



25th 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 ucc.org/worship-ways; based in part on Psalm 127)

Unless our GOD builds the house, its builders labor in vain.

We have come into this house, built by the Holy One, to worship the God of Creation.

Unless our GOD watches over the city, those who watch stand guard in vain.

We have come to listen to the stories of people who throughout the generations have shown us the way by their trust in the promises of God, who is always watching over us.

The widow who gives her last coin and Naomi and Ruth who are lifelong companions for each other remind us of the risks we are free to take with confidence that God will take care of us through times of plenty and times of want, all along our journey through life.

So let us celebrate this gathering which can bind us together. Give thanks that we are no longer strangers with God's people here or throughout the nations. Let us worship God!

Ever living God, instill in us, we pray, the trust and self-giving that your Word imparts to us. Teach us again during this time together that you are always with us. Remind us that all that we have is a gift from you and is meant to be shared.

The Holy Spirit calls and empowers us to live beyond our own desires. So, send your Holy Spirit, we pray, that we might be overcome with its liberating courage and sustenance. Amen

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

Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



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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

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

The word of the Lord came to [Elijah,] saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

P: Hear the Word of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28


Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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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 twelfth chapter.

As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

P: This is the Gospel of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Sermon - Deacon Sue Best



Hymn of the Day

For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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 *(alternative version by Parker J. Palmer, 1991)*

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
Holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
We pray that your
good will be done,
Let heaven and earth become one.
Give us this day the bread we need,
Give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
From each one to each one.
Lead us to holy innocence
Beyond the evil of our days
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.
For yours is the power and the glory and the
mercy:

Forever your name is All in One.



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

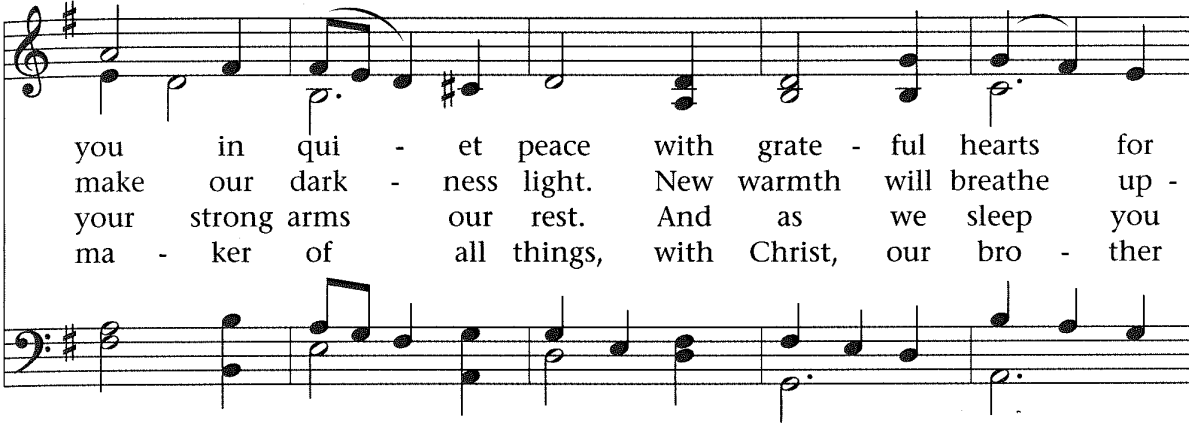
Lord Whose Love in Humble Service

Unison G Em D7 Gsus G A7



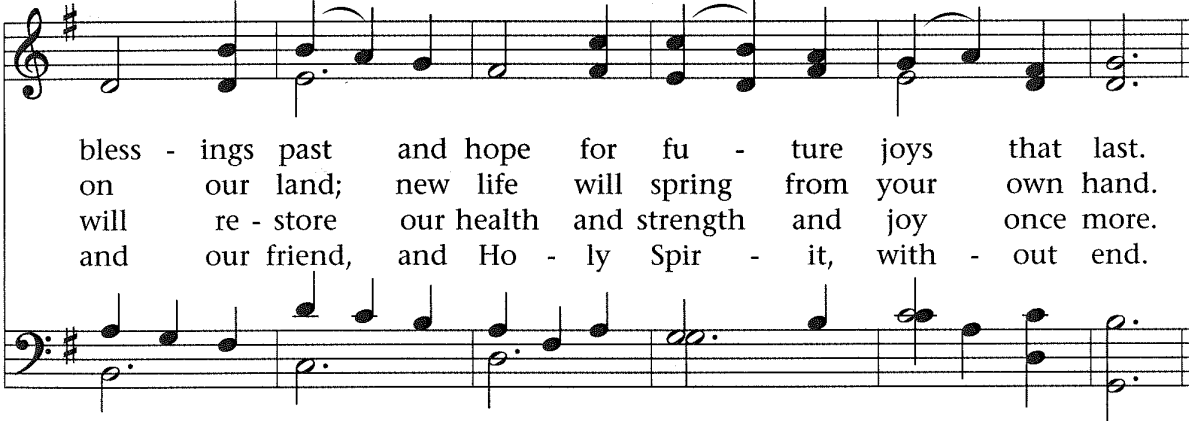
1 When eve - ning falls and la - bors cease, we turn to
2 As dawn will sure - ly fol - low night, so will you
3 Like birds re - turn - ing to their nest, we find in
4 Safe shel - tered by your might - y wings, we praise you,

D Em A7 Dsus D Gmaj7 Am7



you in qui - et peace with grate - ful hearts for
make our dark - ness light. New warmth will breathe up -
your strong arms our rest. And as we sleep you
ma - ker of all things, with Christ, our bro - ther

Bm7 Cmaj7 D C/G C D7 G



bless - ings past and hope for fu - ture joys that last.
on our land; new life will spring from your own hand.
will re - store our health and strength and joy once more.
and our friend, and Ho - ly Spir - it, with - out end.

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

Take My Life, That I May Be

- 1 Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.
- 5 Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.



Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the Good News.
Thanks be to God.



Prayer Requested for:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
For all people who are forced to stand at the margins of society	That their needs be satisfied, their human rights be restored and their dignity be established.	The People of Bethel
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
Brenda	Prayers for healing and comfort.	Cate Milburn
Lori Fields	Prayers for courage and strength after stage 4 liver cancer diagnosis.	Karen Anderson
John McAllister	Thanksgiving for a good recovery.	Pastor Christine & the Kitchen Crew
John Hansen	Prayers for peace and comfort.	Pastor Christine
Steve Stoner	Prayers of peace and comfort	Pastor Christine
Marlo Edman	Prayers for continued healing for following surgery.	Pastor Christine
Pepe Rochon	Prayers for healing and comfort.	Faith St. John
Kyler Barret	Prayers for comfort. Kyler, Paul Govers nephew has Type 1 Diabetes	Paul Gover
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 - Nov 11	Next Week - Nov 18
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 Vandenburg	LeAnn Michaels
Usher:	Shirley Kolpin	Meghan and Clare Cyr-Alvey
Reader:	Cate Milburn	Sharon Delcambre
Communion:	Brady Burdick	Brady Burdick
Preparation of the Altar:	Jackie Calder	Jackie Calder

Bethel News



Coming Up:

Nov 11 | Last Chance for Reanimated Bride of Frankenpastor Today at 3pm!

Nov 17 | Bethel Hygiene Program

Nov 18 | Bethel Choir Practice, 9 am, Bethel Sanctuary

Nov 18 | Liliana Smeulders Baptism

Nov 20 | Food Ministry Program Meeting, 6:30 pm

Upcoming Advent Worship Notes

Welcoming the Darkness

Advent, 2018

*I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.*
— **Isaiah 45:3**

Treasures in Darkness?

So much of our culture focuses on light, and so much of our thoughts about darkness are fearful and foreboding. But in our biblical and spiritual traditions, there are treasures to be discovered in darkness. Where best to be hide these treasures than in dark places where we often do not want to look?

Advent is a time to welcome the darkness! We invite the Bethel Community to journey together to discover the gifts of darkness, to uncover the hidden treasures of night, to welcome the darkness!

What?

- Six Sundays, November 18-December 23, 2018
- Each designed by pastors & lay leaders working together to lift up the gifts of the dark.
- Each Sunday, 10 am.

We will be guided by Scripture and by poetry and art from a beautiful book by Jan Richardson, **Night Visions: Searching the Shadows of Advent and Christmas**. She writes:

The season of Advent means there is something on the horizon the likes of which we have never seen before. It is not possible to keep it from coming, because it will. That's just how Advent works. What is possible, is not to see it, to miss it, to turn just as it brushes past you. So stay. Sit. Linger. Tarry. Ponder. Wait. Behold. Wonder.

There will be time for enough for running. For rushing. For worrying. For pushing. For now, stay. Wait. Something is on the horizon.

Come, join the search and be enriched by the dark!

*Darkness can become the tending place in which our longings for healing, justice,
and peace grow and come to birth.*

— **Night Visions**