



14th Sunday After Pentecost

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Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church

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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

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, Verses 1 – 4, 6



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

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

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

P: Holy Word, holy wisdom.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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C: Thanks be to God.

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,] “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.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

P: Holy Word, holy wisdom.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message

Sermon



Hymn of the Day

I Come with Joy

- 1. I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.*
- 2. I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.*
- 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.*
- 4. The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.*
- 5. Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.*

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.

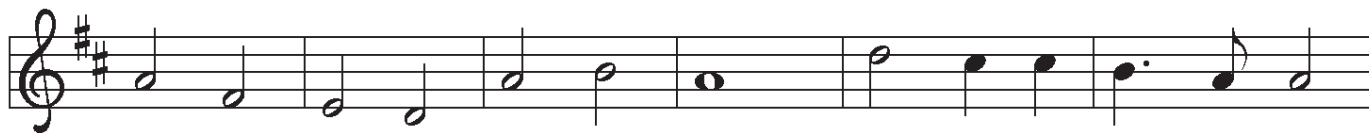
Lift up your hearts.

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, 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

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

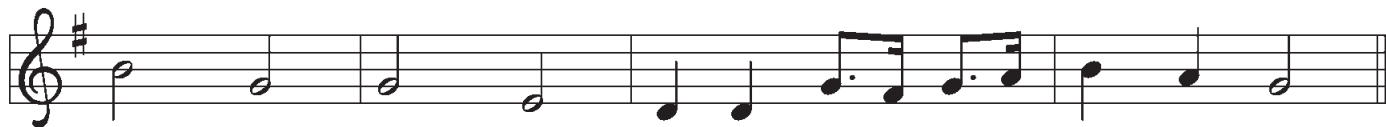


lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

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

For the Beauty of the Earth



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.



Prayer Requested for:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
Prayers for all immigrants and refugees seeking a better life.	May justice continue to flow into and through all families recently released and all families who are still unjustly separated, those seeking asylum in our country from violence and religious persecution. <i>"But let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."</i> Amos 5:24	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	Prayers for courage, strength, and thanksgiving for doctor's wisdom.	Mary Rix
Richard VanDyke	For healing and peace	Jim VanDyke
Debbie Brunhoff	Hospitalized with a stubborn infection	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 26	Next Week - Sept 2
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:		Jim VanDyke
Musician:	Jamie Vandenburg	LeAnn Micheals
Usher:		
Reader:	PJ Bentley	
Communion:	Dorian and Mary Bentley	Paul Gover
Preparation of the Altar:	Stephanie Burdick	Brady Burdick or Jackie Calder



COMING UP:

Bethel News

- August 26** Edman's Anniversary Party, this afternoon at 4 pm
- August 29** Traveling Advocates for Temporary Protected Status stay overnight at Bethel
- September 1** Super Service Saturday 1- 3 pm
- September 9** Sunday Morning Children's Education begins
- SEPTEMBER 16** Congregational Meeting, Sunday, following worship
- October 5-7** Women's Retreat on the McKenzie River

SAVE THE DATE:

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, Sunday, September 16 following worship
 Discussion centers on the parsonage. Come engage as we discern our next steps to move forward.

WOMEN'S RETREAT, October 5-7 on the beautiful McKenzie River!
 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. If you haven't told us you are attending, now is the time!



OUR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

INTRODUCING SUPER SERVICE SATURDAYS First Sunday of Each Month (9/1 at 1pm)
 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.

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.

INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOR IMMIGRANT JUSTICE (IMIRJ)



#LetOurPeopleGo, the people of IMIRJ were thrilled this week:

On Tuesday, faith leaders stood outside the ICE Building on SW Macadam for 6 hours reading the stories of those who are detained in the Dalles. The experience of separation, dehumanizing treatment and uncertainty ring in my ears still. We stood in silence, and we prayed that our peaceful and silent protests against these seemingly unjust incarcerations would end soon.

And then, on Thursday, 8 of the men seeking asylum who were unjustly detained at Sheridan have been released! We give our thanks to Pastor Ron Werner, Jr. and everyone involved with IMIRJ (and that means you too, people of Bethel). Together so many worked to bring about justice for these men and their families. Our work continues until all people have been released.