



16th 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)*

Where are the teachers in our midst who will guide us as we learn?

We follow Christ's example, and learn from one another!

Where are Jesus' disciples, who thirst to know God's ways?

We follow Christ's example, and learn from one another!

Our church school is this sacred space and our classroom is the world.

We follow Christ's example, and learn from one another!

Thanks be to God for new beginnings, for new opportunities to learn together!

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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

Word of God, Come Down on Earth



1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove



faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.
Amen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

P: Hear the Word of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

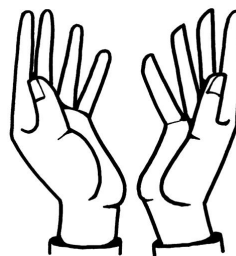
James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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 seventh chapter.

[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.



Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

P: This is the Gospel of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

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

The Gift of Love arranged by Hal Hopson

Duet: Cate Milburn and Dorian Bentley

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



Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (King James Version, 1611)

Our Father which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever,
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

Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



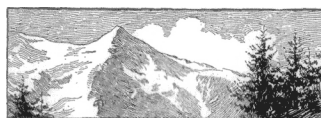
- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

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

Amen, We Praise Your Name

Leader Assembly

Ma - si - thi! A - men si - a - ku - du - mi - sa! Ma - si - thi!
Sing prais - es! A - men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es!

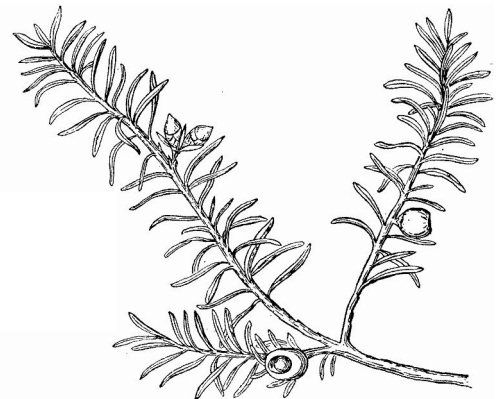
A - men si - a - ku - du - mi - sa! Ma - si - thi! A - men, ba - wo.
A - men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es! A - men, a - men.

A - men, ba - wo. A - men si - a - ku - du - mi - sa! Ma - si - thi!
A - men, a - men. A - men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es!

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.	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	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 16
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:	LeAnn Michaels	LeAnn Michaels
Usher:		
Reader:		Naso Michaels
Communion:	Paul Gover	Tammy Gover
Preparation of the Altar:	Jackie Calder	Tammy Gover



COMING UP:

Bethel News

- September 10** Bethel Discernment Team Meeting, 7 pm, at the home of the Edman's
- September 12** Bethel Youth Drop-In Center Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
- September 16** Congregational Meeting, following worship
- September 22** Hygiene Program, 9 am to noon
Bethel Discernment Team Retreat, Menucha Retreat Center
- September 23** Baptism of Josiah and Jace Hernandez Gonzalez
Bethel Pub Trivia, noon to 2 pm
- October 5-7** Women's Retreat on the McKenzie River

SAVE THE DATE:

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, 9/16 - Following worship

We will be talking about where we are in our discernment work and engaging in conversation about the parsonage. Bring a snack to share, we'll find some lemonade or such. We are arranging for child care on site.

BAPTISM, 9/23 During worship

Join us at worship for the Baptism of Josiah and Jace Hernandez Gonzalez at the September 23 worship. This family first came to us through Sunday breakfast; and over the last year, Bethel folks have been quietly assisting this family with furnishing an apartment, baby clothing and supplies for Jace, supplemental food, and supporting them through the many difficult issues they are facing. We will help celebrate these new children of God with a small reception following the service. Josiah will be 5 in December, Jace was born on July 7.

BETHEL PUB TRIVIA, 9/23 - 12 pm to 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Come for the fun, stay for the Trivia Challenge – Everyone, children to adults, can participate! And we promise you will not need to know who Time Magazine's Man of the Year was in 1952! (Although yes, your pastor did win a game of Trivial Pursuit by retrieving this piece of completely useless information just at the right time – and without the use of The Google). More details on the gathering to follow.

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 Begins today following the Children's Sermon.

CONFIRMATION CLASS Next class Saturday, October 13 – 1:30 pm



The Lord's Prayer, also called Our Father, or in Latin, Pater Noster, is a Christian prayer that according to tradition, was taught by Jesus to his disciples. It appears in two forms in Christian Scripture: a shorter version in the Gospel of Luke 11:2–4 and the longer version, part of the Sermon on the Mount, in the Gospel of Matthew 6:9–13. In both contexts it is offered as a model of how to pray.

This prayer resembles other prayers that came out of the Jewish tradition of Jesus' time. The prayer contains three common elements of Jewish prayers: praise, petition, and a yearning for the coming kingdom of God.

Most Christians know the prayer by heart in their own language, and it is used today by every Christian tradition worldwide. The prayer is simple enough to be memorized by small children and yet profound enough to sustain a whole lifetime of prayer. The prayer helps us understand God is accessible to us and that prayer is something anyone can do. We do not have to use complicated words or flowery language. God isn't swayed by arguments or by length or by skill, or even by the words we use in our prayer. God simply, and always, invites us into conversation.

During this season, we will pray The Lord's Prayer in different forms and translations. Different words for well-known prayer are often used because the sound and feel of different words in our senses often piques our interest and helps us hear the depth of the prayer in a new way. The diversity of our humanity is reflected in the versions of the Lord's Prayer we have selected. Come along with us on this exploration, and if at the end of this time, the version you grew up with is the best for you, then pray as you have been taught.

We begin our journey with the King James Version published in 1611. We are sparing you the original Aramaic words and the Latin and Greek translations as well as the incomprehensible (to our eyes and ears) the Old and Middle English versions.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (KING JAMES VERSION, 1611)

This translation, first published in 1611, was "authorized" by King James I in England. When James took the throne, a number of English translations of the Bible was causing disunity in the kingdom. James I called a conference of theologians and churchmen at Hampton Court in order to hear and then resolve things that were amiss in the church. He sought to deal with ecclesiastical grievances of all sorts. A number of those present pressed the new king for a new translation with the overall goal of producing a better translation than any other then in existence, a translation that could be understood by common people.

Not everyone was initially open to this new translation, however. There were some from more conservative expressions of the Christian faith who initially resisted publication of the King James Version of the Bible. Over time, it has become well-known for its "majesty of style". Scholars note this translation has been a driving force in the shaping of the English-speaking world.

NO ON MEASURE 105 CAMPAIGN

Promoted by hate groups in and out of state, Ballot Measure 105, appearing on this November's ballot, threatens to repeal Oregon's three-decades-old sanctuary law. This law protects Oregonians from unfair racial profiling. If the Measure passes, it could lead to more families being torn apart, simply because someone is perceived to be an undocumented immigrant. As people and communities of faith, we have an opportunity - and an obligation - to engage in the public sphere when our basic values (and ultimately our neighbors, kin, congregants and friends) are under attack.

WITH THAT CONVICTION WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN OUR JOINT EFFORT WITH THE INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOR IMMIGRANT JUSTICE TO DEFEAT MEASURE 105.

This will be a tough – but critical – campaign to protect all Oregonians. Partnering with Salt and Light Lutheran/Leaven Community, St. Andrew Catholic Church and St. Charles Catholic Church, we will reach beyond our pews.

We have to go beyond our walls to connect with the “moveable middle” – our co-workers, neighbors, friends, circles of relationships that may not be tracking this as closely as we are. We need to make sure all of our circles of friends and acquaintances know why their “NO” vote on Measure 105 is so important to the people of Oregon.

JOIN US TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 11 AT 6:30 PM

Can you join us on Tuesday, September 11 at 6:30 pm at St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church, 1704 NE 43rd Avenue, in Portland? We will be trained on tried and true method of using House Meetings, an opportunity to weave relationships with each other and to engage others around this issue.

At the meeting we will be given a Tool Kit, a Guide to Hosting a House Meeting and other resources to help in this campaign. And while the primary focus here is the House Meeting, we will be given other information on the various ways to connect with people between now and Election Day.

But most importantly, we will have the opportunity to connect with people in our neighborhoods for no matter what happens on Election Day our work to live into and build a Beloved Community will continue.

LET PASTOR CHRISTINE KNOW IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR THINK YOU CAN ATTEND TUESDAY'S MEETING.

