

19th 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 *(Adapted from Worship-Ways, by United Church of Christ)*

I am the church; you are the church.

We are the church together.

We depend on our elders and long-time members to remember where we came from and where we have been.

We are the church together.

We depend on our children to retell our sacred stories as they grow.

We are the church together.

We depend on our youth and young adults to ask us why we do things this way and to suggest something new.

We are the church together.

We need each other to be the church.

We are the church together.

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

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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.

Salutation

God be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

P: Hear the Word of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

P: Hear the Word of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter.

John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

P: This is the Gospel of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Sermon



Hymn of the Day

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

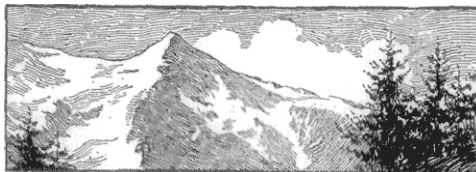
Prayers of the People (We respond after each petition.)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.



WE CELEBRATE THE MEAL

Offering

Offertory Prayer

God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, Holy, Holy



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



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



heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer *(Roman Catholic Version, 1969)*

Our Father who are 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.



Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Invitation to Communion

Speak to us, O God, in the breaking of the bread and make us one with you.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

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.

Communion Distribution

All are welcome to come to the feast.

Communion Hymn

Be Thou My Vision



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.

Prayer After Communion

Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen**



We Go Out to Serve

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn

Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

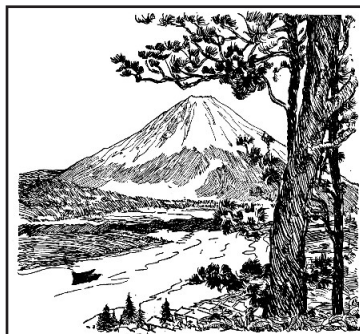


Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the Good News.

Thanks be to God.



Prayer Requested for:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
Prayers for all immigrants and refugees seeking a better life.	Prayers that we unite as one people, that all come to know each person is a citizen of God's realm and apart of God's holy family.	The Bethel Community
Vance	Prayers for healing.	Gabe Moody-Burghard
Jan Kimble	Prayers for healing and effective treatment for breast cancer.	Tammy Gover
Richard VanDyke	Prayers for healing and peace.	Jim VanDyke
Lori Fields	Prayers for courage and strength as she recently received a stage 4 liver cancer diagnosis.	Karen Anderson
David Nokken	Prayers for peace and comfort at the sudden death of their brother and son.	LeAnn Michaels
John Houdeshell	Prayers for healing and comfort John who was critically injured by a hit and run driver.	Pastor Christine
Prayers for peace and comfort for the family of Suresh Battan.	Mr. Battan was one of our community breakfast guests.	The Bethel Community
Merrie Ross, Friend of Bethel and daughter of Bethel Player Laurie Ross	Peace, comfort and healing from complications from surgery; wisdom for her doctors and all caregivers	Svea Erickson and Tana Bishop
Brenda	Prayers for healing	Cate Milburn
Preston Kyles	Prayers for healing after orthopedic surgery	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 - Sept 30	Next Week - Oct 7
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
Musician:	Jamie Vandenberg	LeAnn Michaels
Usher:		
Reader:		Jared Burdick
Communion:		
Preparation of the Altar:		Brady Burdick

Bethel News



Coming Up:

- October 5-7** Women's Retreat on the McKenzie River
October 6 Super Service Saturday for children and their parents
October 7 Sunday School is a Godly Play Lesson, led by Tammy Gover
October 10 Bethel Youth Neighborhood Drop-In Center Board Meeting – 6:30 pm
October 13 Confirmation Class, 1-2:30, Pastor Christine's OFFICE

Other News

Coming to a Church Fellowship Hall Near You!



Reanimated Bride of Frankenpastor!

Tickets on sale October 1 for performances the first 2 weekends of November. Details at <http://bethelpdx.org/bethel-players/>



Thank you to St. Vincent De Paul Society at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

With grateful hearts, we have accepted a donation from St. Vincent De Paul Society at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church (on North Rosa Parks Way) in a total amount of \$1,500. This most generous donation is to be used to support Bethel's Breakfast and Hygiene programs for the houseless in our community.

News of the work Bethel is doing in our community had reached the Society's ears through one of our nearby neighbors who had been aware of Bethel and brought it to the attention of the Society's governing Board. Representatives from Holy Redeemer met with Pastor Christine Wednesday to learn more about the program, the Board met last night and this morning, Holy Redeemer members came by to drop off the first check.

We will figure out a way to thank this generous and thoughtful group of sisters and brothers in the church universal ... which is a challenge especially when saying thank you seems pretty inadequate in response to such unexpected generosity. God's grace knows no end!

Pastor Schedule

Pastor Core and Pastor Moe will be attending the Bishop's Convocation October 8, 9 and 10. They will both be available by text message or by voice mail during this meeting.



Other News *continued...*

Thank you to the Fun Committee for last Sunday's Pub Trivia – Bethel Style!

Shout out to Stephanie, PJ and Dorian for their planning. Who knew that honey was the only natural food that does not rot? Congratulations to the Alvey-Cyr family who took home the Grand Prize of Yard Yahtzee.

Bethel Discernment Team News

Bethel Discernment Team Inaugural Retreat, September 22, 2018

The team members are:

PJ Bentley

Ryan Burghard

JulieAnn Edman

Naso Michaels

Cate Milburn

Holly Redfern

Lisa Siems (Lisa was not able to join us on this retreat)

The Team is joined by P Moe and Pastor Core

The focus for our biblical work was Genesis 28:10-22. This story tells of Jacob's dream of a ladder, or stairway, that reached from earth to heaven. Jacob dreams God's angels were on this ladder, ascending and descending. Jacob saw God standing above the ladder and repeats the covenant God has made with Abraham and Isaac: that their children would be many and be blessed. When Jacob awoke, he believed God was present in that place, took the stone he had been using to rest his head, anointed it with oil and consecrated it to God. Jacob calls this place Bethel – which means “house of God”. The Team encourages each of you to read this story and think on what it might be saying to you.

With the thought of Bethel, the “house of God” firmly in our minds, the Discernment Team started focusing on “Our Extended Present”, describing for ourselves and then sharing with others what this moment in the life of Bethel looks and feels like. We tried to address the important events and important people in our lives at Bethel, our feelings dominating our lives and the physical conditions each of us is dealing with. The sharing was deep and reflective as we considered where Bethel is headed: we shared our thoughts on Bethel's Present Life, and how each person visualized Bethel's future.

We had a time to reflect in a one to one conversation a time when we were afraid and were able to act anyway. This gave each person in the team time to reflect on how they coped with a challenge they faced, as the congregation faces unknown situations in its future. These conversations deepened our relationships with each other and how we will be able to encourage the same deep relationship building within all members of the congregation.

Finally the Team took a look at the upcoming year and the activities Bethel will be taking on in its future. The work before us is challenging and exciting. Thanks be to God.

Our Children's Programs

Sunday Morning Children's Education

Each Sunday following the Children's Message

Super Service Saturday

For children of all ages and their parents. Saturday, October 6, time TBA.

October Birthdays

7 Joann Noll
10 Marlo Edman
12 Simone Michaels
16 Beverly Cleverly
21 Michelle Schilz
24 Lisa Siems
26 Mary Bentley
30 Robin Moody



Worship Notes

For September 30, October 7 and 14

We continue our exploration into the wide-ranging ways in which the people of God rightly pray the Lord's Prayer. For the next three Sundays, we will pray the Lord's Prayer in the Roman Catholic tradition, as it currently appears in the celebration of the Roman liturgy. The most significant difference is the way in which the doxology is recited.

In the early Church, the Christians living in the eastern half of the Roman Empire added the doxology "for thine is the kingdom..." to the gospel text of the Our Father when reciting the prayer at Mass. Evidence of this practice is also found in the Didache (Teaching of the Twelve Apostles), a first century manual of morals, worship, and doctrine of the Church. When copying the scriptures, Greek scribes sometimes appended the doxology onto the original Gospel text; most Roman texts today would omit this inclusion, relegate it to a footnote, or note that it was a later addition to the Gospel. Official "Catholic" Bibles have never included this doxology.

In 1969, following the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council, the doxology was added to the Catholic Mass, not as part of the "Our Father", but following shortly afterwards. While Lutheran pastors are not ordained as priests, in our prayer today, we will follow the Roman form of the recitation of the prayer.





NO ON MEASURE 105 CAMPAIGN

Promoted by hate groups in and out of state, Ballot Measure 105 will appear on November's ballot. Measure 105 will throw out Oregon's thirty-year-old "sanctuary law," a statute that has protected our most core values by disentangling local and state law enforcement from federal immigration enforcement.

Shared Values: *People of faith are bound together by a shared vision that calls us to live the core practices of hospitality, inclusion and community.*

- **Vision of Beloved Community:** Faith traditions around the world cast a vision of a reality in which all people are in right relationship with one another. This kind of sacred "beloved community" is written about in all our holy scriptures in a variety of names. We are grounded in this vision and our hope for the restoration of all things. We live this vision into being now through collective action that embodies the beloved community and cries for justice.
- **Equity and Inclusion:** Sacred texts across tradition call people of faith into the practice of equity and inclusion for those sojourning through their lands. Thirty six times the Hebrew scriptures command the following: "The foreigner who lives among you must be treated like one of your own. Love them as you love yourself, for you too were a foreigner in the land of Egypt."
- **United, Interdependent and Diverse Community:** We are called to create communities united in common purpose and vision, embracing our differences in background, color, creed and country of origin, yet refusing to allow the world to divide us because of them. In Buddhism, the core concept of interdependence applies to the laws of our state. The web of life is a complex and infinitely rich tapestry in which everything and everyone is interwoven. It is easy to view those who are different from us as separate and unrelated but this is an illusion. Our well-being depends on the well-being of those around us.

As people of faith, we recognize when the laws of the state help or hinder our movement toward a more just and peaceful reality for our neighborhoods and our world. We commit now to resist this act of white supremacy and xenophobia, and we encourage people of good faith across Oregon to vote NO on Measure 105.

JESUS LOVES

