

20th 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)*

We were created in relationship and for relationship.

We are created for community!

God knew it was not right for us to be alone.

We are created for community!

Through Jesus Christ, God entered into human relationship with us.

We are created for community!

We rejoice in our unity with all humanity.

We are created for community!

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

Break Now the Bread of Life



- 1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
- 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
- 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

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

Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

P: Hear the Word of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

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 tenth chapter.

Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P: This is the Gospel of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

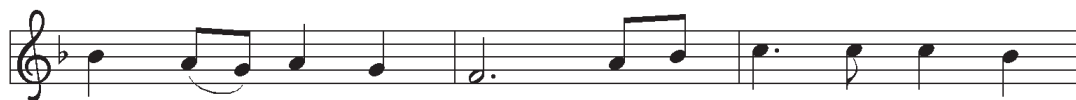
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Refrain

Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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



Words of Institution

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

Our Father who are in heaven.

Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

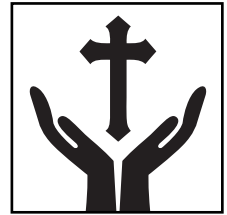
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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

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:



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

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

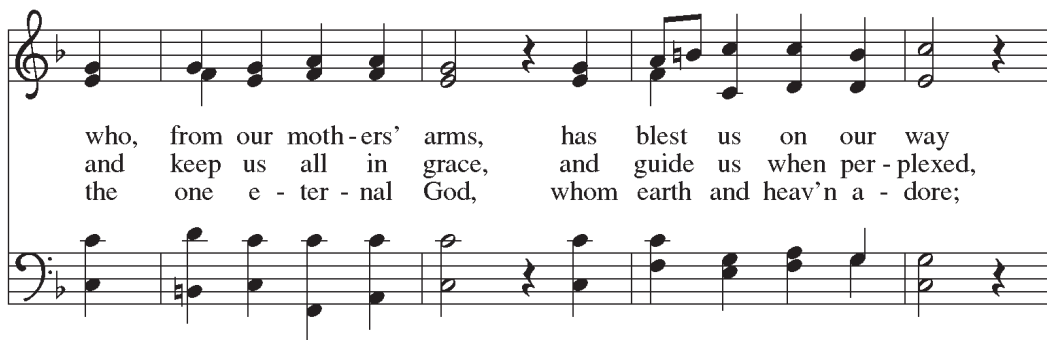
Now Thank We All Our God



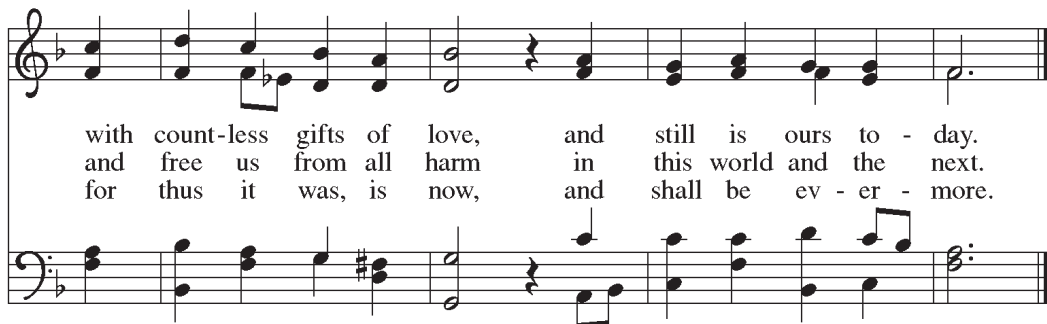
1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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
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 - Oct 7	Next Week - Oct 14
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:	Jared Burdick	
Communion:		
Preparation of the Altar:	Brady Burdick	

Bethel News



Coming Up:

- 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
October 14 Sunday School is a Godly Play Lesson, led by Tammy Gover
October 20 Saturday Hygiene Program

Other News

Tickets on Sale Now | *Reanimated Bride of Frankencastor!*



2018 Performances

Nov 2 | 7 pm
Nov 3 | 1:30 pm & 7 pm
Nov 4 | 3 pm

Nov 9 | 7 pm
Nov 10 | 1:30 pm & 7 pm
Nov 11 | 3 pm



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.

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.

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.

Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (IMIJ)

We are on a journey. A Journey to end injustice and a journey to political action as we seek the defeat of Measure 105, which would end Oregon's 30 year old law granting Sanctuary Status

On Sunday, we gathered for a rally at the Sheridan prison, celebrating that the majority of asylum-seeking men who had been detained there since June have been released - and strengthening our resolve to continue fighting for the freedom of the dozen or so who remain imprisoned.

After the rally we were blessed to share a langar (community meal) prepared by our Sikh friends and to witness a beautiful rainbow stretching straight from the prison out over the barbed wire fence.

On Monday, our Sheridan to NORCOR crew took to the road, then made a quick decision to change course and hold a rapid response rally in front of the Washington County Courthouse after learning that ICE agents had detained two community members inside the courthouse earlier that day.

On Tuesday, participants journeyed to Newberg, talking to neighbors about the importance of voting No on 105, and concluding the evening with a community meal, song and stories.

On Wednesday, we made our way from Forest Grove to Hillsboro, with a stop at St. Alexander Catholic Church for lunch and fellowship with long-time Latino community leaders. Back to the Washington County Courthouse for a vigil, joined by the mother of 1 of the men who detained Monday.

Thursday was the pilgrimage across Portland. The day included a demonstration of solidarity in front of the Portland Immigration and Customs Enforcement Building/ We will again demand ICE ends its at NORCOR and Sheridan. The march continued to several locations about Portland and ended in a rally and street event outside the Congressional offices at Holladay Park in NE Portland.

Friday – it was on to Hood River and The Dalles!

Join us in continuing prayer and action as we journey - from fear to faith, from hate to embrace.

