisdom that comes only from God.

How can we discover such wisdom?

Reverence for God is the beginning of wisdom. When we choose to live according to God's will and plan, God will give to each of us a wise and discerning heart.

May God fill us with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs! We have come to lift up in praise the songs and music from our hearts.

Jesus is here in our midst as living bread. We want to be nourished and strengthened that we may remain with him. Jesus is so close to us that we can taste his presence.

**Praise God! Learn of God's compassion and mercy.
Praise God with our hearts! Praise 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

When in Our Music God is Glorified



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song,
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise;



and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,
in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,
when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?
let all re - joice who have a voice to raise;



it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue:
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
and may God give us faith to sing al - ways:



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

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

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
"You that are simple, turn in here!"
To those without sense she says,
"Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight."

P: Holy Word, holy wisdom.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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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 John, the sixth chapter.

[Jesus said,] "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."

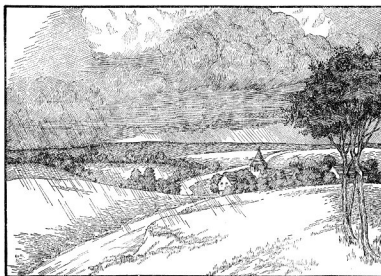
The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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Children's Message

Sermon



Hymn of the Day

I Am the Bread of Life

*1 I am the bread of life, you who come to Me shall not hunger
And who believe in me shall not thirst, no one can come to me unless the Father beckons*

chorus

And I will raise you up, And I will raise you up, And I will raise you up on the last day

*2 The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world
And if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever, you shall live forever*

chorus

And I will raise you up, And I will raise you up, And I will raise you up on the last day

*3 Unless you eat Of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of His blood,
And drink of His blood, You shall not have life within you.*

chorus

And I will raise you up, And I will raise you up, And I will raise you up on the last day

*4 I am the resurrection, I am the life
If you believe in Me, even though you die, You shall live forever*

chorus

And I will raise you up, And I will raise you up, And I will raise you up on the last day

*5 Yes Lord I believe, that You are the Christ
The Son of God, Who has come Into the world*

chorus

And I will raise you up, And I will raise you up, And I will raise you up on the last day

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



bles - sing. 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.

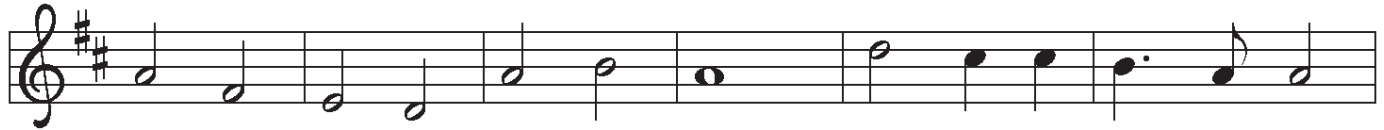
Lift up your hearts.

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



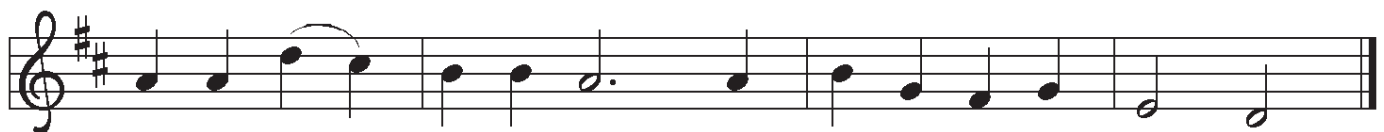
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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

What Feast of Love



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

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**

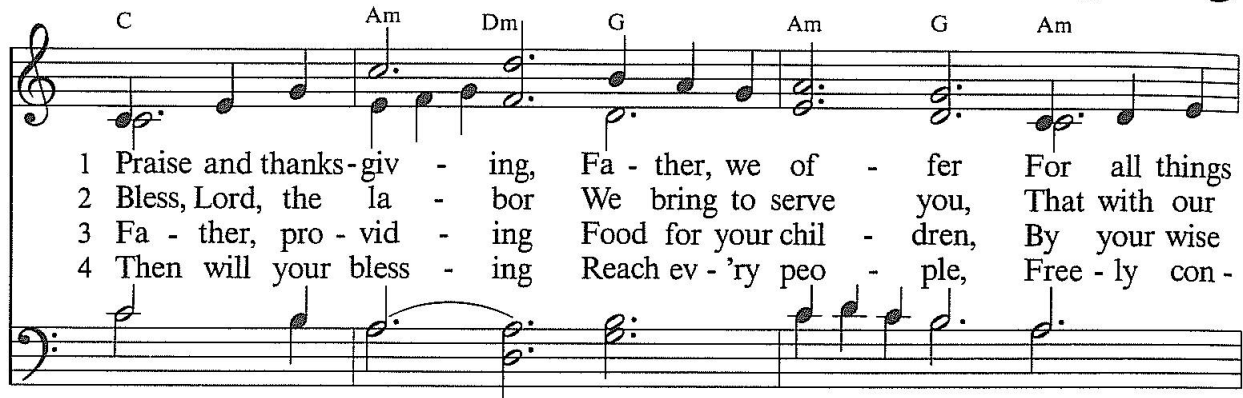
WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Announcements

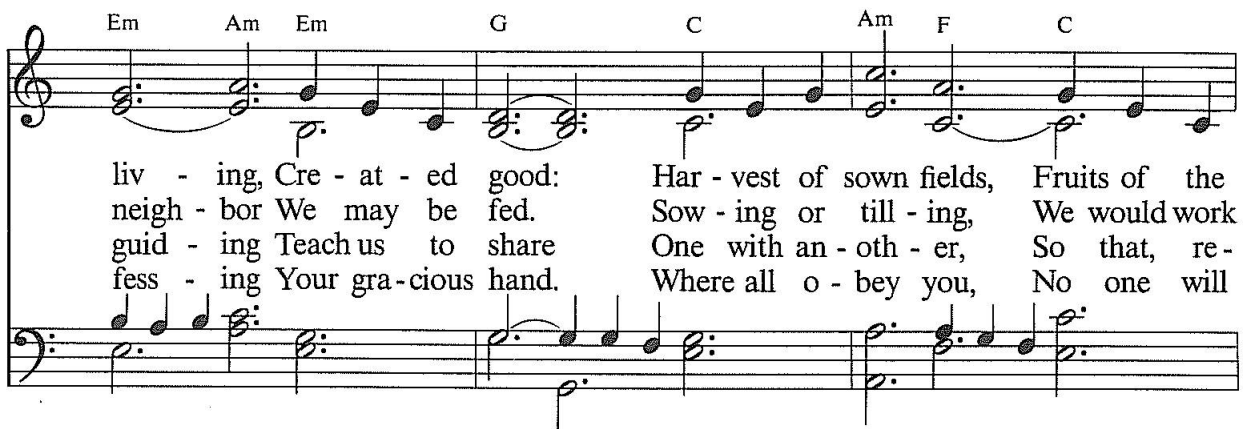
Blessing

Sending Hymn

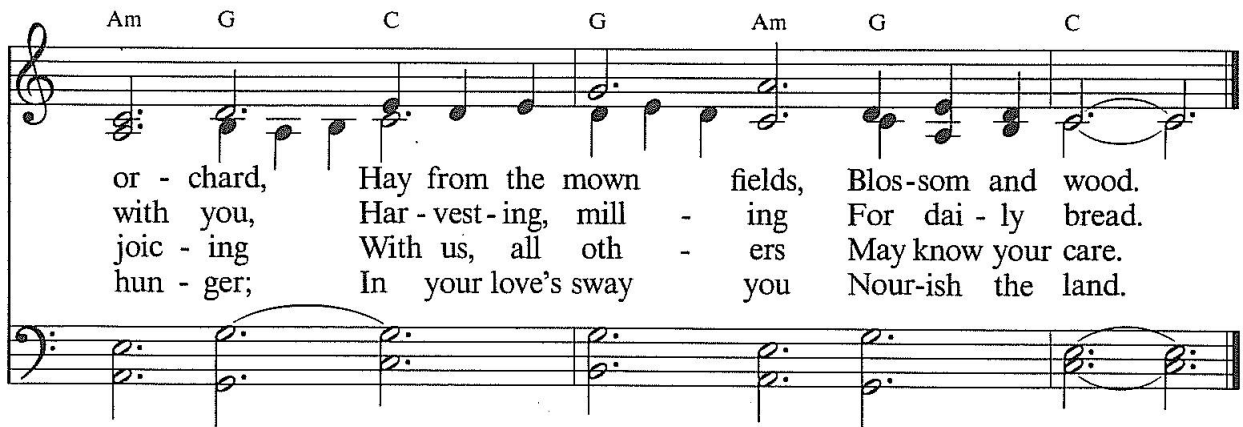
Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
 2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve you, That with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for your chil - dren, By your wise
 4 Then will your bless - ing Reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, Free - ly con -



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
 neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
 guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -
 fess - ing Your gra - cious hand. Where all o - bey you, No one will



or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.
 with you, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know your care.
 hun - ger; In your love's sway you Nour - ish the land.

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 19	Next Week - Aug 26
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:	Joann and Emily Noll	
Preparation of the Altar:	Joe Tancredi	

Bethel News

COMING UP:

- August 19** Congregation Council Meeting after worship
August 25 Bethel Block Party and Rummage Sale
Showers Hygiene Program
Aug 26 **Edman's Anniversary Party**
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)

MARLO AND JULIEANN EDMAN'S 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, Sunday, 8/26 4pm

Join them at 6027 NE 32nd Place, Pdx OR 97211. RSVP JulieAnn, 503-984-7930, call or text

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

Get your registration in no later than August 19, 2018 for planning purposes for Cate Milburn and Shirley Kolpin. Deacon Sue Best will join Pastor Christine to lead the retreat focused on the Book of Ruth. Contact: Cate at catemilburn@yahoo.com or 971-269-9899.

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.