

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

Listen! Do you hear God speaking to us?

Rise up, beloved people of God! The dark, cold night is over; a fresh, new day is here!

It is time to lift our voices in song, joining with the rest of creation!

The time for the harvest is near! Rise up, dear ones of God, and join in the song!

Confession and Forgiveness

Generous God, we confess that we are all too stingy with your grace. We rush to judge others and are quick to get angry or raise our voice. Merciful God, purge us of our shameful ways. Teach us patience, gentleness, and meekness. Help us to recognize ourselves as those who hear and follow your Word faithfully, that we may be blessed in doing your will.

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 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

Awake, My Soul and with the Sun



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy
2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and
3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -
4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all
5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of
I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with
God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye

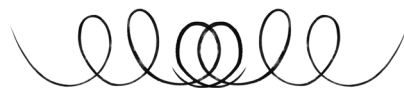


joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.
all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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.

Prayer of the Day

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

P: Holy Word, holy wisdom.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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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 2nd and 8th chapters.

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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Children's Message

Message





1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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.

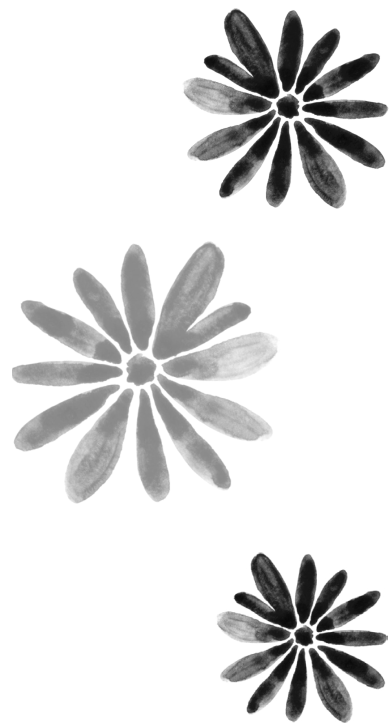
Praise and thanks to you, holy God,
for by your Word you made all things:
you spoke light into darkness,
called forth beauty from chaos,
and brought life into being.
For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

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

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.



WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn

This is My Father's World

1 *This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--
His hand the wonders wrought.*

2 *This is my Father's world:
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.*

3 *This is my Father's world:
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems off so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!*



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:
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." Amos 5:24</i>	The Bethel Community
Vance	Prayers for healing.	Gabe Moody-Burghard
Elizabeth Presberg	Prayers 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	Prayers for healing and peace.	Jim VanDyke
Debbie Brunhoff	Prayers of thanksgiving as she continues her recovery at home.	Pastor Christine
Lori Fields	Prayers for courage and strength as she recently received a stage 4 liver cancer diagnosis.	Karen Anderson
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 - Sept 2	Next Week - Sept 9
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:	LeAnn Micheals	LeAnn Micheals
Usher:		
Reader:		
Communion:		Paul Gover
Preparation of the Altar:		Jackie Calder



COMING UP:

Bethel News

- September 4** Bethel Players unveiling and planning of this year's play 'The Bride of Frankenpastor' at 7 in the sanctuary
- September 9** Sunday Morning Children's Education begins
Summer Vacation Baptismal Font Renewal
- September 16** Congregational Meeting, Sunday, following worship
- October 5-7** Women's Retreat on the McKenzie River

SAVE THE DATE:

WE GATHER AGAIN IN ONE COMMUNITY , September 9, (next Sunday)

Be sure to bring back your little bottle of water that you picked up on your summer travels. We will gather again as a church family, remember the adventures of the summer, and reunite as one body in our Baptism around the Baptismal Font. Let us rejoice that we are all together in one place!

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

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.

CONFIRMATION CLASS (5th grade & up) 1st class (only) is 9/ 8 at 3-4:30 pm (regular time TBD)

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

People of faith are called to be people of courage as we shout "Let Our People Go!" And while five of the asylum-seeking men were released from Sheridan last week, we keep pushing to end the decriminalization of migration and an end to immigrant detention. **Because:**

- There are still dozens who remain detained in Sheridan and every day matters.
- Sheriffs and county commissioners on the board at NORCOR are willingly balancing the budget of their county jail on the backs of immigrants through their ICE contract.
- There will be increased fear and family separation on the horizon if Measure 105 passes.

Learn more about the statewide campaign, where we'll go deeper into our communities, congregations, and neighborhoods through a September mobilization around Measure 105 and an October pilgrimage from Sheridan to NORCOR.