

All Saints Sunday

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Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church

YOUR PASTORS

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Pastor Terry Moe email: tmoex1@gmail.com phone/text: 503-702-5453 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 from Celebrating All Saints Day, by Rev. Richard J. Hull II

Holy Being, who called all of us into life, from the first Adam and Eve to the babies born around the world this morning, you have labored and we have been born; holy is your name in all the earth.

We thank you this day for all who have shown us your way. Abraham and Sarah heard your call and ventured new places, even when they were old. We listen for your call today. (Pause)

Miriam and Moses danced and led your people from suffering toward a new promise. We await a vision of your burning fire today. (Pause)

Deborah fought, Samuel prayed and they led in different ways. We are preparing to lead this day. (Pause)

David and Bathsheba sinned and were forgiven. We confess our sin and long for your grace today. (Pause)

Amos spoke and Esther stood tall for the sake of justice. We open ourselves to your strength today. (Pause)

Mother Mary and Brother Jesus accepted your call. We attend to your word this day. (Pause)

Peter and Paul, Magdalene and Lydia, and saints through the ages picked up their cross. We pray that we might faithfully follow today. (Pause)

Holy Being, who called us to into life through the saints in our lives, be born anew to us, that we might serve all your saints; the hungry and thirsty, the sick and imprisoned, the naked and forgotten to honor to your holy name in all the earth. 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

For All the Saints



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



Salutation

God be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

We Hear God's Word

First Reading Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;

he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,

for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

P: Hear the Word of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6a

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

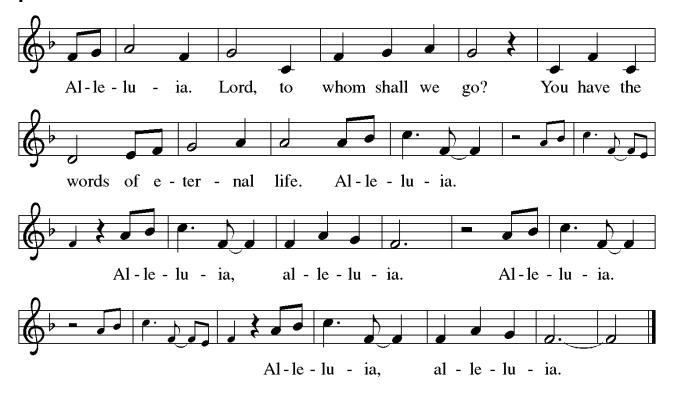
Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

P: Hear the Word of God.

C: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation



The Holy Gospel according to John, the eleventh chapter.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud

voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

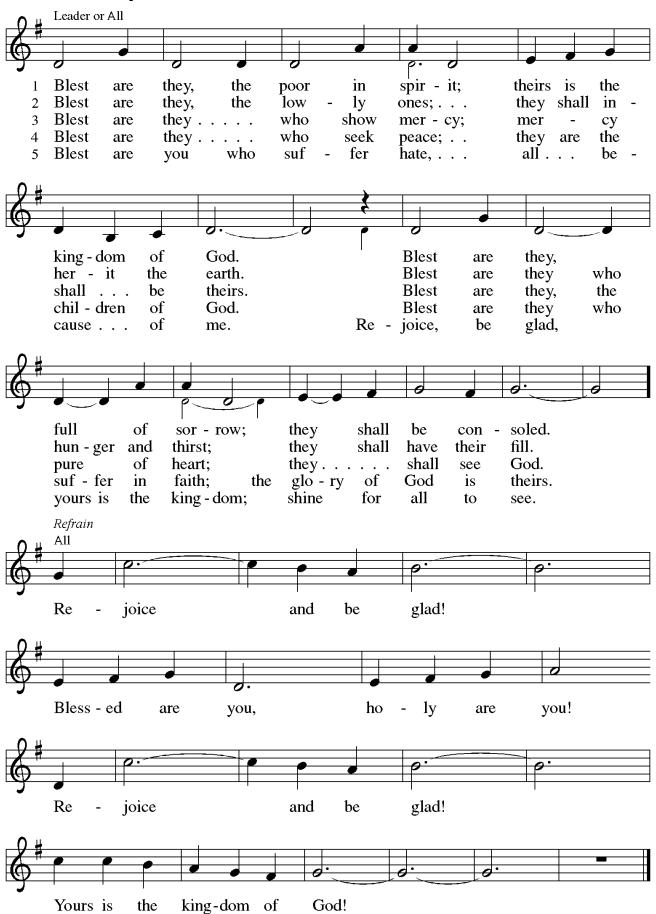
P: This is the Gospel of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Blest Are They



Honoring Our Saints and Loved Ones

O God of the pilgrim's way, we give thanks for those in generations past who have been examples for us of God's love at work in the world. As we pray, we know that we are surrounded by this great, rejoicing cloud of witnesses. Yet even as we name these holy ancestors, we thank God for others whose names we never knew or have forgotten, who showed us the meaning of life in Christ.

We invite the congregation to speak aloud the name(s) of their loved ones they remember on this All Saints Sunday. The Assembly responds to each name spoken with the words "We give thanks".

You may also wish to come forward to light a candle at either of the two candle lighting stations as you remember and give thanks for those who rest now in God's arms of mercy, the blessed rest of everlasting peace.

As we conclude remembering those who have died and are now held in the company of the saints in light, we pray together.

Holy God, we honor these, our ancestors in faith and members of our family.

We, too, seek to do your will: guide us.

We, too, desire to be your servants: strengthen us.

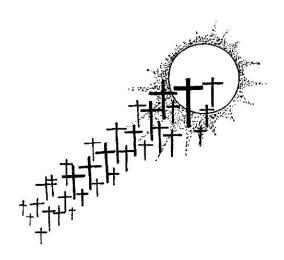
We, too, long to know you clearly: teach us.

And in time, bring us to our eternal home.

Amen

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

(Maori & Polynesian Traditions, 1989)

Eternal Spirit,

Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trial too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

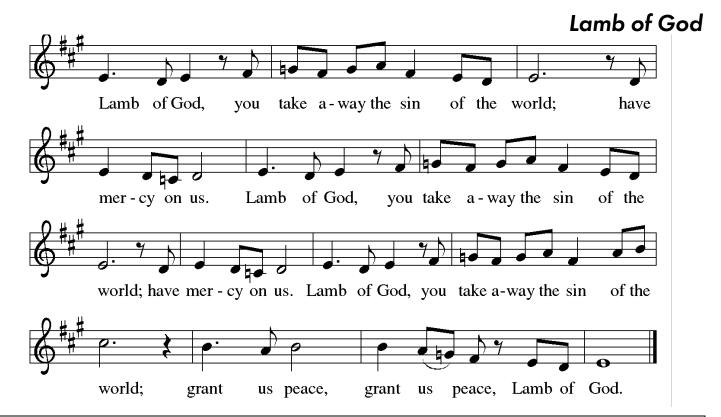
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,

now and forever. Amen



Invitation to Communion

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



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

O God Beyond All Praising



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

When Evening Falls and Labors Cease



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	Prayers of healing, comfort and release of pain following open heart surgery on Monday, October 23.	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
Willie Torry	Special concerns.	Pastor Christine
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 4	Next Week - Nov 11
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:		Shirley Kolpin
Reader:		Cate Milburn
Communion:		
Preparation of the Altar:	Jackie Calder	Jackie Calder

Bethel News

Coming Up:

Nov 4 | Community Breakfast

Nov 17 | Bethel Hygiene Program

Nov 18 | Lily Smeulders Baptism

Other News

Reanimated Bride of Frankenpastor!

Now Available: Purchase Tickets Online (Details at http://bethelpdx.org/bethel-players)

Friday Dinner Nov 2 & 9 | 7 pm
Saturday Matinée Nov 3 & 10 | 1:30 pm
Saturday Dinner Nov 3 & 10 | 7 pm
Sunday Dessert Nov 4 & 11 | 3 pm





Reanimated - Kitchen Help Needed

Friday 11/9 | 4-8 pm, Set Up & Serving **Saturday 11/10** | 4-7 pm, Set Up & Serving **Sunday 11/1**1 | 4:30-6:30 pm, Clean Up

We could use a little more help setting up, chopping vegetables, serving – especially on the dates above. Use Sign-up Genius, https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aaca62aa5fa7-bethel4, to volunteer. If that doesn't work, email the church office at bethellutheran@bethelpdx.org or Pastor Christine (ccore@comcast.net). We cannot wait to hear from you!

Worship Assistants Needed

The esteemed founder of the Bethel Prep Team, Brady Burdick, sends along a reminder that we need folks to sign up to help with worship assistance. Sign up sheets are at the back of the Sanctuary. And a friendly warning, Brady is on the hunt for volunteers and no one can say no to that invitation!

Join the Bethel Choir, 11-11 | 9 am, Bethel Sanctuary

If you love to sing, join the reconstituting Bethel Choir. Rehearsal is on Sunday, 9 am in the Sanctuary.

Vote! By 11-6 | Tuesday

Drop your ballot in a drop box by Tuesday, 11/6. The nearest box to Bethel is the North Killingsworth Library, 512 N. Killingsworth. Mailing your ballot now won't guarantee it will arrive in time.

St Charles Spaghetti Dinner-Today, Nov. 4 | 12 pm to 6 pm, 5310 NE 42nd Ave, Portland **68th Annual Dinner!** \$12/adults, \$10/seniors, \$5/children 6-12, children 5 & under eat for free! Purchase tickets online, in the Parish Office, or at the door. Take out available. More details at https://stcharlespdx.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/68thAnnualSpaghettiDinner

Worship Notes

Today's Version of the Lord's Prayer

The Polynesian Maori were New Zealand's first inhabitants and settled as early as 800 CE. Hunting and fishing people, the Maori sustained themselves with the rich natural resources the island provided. The unparalleled beauty of New Zealand's snowcapped mountains and majestic lowland plains inspired all who have lived on these islands.

Originally published in 1989, The New Zealand Prayer Book (created by the Anglican Church in province of Aotearoa in New Zealand) combines the traditional Anglican prayers and forms of worship with the rich earth-based spirituality of the Maori and other Pacific Island cultures. The Polynesian culture influences the language of this translation, eloquent in its wonderful simplicity and diversity.

Take note of how both masculine and feminine images of God are used. Do these images challenge your way of thinking about the expansiveness of the Divine One or does it confirm your existing thinking? You may wish to contemplate the diversity of human kind, all of which reflects the majesty of God.

Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (IMIrJ)

Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice, in which Bethel holds membership, urges a **NO vote on Measure 105**. As religious leaders and people of faith, we are called to walk to together, to welcome newcomers to our communities, and to treat each other as neighbors and family. Immigrants in Oregon are part of our families, communities, workplaces and places of worship. We urge all people of faith to join with law enforcement, medical professionals, community groups and businesses and reject profiling and preserve our state as a sanctuary.

The groups behind this effort to overturn Oregon's existing anti-racial profiling law are Oregonians for Immigration Reform (OFIR) and the Federation of Immigration Reform (FAIR). Both groups have been designated extremist hate groups by the Southern Poverty Law Center.

We cannot tell you how to vote, but we urge you to take your conscience and your understanding of Gospel values into the voting booth with you.

Don't Forget to Vote by November 6!